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Everything continues to go well in our township. We have completed resurfacing Bateman, Leathery, Mud Run, Cloverdale, Bushey, and a portion of Myers Road. We also leveled and resurfaced part of Ridge Road and Townhill Road. We used hot mix at the intersection of Ridge Road and New 15 to prevent large trucks from tearing up the road surface. In addition to performing maintenance on our roads, the township crew worked to maintain both Peakview and Hollow Bridges. We have also currently been working on minor road repairs including cutting side gutters, cold patching and applying hot mix. An upcoming job will include preparing our road equipment for this winter. We have 42 miles of township roads to mow, which is a slow process. In most cases the mower must make at least two passes to cut the side gutters and banks.

There will be no Latimore Township tax increases this year and no raises for township employees due to the current economic situation. Your supervisors feel that this would be inappropriate when people are struggling to make ends meet. Even though the county, through the recent reassessment, may have changed your assessment, Latimore Township will not be taking in any more tax money than it did 12 years ago. Last year we adjusted the millage from 2.8 mills to .62 mills, maintaining our promise that we try to live within our means. We feel that it is not necessary to raise taxes if we use good business practices. We do not control and have no authority when it comes to school taxes.

Except for our chief of police, all of our township employees are part time and are used on an as needed basis. The road crew employees have the skills to do a wide variety of maintenance procedures, which provides savings to the township. We are always looking for ways to save money while still maintaining township services that meet our residents' needs. Although we are a small township with about 2,800 residents, we feel that the services provided are some of the best in Adams County. The supervisors appreciate and would like to thank you for the help, suggestions, and appreciation that you have given us over the years.

If you have any questions about your local government, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Latimore Township Municipal Building at 528-4614.

Sincerely,
Dan Worley, Chairman
Larry Dost, Vice-Chairman
Woody Myers, Supervisor

Historical Notes

York Springs (formerly known as Petersburg)

"*Petersburg*, a post village, in Huntingdon township,is on the Carlisle and Hanover turnpike road, 14 miles from the former, and 16 from the latter; 14 from Gettysburg, and 21 from York. The State road from Harrisburg to Frederick city also passes through here. The town contains about sixty dwellings, many of which are substantial brick edifices, three brick churches; a Lutheran, a Presbyterian and an Episcopal; an Academy, which was erected in 1826, and a Lyceum numbering sixty members; 3 stores; 3 taverns; an extensive Coach Manufactory, a tanyard and the usual number of handicrafts found in country villages.

The town was laid out about the year 1803 or '4, by Peter Fleck who, and Isaac Saddler, erected the first two houses in the place; soon afterwards Jacob Gardener, Joshua Speakman, Vincent Pilkington and others added dwellings.- It is now quite a brisk place for business. A good public school and an academy are supported by the inhabitants of the place and vicinity.

The York Sulphur Springs are within a mile and a half of Petersburg. They were discovered in 1790, on a plantation of Mr. Jacob Ficks, who had the qualities of the water analized by M. Heterick and Dr. James Hall, who ascertained that it contained ingredients highly valuable for their medicinal effects; and when this was made known, crowds soon flocked together to try the virtue of the water. Tradition has it, that deer and other game, guided by instinct, frequented the pool, before the country was settled, because the saline properties of the water attracted them.

The first buildings erected at the Springs, were owned by Messrs. Joseph Worley and Long; a Mr. Lowrey made some additions afterwards; Mr. McCosh improved the appearance of the place very much. The Springs are now owned by Messrs. Pennington and Baggs of Baltimore, and are kept by Mr. Arnold Gardner. It bas been for a long time a favorite place of resort, of the wealthy citizens of Baltimore and from other parts of the country."

Rupp, Israel Daniel. *The history and topography of Dauphin, Cumberland, Franklin, Bedford, Adams, and Perry counties [Pennsylvania]: containing a brief history of the first settlers, notices of the leading events, incidents and interesting facts, both general and local, in the history of these counties, general & statistical descriptions of all the principal boroughs, towns, villages, &c., with an appendix ... comp. from numerous authentic sources.* Lancaster city, Pa.: Gilbert Hills, Proprietor & Publisher 1846, Page 534.

Latimore Township Police Department

Our calls for service have increased slightly in 2011 from 2009 and 2010. We will continue to focus on answering calls for service, active patrols, investigating crimes, traffic enforcement, and community service activities. We have been busy over the summer months with the US Route 15 paving project. We did receive some funding through the Center of Traffic Safety to help reduce the speeds through our area of US Route 15.

The police department's officers that serve on the US Marshal Fugitive Task Force (funded through the US Marshal's Service) were actively serving in the apprehension of wanted felons. In May, we performed Megan's Law compliance checks in Adams County called "Operation Safe Summer." All Megan's Law sex offenders were checked for compliance with reporting requirements.

With the seasons changing from fall and into winter, we remind you to prepare for the shorter amount of daylight and use caution in watching for walkers, runners, and children waiting for the school bus on or near the roadway. Remember that PA Law requires you to turn on your head lights when it is raining, foggy, or your vehicle cannot be seen from 1,000 feet.

The police department continues to serve the Bermudan Springs School District in the 2011-2012 school year. Our department will be hosting the 5th grade students in the D.A.R.E. program. Due to the state budget we will not be receiving any state funding to support the D.A.R.E. program. We have had support from businesses and residents to keep the D.A.R.E program in existence.

D.A.R.E.
TO RESIST DRUGS AND VIOLENCE.
DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

LATIMORE TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY CRIME WATCH

The Community Crime Watch Committee is very active and meets once a month at the Latimore Township Municipal Building. The Crime Watch Committee hosted "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 2, 2011. The event had approximately 130 people in attendance. The York Springs, Lake Meade, and East Berlin Fire Companies were on hand along with Medic 46 from Hanover Hospital to display equipment and speak to residents. The Boy Scouts were also on hand to assist the children playing on the moon bounce equipment at the event.

We received grant funding through the "PA Buckle Up Program" for traffic enforcement for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday.

BUCKLE UP PA

The police department wishes you a safe fall and winter.

Sincerely,
Mike Weigand - Chief of Police

Latimore Township Park

We resurfaced a large section of the parking lot this year. We are also updating the lighting fixtures, painting the poles, and are installing video security cameras to discourage vandalism. The park walking trail is approximately one mile long and our playground equipment is modern and very high quality. We are grateful to the soccer organization for working with the township to maintain the grounds and keep the park looking nice. We try to keep attractive flowers at the entrance and have planted some ornamental trees this spring.

If you are interested in using the pavilion for an outing, please call the township office to reserve a date. There are grills and trash containers available for your convenience. We are very pleased to see the large number of people using the park and its popularity is growing every year.

Sincerely,
The Latimore Township Park Board

Maintenance Projects within the Township

Peak View Bridge

Hollow Road Bridge

Flood Damage on Bateman Road

Repairing Flood Damage on Hollow Road

Road Department

Our part time road crew worked on repairing quite a bit of flood damage this year. We have been busy doing general maintenance on our roads and bridges and our infrastructure has greatly improved in the past few years. The salt bid for the upcoming winter has been awarded and our snow equipment is ready to go. As always, if you have any concerns such as potholes or other problems please call the township maintenance building (528-7013) or call Woody Myer's cell phone at (514-3978). If no one is available to answer your call, please put your message on the answering machine and we will return your call as soon as possible. We have established a good reputation for prompt service over the years and we will strive to continue to do our best in the future.

Sincerely,
Woody Myers

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Meeting Dates

All meetings are held at the Latimore Township Municipal Building unless otherwise specified.

Board of Supervisors
Second Monday of each month starting at 6:00 P.M.

Planning Commission
Fourth Tuesday of each month starting at 8:00 P.M. as needed.

Park Board
First Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 P.M. Meetings held at the Latimore Township Park pavilion April - September. All other months are held at the Latimore Township Municipal Building.

Community Crime Watch Committee
Fourth Thursday of each month starting at 7:00 P.M.

Zoning Hearing Board
Held at the discretion of the Board

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