

The Official Newsletter of West Manheim Township

WORKS

FALL LIMB PICK-UP

West Manheim Township Public Works Department will be collecting brush and limbs. All items must be curbside by Sunday of designated week to guarantee removal. The west side of the Township will take place on October 9th - 12th and the east side will be October 16th - 19th.

Please note there will be no removal on Fridays. Township crews will pick-up **ONE** time per neighborhood.

Limbs should be no larger than 3 inches in diameter and brush should be stacked for easy pickup. Absolutely no boards, lumber or construction type debris will be accepted.

The Township reserves the right to refuse excessive amounts of debris. The Township can refuse items that do not meet the requirements and is NOT responsible for cleanup.



LEAF COLLECTION

Leaves may be placed curbside for collection starting November 1st. The crews will go through the Township more than once in the event that all leaves are not down and curbside by this date. Leaves must not be in any type of bag or container. Leaf collection is expected to take about 3 - 4 weeks with the last collection day being November 30th, dependent upon the weather conditions.





















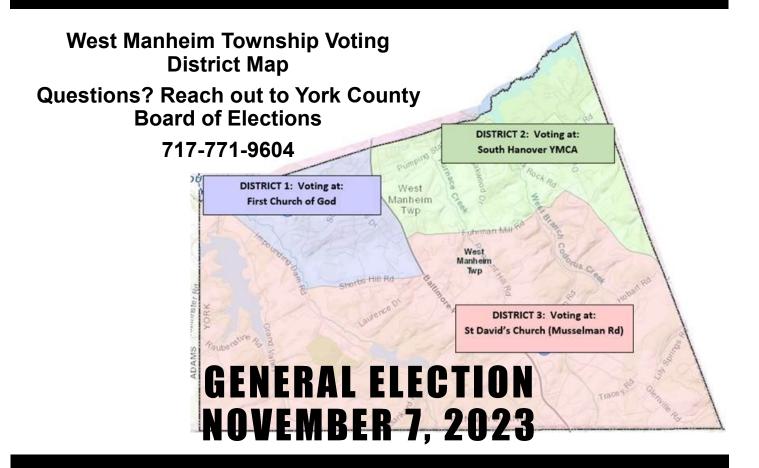
WEST MANHEIM TRICK-OR-TREAT

Trick-or-Treat will take place on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from 6-8 pm. Residents are asked to turn on their porch light if the Trick-or-Treaters are welcome. All Trick-or-Treaters are asked to respect a homeowners privacy by NOT approaching homes whose porch light is NOT turned on.

Street safety is a responsibility for both Trick-or-Treaters and drivers. Drivers need to remember children will be out and pay close attention for children running in the street. Trick-or-treaters should obey traffic and pedestrian rules and should not assume they can be easily seen.

For the safety of the Trick-or-Treaters and your community, please make sure your post light is working.

VOTING IN WEST MANHEIM TWP



BULK TRASH PICK-UP

Oversized & Large Item Pickup

Penn Waste offers our residential customers the opportunity to dispose of large or oversized items that do not fit in a traditional waste receptacle.



Policy for Large Item Pickup

For large items to be acceptable, they must be able to be lifted into a truck by two people. Loose piles are not able to be accepted. You must call Penn Waste to arrange your large item pickup.

Call **(717) 767-4456** or email request to **info@pennwaste.com**Chat bot on website that pops up when visiting **www.pennwaste.com**

TAX NEWS

Message from Ruth Neiderer, Tax Collector



Real Estate/Property Taxes are based on your assessed value generated by the York County Assessment Office 717-771-9232. The millage tax rate is determined by the elected officials of each taxing district.

The tax bill is the property owner's responsibility. All bills are mailed to the property owner. I would encourage you to check lender's statements to be sure payments have been disbursed.

The York County and West Manheim Township bills are mailed mid-February and the 2% discount is due mid-April. The South Western School bill is mailed mid-July and the 2% discount is due by the end of September. There is an option to pay the school bill in three installments. The first installment payment must be received by August 31st.

If you have an escrow account which pays your real estate taxes, please contact or forward it to them. If you have applied for a permit due to an improvement to your property, an interim bill is generated. INTERIM bills may or may not be paid

by lender. Again, contact them. All current year bills must be paid in full by December 31st each year. Personal checks are not accepted after December 15th. Payments can be made by mail or placing in the township drop box or stopping by during office hours. Payments: Credit card and cash (over \$100.00) are not accepted. Checks payable to: Ruth Neiderer, Tax Collector OR West Manheim Twp., Tax Collector

2023 Millage Rates

SW School District: 22.4 Mills York County: 6.9 Mills West Manheim Twp: 4.1 Mills

To calculate your tax bill:

- Convert the millage rate to its decimal equivalent to make the calculation easier. To do so, multiply the millage rate by .001. Example: 5 mills by .001 equals .005
 - Multiply this figure by the property's assessed value

Example: A Tax Rate of 5 mills and a property assessed at \$150,000: Calculation: \$150,000 by .005 equals \$750

Checks payable to:

Ruth Neiderer, Tax Collector <u>OR</u>
West Manheim Twp., Tax Collector
Phone (717) 632-3155 Fax (717) 632-2499
E-mail rneiderer@westmanheimtwp.com

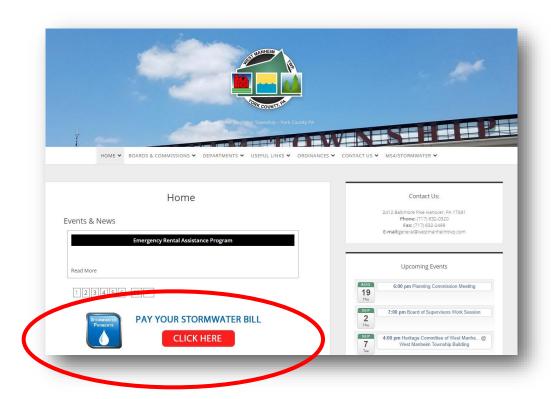
In an effort to better serve the residents of West Manheim Township a drop box is located on the exterior of the building. The drop box is conveniently located along the front of the building on the west side facing Route 94 (Baltimore Pike). The drop box is labeled "TOWNSHIP PAYMENT DROP". The drop box is secure and available during business and non-business hours.



STORMWATER ASSESSMENT FEE

West Manheim Township collects an annual stormwater assessment fee from each property owner within the Township boundaries. The fee will be used towards payment of required annual fees to the York County Stormwater Consortium, and MS4 requirements such as operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, improvements and all other expenses related to the MS4/stormwater PA State permit mandates. Agricultural parcels and singlefamily residences will be calculated at one ERU (4500 square feet of impervious coverage). Parcels with more impervious area such as nonresidential or commercial parcels will be charged based on their existing impervious coverage. The 2024 invoices will be mailed in January.





This fee is **NOT** paid to the Township Tax Collector, Ruth Neiderer. Payment is collected by the Township Administrative Staff. To pay the fee, cash and check payments can be made by stopping by the Township Building during office hours 8:00am-4:00pm (lobby is open), drop box located on the exterior of the building or mailed to the Township Office 2412 Baltimore Pike. Payments via credit card must be made using the link on the homepage of the

Township Website www.westmanheimtwp.com. Credit card payments are subject to an additional convenience fee

WMT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

[₹]he Township is working on an updated Comprehensive Plan, and encourages participation in a survey.

West Manheim Township is preparing a new Comprehensive Plan. The Plan will recommend land use, housing, transportation, community facilities (such as parks and trails), agricultural conservation, and natural feature preservation policies for West Manheim over the next decade. The Plan will also recommend policies for a future update of the Township's Zoning Ordinance. The Township's Zoning Ordinance is the primary tool that the Township has to manage the development of different types of housing and businesses in various land areas.

A Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee has been established by the Board of Supervisors to guide the development of the Plan, with the assistance of a professional community planning firm, Urban Research and Development Corporation. The Committee is comprised of 13 volunteers who reside in the Township. Public meetings will be held the

second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building until the plan is completed.

Citizens are asked to complete a survey that will be used to shape the Comprehensive Plan and future Zoning updates. The results of this survey will be posted on the Township website.

If you wish to submit the survey online or to forward it to your friends, you can find a link to the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ WestManheim. If you wish, you can drop off a paper copy of this survey off or mail it to: West Manheim Township Building, 2412 Baltimore Pike, Hanover PA 17331. Please try to complete the survey by October 31, 2023, if possible. Thank you for your cooperation.



PROTECT OUR WATER

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: you name it and it ends up in our water. Stormwater pollution is one of the greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it is dirty.



★ Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides



roperly use and dispose of hazardous products



Keep pollution out of storm drains



Don't Litter



Dispose of yard waste properly



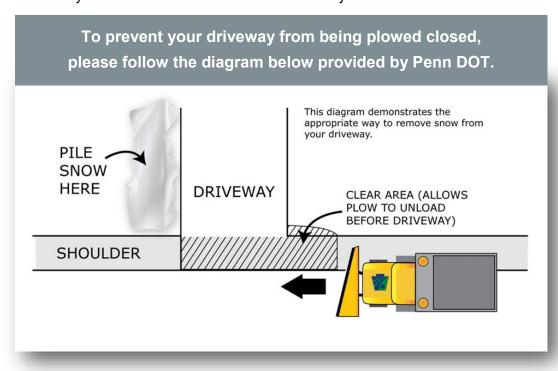
Clean up after your pet

WINTER REMINDERS

- Do not drive unless it is absolutely necessary. If a state of emergency is called, please stay off the roads so the plows can do their job without any more danger.
- When possible remove parked cars from roadway to allow the Public Works Department to plow curb to curb.
- Please refrain from completely clearing your driveway until that truck makes its last pass due to the fact that it might get plowed closed.
- Remove snow, ice, and slush from sidewalks, including handicap ramps, within 24 hours after the precipitation has stopped falling. Failing to do so may result in a fine.



- Pile snow from sidewalks and driveways on lawns or right-of-way if possible, not in the street.
- Clear fire hydrants and stormwater inlets of snow as soon as possible.
- Residents are responsible for clearing snow around mailboxes.
- Basketball hoops are not permitted to be located within the right-ofway and must be removed from the roadway.





SNOW EMERGENCY GUIDELINES

PARKING

When a snow emergency is declared by the Township Board of Supervisors, the following parking regulations must be followed on non-snow emergency Township Roads.

- Day #1 of snowstorm: parking is prohibited on the even number side of the street. This will allow for the plowing and salting of the even house numbered side of the road. All vehicles must park in garages, driveways or on the odd house number side of the street.
- Day #2 of snowstorm: After 8:00am on the day following the
 declaration of a snow emergency, and until the plowing and salting is complete, parking will be
 prohibited on the odd house numbered side of the road. This will allow for the plowing and
 salting of the odd house numbered side of the road. All vehicles must park in garages,
 driveways or on the even house number side of the street.
- Day #3 of snowstorm: The process will repeat with #1, parking prohibited on the evennumbered side of the street.

By following of the above snow emergency regulations, the Township Public Works Department will be able to clear all snow and ice from the roads. Residents are reminded to refrain from shoveling, pushing, throwing, plowing, and blowing snow onto streets. Please refrain from depositing snow onto neighboring properties. Please note, the Ordinance authorizes the West Manheim Township Police Department to have any vehicle parked in violation towed away and stored at any authorized towing facility at the expense of the owner of said

SIDEWALKS

Every owner, occupant, or tenant is required to remove all snow and/or ice from public sidewalks within 24 hours after the weather event. This includes any snow and/or ice residue from the plow trucks. All snow and/or ice shall be removed to a width of not less than three feet and shall not be placed on any public street or highway. There are no exceptions to this requirement including forecasted warmer temperatures after the weather event. As part of the Quality of Life Ordinance, warnings will not be issued for noncompliance. Fines of \$50.00 for the first offense will be issued if sidewalks are not cleared.

FIRE HYDRANTS

Fire hydrants shall not be covered. The owner, occupant, or tenant is required to remove or any accumulation and/or impediment which would limit access to, from, and/or around all of the fire hydrants which are located on said property, so as to provide immediate access by fire rescue personnel in cases of emergency. In cases involving a storm, fire hydrants shall be cleared of all snow, ice, slush, or any combination thereof within 24 hours following the storm; in any event, any accumulation shall be removed no less than once in every twenty-four-hour period.

RABBITTRANSIT



Susquehanna Regional Transportation Authority

Serving Adams, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Harrisburg City,

rabbittransit Shared Ride Travel Tips

ooler weather will soon be upon us, so how do you plan to travel during our chilly winter months? Whether you want to run errands, attend medical appointments, join recreational activities, or visit friends, there's an easy (and warm!) way to get there: Book a Shared Ride with rabbittransit.

Shared Ride (a.k.a. Paratransit) provides consolidated trips between travel origins and destinations during limited hours and specific areas.

All Shared Ride trips require a reservation. If you would like same-day service, you must make your reservation by 1:30 p.m. Otherwise, reservations must be made no later than 12:00 p.m. the business day before your ride. Reservations may be made two weeks in advance. For trips on Saturday, Sunday or Monday, reservations must be submitted by 12 p.m. the Friday before. Visit www.rabbittransit.org > Shared Ride > Reservations to schedule a reservation

If Shared Ride sounds like a fit for you, the first step is to submit an application to the program you'd like to participate in. Shared Ride programs vary from Senior Shared Ride to the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP), ADA Complementary Paratransit Program (ADA), or Paratransit Full Fare. Riders in select programs may be eligible for free fares. Easily apply online by visiting www.rabbittransit.org > Shared Ride > How to apply. For additional questions about Shared Ride services, call 1-800-632-9063. For more information, visit www.rabbittransit.org/shared-ride/.

Save money, save gas, and help your community do the same! If you're looking for a job, rabbittransit is hiring! Visit rabbittransit.org/jobs to view open positions in your area.



Here are some other tips for traveling with rabbittransit in cold or inclement weather conditions:

- Plan Ahead: Extreme winter weather may cause delays in Shared Ride service, so please plan ahead and allow extra time for travel. This is especially important if you're making a new trip or one you are not completely familiar with. While ride times may vary, Shared Ride is a reliable and safe transportation option that can give you peace of mind when accessing life-sustaining services.
- Dress Warmly: Remember to dress for winter conditions. Cold air may enter the vehicles during the loading and unloading process, especially on windy days.
- Step Carefully: Bus floors and steps become slippery from snow & ice. Kick the snow from your shoes before stepping on board. Use the handrails with both hands and take your time.
- Stay Informed: In case of inclement weather, rabbittransit may have delays. Sign up for rider alerts and receive an email or text message about unexpected service changes.

WMTPD NEWS



f you need to speak with one of our officers and it is an emergency you should call 911. If you need to speak with one of our officers and it is not an emergency you should call (717) 854-5571 or call 911 and advise it is a non-emergency but you still wish to see an officer. Our citizens are emailing us at police@westmanheimpd.com expecting an immediate police response. Please note that email is not monitored at all times during the day and is not monitored at all on the weekends. If you need an immediate response, it is always best to call.

Please remember to call 911 if you observe suspicious persons or vehicles. Do not put yourself at risk of harm by approaching suspicious vehicles or persons. Our officers will respond and address the situation. Our officers cannot be everywhere all the time. This partnership works best when we have all your eyes and ears to help report suspicious behavior.

We value our partnership with our community and thank you for your support as we continue to work together to make West Manheim Township a safe place to live.



Please remember to maintain the speed limit and watch for children crossing the street as school is back in session. Allow yourself extra time for travel.



PHVFC NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 28th @ 6pm Trunk or Treat November 5th - BINGO November 19th - Pot Pie December 2nd & 3rd - Santa comes to Town December 9th - Breakfast with Santa

YOUR SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY



VISIT US ON 🔰 @ PLEASANT HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

WELCOME MANNY!

The West Manheim Township welcomes a new member to the team. Manny is a 249-gram, ultra-light, foldable, hassle-free DRONE. Manny comes with its own controller and is able to shoot pictures and video in 4k clarity. Manny depends on a number of parts working together in order to complete tasks under changing conditions. While gyroscopes and vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) capabilities make it easier to remotely control Manny, GPS and LiDAR technology instill Manny with a strong sense of direction. It takes all of these pieces to create a functioning drone that has the capacity to scan its surroundings while enduring a range of environments.

Manny was acquired to assist the town with Storm Water Management, (MS4). MS4 is short for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. Communities with this designation must implement and administer an MS4 Program. One of the program's requirements is to ensure that private stormwater management facilities, such as detention/retention basins and outfalls, are being maintained in good order and functioning appropriately. The Township does this by inspecting the basins and outfalls and notifying the property owners of any deficiencies to be corrected. Precise photography allows this modern drone technology to enable the town to



monitor these basins in a cost-effective and risk-free manner. Monitoring remote basins and outfalls, which formerly required hours of walking, can now be accomplished in a matter of minutes.

Lately Manny has been helpful with inspecting AC units located on the roof of the building. With the heavy usage during the summer, it is imperative that the units are in good running condition. Manny saves us time by making sure fans are running and condensation is coming out of all units. Manny is also effective in checking the tar roof in case we have a leak. In the future

Manny may be able to assist the West Manheim Police Department with crisis situations that may arise from time to time.

Manny is making an immediate impact in our community and is a welcome member of our team.



NEW CONSTRUCTION



WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

The West Manheim Township Public Works Building will be moving from 31 Fairview Drive to a newly constructed building located directly behind the Township offices at 2412 Baltimore Pike. The indoor and covered storage provided by the new building will extend the service life of Township-owned equipment and provide room to meet the demand for services as the Township continues to grow. The building includes an MS4-compliant wash bay to assist in maintaining equipment. The project also includes a new salt/materials storage shed and a parking canopy/garage for the West Manheim Township Police Department. The construction is expected to be completed by the end of October 2023. The project cost is \$1.3M and is primarily funded with money received from the Federal Government through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 and proceeds from the future sale of Township property.









HERITAGE COMMITTEE

PRE-REVOLUTIONARY WAR IRONWORKS

Prior to the Revolutionary War, there were only four industries in York County manufacturing iron products. The four ironworks and their starting dates are as follows:

- ◆ Peter Dicks, Jr. Bloomery 1755 or 1756
- ♦ Codorus Furnace 1765
- ◆ Mary Ann Furnace 1761 or 1762
- ◆ Spring Forge No. 3 1770

The Peter Dicks Bloomery was located along the West Branch of the Codorus Creek on the site occupied by the former P. H. Glatfelter Paper Co., now owned by Pixelle Solutions, LLC. The first ironworks was originally located in Paradise Township before the Borough of Spring Grove was created in 1882. Mary Ann Furnace (MAF) was built and operated by George Ross and Company. The site is believed to be under the Black Rock Road, a State Highway, or on Codorus State Park property. The MAF site is also along the West Branch of Codorus Creek. We are hoping that an archaeological survey will be performed by the Commonwealth before a Penn DOT bridge replacement and roadway construction project begins in 2024.

The Codorus Furnace and Forge is located on the north side of the Codorus Creek, in Hellam Township near the Susquehanna River. Hopefully, this site may be added to the York County Parks System. Spring Forge No. 3 (SF3) replaced Peter Dicks Bloomery supposedly at the same location in 1770. The buyer was George Ross and Company who financed the conversion to a furnace. The exact location of both MAF and SF3 facilities remains a mystery.

You may be wondering why the Heritage Committee of West Manheim Township has interest in the sites on lands outside the West Manheim Township borders. The answer is that Peters Dicks, Sr., bought property on the York and Adams County Line in 1743. We are looking for some evidence to support an iron product production or possible slag disposal site in the Township before the bloomery was built.

The plan also shows that George Ross and Company purchased land beside Peter Dicks' property in 1764. Peter Dicks, Jr. died in 1760. While a study has been in progress for almost one year, the final report has been delayed while we resolve four generations of genealogy. If you have any information or knowledge of the family history of Peter Dicks (Sr., Jr. or III) or Abraham Dicks, please contact Richard Resh 717-767-5951



The West Manheim Heritage Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month March through December, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, at the West Manheim Township Municipal Building located at 2412 Baltimore Pike, Hanover, PA 17331. More details are available by contacting Harold Coldren by phone at 717-451-8305.

REC PARK NEWS









VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AT THE PARK!

If you like gorgeous scenery, quiet time to think, and birds, bees, and butterflies surrounding you, please join us to keep the park looking beautiful. If you would like to be a volunteer please respond to Rec Park Board Chairman, Nina Rynearson at ndrynearson@gmail.com

Here are some pictures from around the park of nature at its best!

New signs will be posted leading to the Dog Park







EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

FALL HAZARDS



Leaves, while pretty, can pose hazards for motorists. Fallen leaves can gather on roadways and when they become wet, they can create very slick conditions. Add freezing temperatures to the mix and your vehicle will have zero tracking, like driving on an icy road. In addition, leaves can cover important road markings (double yellow lines, for example) or deep potholes. So, it's important to slow down when driving on a leaf-covered roadway. And always give yourself plenty of room between you and the cars around you in case anyone must stop short.

Here are a few more maintenance items to do this fall for safety:

GET YOUR FURNICE SERVICED

Before winter arrives, it's a good idea to call a professional to do your annual furnace servicing now. Your furnace is by far the most important appliance in your home. Have the filters cleaned or replaced. Check to see if you have an annual service contract. Utilizing annual maintenance can bring down overall costs of operating your furnace.



FIRE SAFETY

When we "fall back" is the time when everyone should replace the batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. It's also a good idea to have a working fire extinguisher in the house, and everyone who lives there should be familiar with how it works. Hold a Fire Safety Meeting with family members and go over the steps. Do not do any outdoor burning when fire dangers are high. Flying embers can travel and start fires. Never leave candles unattended, especially in Jack-O-Lanterns or on table centerpieces.

FIREPLACES

Get your chimney inspected every fall. Hire a chimney sweep to clean out your chimney of debris, nests, etc. before you light your first fire. Use the fireplace screens to protect from flying sparks and embers. Never pour lighter fluid, kerosene, or gasoline on a fireplace, and never leave a fireplace unattended.



SEPTIC INSPECTION PROCESS

IS IT TIME TO HAVE YOUR ON-LOT SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTED?

Septic systems are required to be inspected **every 4 years** regardless of how often you have it pumped.

- Filled out Application for On-Lot Septic Inspection and Inspection/certification fee of \$30.00 payable to West Manheim Township must be returned to the Township Office on or before the date on the postcard. (Application can be found on our website under ordinances/on-lot septic or by stopping at the Township Office front desk.)
- Once payment is received by the Township Office, you may contact your pumping company to schedule your inspection and pumping. (must be completed within 45 days)
- The pumping company must complete The On-Lot Septic System Report of West Manheim
 Township and return it to the Township along with the York County Sludge/Septage Manifest
 Report.
- Septic tank manhole must be accessible for pumping company.
- If any repair is needed to your system, please contact the Township at 717-632-0320 to Inquire if a permit is necessary.



ON-LOT SEPTIC CERTIFICATION REMINDER

It is time to have your on-lot septic system pumped and inspected.

The pumping and inspection of your on-lot septic system must be scheduled by

Applications are available at www.westmanheimtwp.com or at the Township office, 2412 Baltimore Pike, Hanover, PA 17331. 717-632-0320

REMINDER: Septic tank manhole must be accessible for proper inspection and pumping.

You can find the application for your On-Lot Septic Inspection on our website:

https://westmanheimtwp.com/ ordinances/onlotseptic

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP



2412 Baltimore Pike Hanover, PA 17331

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Website: www.westmanheimtwp.com

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Seated (Left to Right): Terry Rynearson, Jeremy Ault & Harold Hartlaub Standing (Left to Right): Travis Wetzel & Jason Franks

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Paul Hill

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PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM, Supervisor Caucus at 6:00PM

Planning Commission - 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00PM

Park & Rec Board - 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00PM

Heritage Committee - 1st Tuesday of each month at 2:00PM

Zoning Hearing Board - 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM *as needed

All meetings are held at the Township Building & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC