

Waterford Township News & Notes

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Wow! Where did the summer go? It's hard to imagine that Fall is here and winter is just ahead. We here at Waterford Township hope you had a great summer, even with the Covid-19 virus all around us, and that you are ready for the perils of winter that are before us.

MEETING DATES:

Board of Supervisors:

Flory Kondzielski, Chr

Tim Malinowski

Dave Senger

1st Wednesday at 7 p.m.

3rd Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission:

2nd Saturday at 9 a.m.

Zoning Administrator:

Leeann Ormsbee

814/796-3413

Wednesday 5-7 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. noon

E-mail:

zoning.wtfdtwp@icloud.com

Tax Collector:

Melissa Oberlander

814/796-1500

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Waterford, PA 16441

Roadmaster:

Brian Tinko

Secretary/Treasurer:

Sharon Risjan

Waterford Township Website:

Our website host has changed but the site is the same.. As new issues and changes occur, we will keep everyone updated via this site.

Waterford Community Food Pantry

12723 Route 19S

P.O. Box 755

Waterford, PA 16441

Hours: First three Thursdays from

10 a.m. to noon

Third Wednesday from

6 p.m.-8 p.m.

Must be 60+ years of age and bring proof of ID, proof of residency, and all sources of income. Please note that the pantry is looking for another location and it will be noted on our website.

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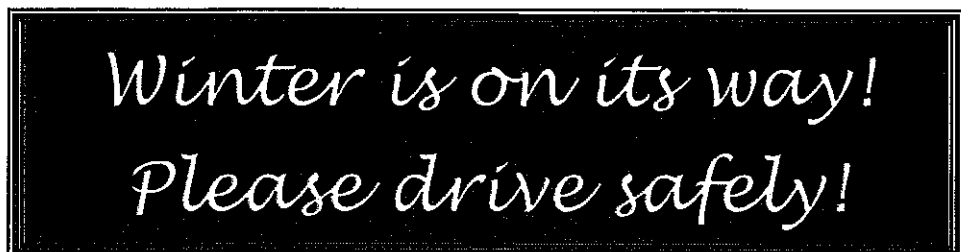
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Upcoming Events:

- 2021 Reorganization Meeting Monday, January 4, 2021, 7 p.m. followed by the Regular Business Meeting.
- Board of Auditors, Tuesday, January 5, 2021, 7 p.m.
- Planning Board Reorganization and Regular Business Meeting on Saturday, January 9, 2021.



Stancliff Hose Company 2020 Fall Update. . . .

2020 has challenged the Fire Department in many ways:

Obviously, the COVID-19 pandemic impacts our operations daily. If 911 is called for an ambulance, part of the information passed on during dispatch is the result of respiratory precaution questions that the dispatcher asks during the phone call. The advanced information allows us to select the proper personnel protective equipment that the first responders use to stay safe. Every patient is now required to use a mask during contact with our responders and in the hospital emergency room.

We have responded to 485 calls for help to date – of which 320 were EMS runs. The remaining 165 were fires, crashes and mutual aid.

Fund raising has taken a huge hit. All our spring, summer and fall fund raising events were cancelled. All the Auxiliary Sunday dinners and social hall rentals were cancelled. Income from our rental properties is down with Legacy Auto Sales being forced out of business because of the shutdown. That property at 322 High Street is now for rent. Total shortfall in income is \$35,000 so far in 2020.

Our first out Engine 143, a 2000 HME pumper, has suffered a major fire pump failure. Repairs are in progress, but the cost estimate is \$40,000. We expect about \$9,000 to be covered by insurance.

There is some good news. Several new members joined in early 2020 and are now gaining experience and training. The 2020 Fund Drive is doing well but only 29% have responded. We ask everyone to help support this volunteer organization with a donation. An application was submitted in July for a COVID-19 Crisis Fire and Emergency Medical Services Grant. Successful applicants should know by the end of October if we are able to use the funding for replacement of fund-raising shortfalls.

Help is always needed so consider becoming a member. The only cost to you is your time. Training and equipment are provided without charge to the member. You can join as a Fire-Rescue, EMS or Business-Funding raising member.

Follow us on Facebook: Stancliff Hose Company.

Email President Ron Jagta at stancliffhosepres@gmail.com or Chief John Orr at stancliff140@gmail.com.

From Our Tax Collector

Happy Fall! Please be advised that there is no Penalty on County/Municipal/ School Taxes this year because of Covid 19. You must submit payment by December 31, 2020 though. Any taxes not paid by then will be turned over to the Courthouse and be subjected to the normal penalties, services charges and interest. Office will be open on December 31, 2020 from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Please check out Waterford Township Tax Collector's Facebook page for any changes or updates. I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful Fall and the upcoming Holidays!!!

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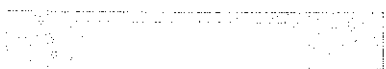
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Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

Wednesday 2 p.m.—6 p.m.

March through December

NO OFFICE HOURS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



Roads Department

As 2020 winds down, we can reflect on what we accomplished this year. We were able to turn several roads from gravel to tar and chip! Those roads are Strong, Greenlee, Cronin & Moore. Future plans are to get all gravel roads turned over to tar and chip; a few at a time will get the job done! We were able to purchase a new Ford F550 dump/plow truck, a used Leeboy 8500 paver, a used Ingersol-Rand roller, and a used Komatsu 160 excavator. This equipment enables us to do more work ourselves, instead of outsourcing.

Stop signs and street name signs have been coming up missing. If you should notice one down or gone, please notify us so we can get a new one up as soon as possible, as these signs are for public safety so first responders can locate your road in case of emergency. So, if you see someone, or know someone, who has stolen signs, please let us know. These signs are expensive, and cost the taxpayers a lot of money. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Zoning Office . . .

Zoning permits and Building permits are required in Waterford Township. Many residents and contractors are unsure what permits are needed. Please do not assume your project is exempt. Always assume permits are needed and contact the zoning officer BEFORE building or locating a pre-built structure on your property. This includes decks, porches, sheds, and even above or below ground pools. This also applies to our residents in mobile home parks. Your project may require only a zoning permit, or both a zoning and building permit. Please call the Zoning Office at 814/796-3413, or e-mail to zoning.wftdtpw@icloud.com with any questions you might have.

WINTER CONDITIONS & REMINDERS

Snow Plowing—Winter Road Maintenance—Waterford Township **does not** plow or salt state roads in the winter. If you live on a PennDOT road within our Township, and you have an issue or concern, please contact the PennDOT Erie garage at 814/871-4411.

Plowing snow, from your driveway, across Township roads is both illegal and dangerous. Any damage to the roads, vehicles, including Township equipment, or injury caused by snow plowed into the road, can leave the property owner liable. State law requires citizens to use and maintain their property in ways that avoid creating hazardous road conditions for others, including not obstructing highway lanes and drainage facilities with snow and ice. There are fines that can be assessed. Snow should be shoveled or plowed to the right side of the driveway as you are facing the intersecting roadway. By piling the snow away from the oncoming direction of the snow plows, the snow will not be pushed back onto the driveway. Eliminate snow piles at the property entrance whenever possible. High accumulations of snow can obstruct the vision of motorists, posing a safety hazard. Do not push snow onto roadways at any time. This creates a hazardous condition for all vehicles.

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Mailbox damage—Strengthen your mailbox! Proper construction reduces the chance for damage, which most often is caused by snow off the plow. The post office would like the bottom of the mailbox to be 48” above the road edge. The lowest part of the support should be no less than 42” above the road edge, allowing the plow to pass under without damage.

Now is a good time to **check the ends of your driveway culvert** for blockage caused by leaves, loose gravel or trash. The driveway culvert is the owner’s responsibility. By maintaining and cleaning your driveway pipe can save hundreds in driveway and road repair costs, help keep water and ice from forming on the road, and help to avoid a hazardous condition.

Check out our website waterfordtownship.net for the **“Waterford Township Winter Service Guideline”**, for more information on winter snow plowing.

Property owners who have installed new driveways, or had their driveway resurfaced with concrete or asphalt, need to understand that the material cannot be higher than the road surface. When the driveway is, in fact, higher than the road, it creates an issue for the snow plows in the winter, and water coming out of the driveway onto the road surface can freeze and causes hazardous ice conditions. These conditions could potentially damage the Township’s plows, also. Please bear in mind that the Township right-of-way extends 25’ from the center of the road so, when a driveway is installed and meets the road surface, part of that driveway is in the Township’s right-of-way. The Township is not responsible if the driveway is damaged because it was installed higher than the road surface.

Parking on the roadway, While parking on the roadway is illegal at any time, including the berm, it is a hazard, especially in winter! If you are parking temporarily to clean your driveway, please leave your flashers on to avoid being hit and/or ticketed. We can’t do a good job of plowing and maintaining our roads if we have to go around vehicles, trash cans, or other obstacles.

Winter Weather Terms

When the weather outside is frightful, we all need to be prepared. There are some terms used by meteorologists and newscasters which may be confusing. Here are some explanations:

Winter Weather Advisory—Conditions are expected to cause significant inconvenience that may be hazardous.

Winter Storm Watch —A watch is issued 12 to 36 hours before a potentially severe storm.

Winter Storm Warning—Life-threatening, severe conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. Take immediate precautions.

Blizzard Warning—Sustained winds and gusts of 35 mph or more, and considerable falling or blowing snow are expected to prevail for three hours or more.