

TROY TOWNSHIP NEWS

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**RENT AND MORTGAGE RELIEF
AVAILABLE FOR TROY TOWNSHIP
RESIDENTS**

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Trustee Meeting Dates

Monday, November 16, 2020 8:00 p.m.

Monday, December 14, 2020 8:00 p.m.

**All meetings at Township Hall.

Troy Township's website is :
www.co.delaware.oh.us/troytownship
Contact information, meeting minutes, cemetery and zoning information
can be located there.

Chairman Earl Lehner (740-272-1782)

The recycling bins located at the township hall are there for all to use. Please read the signage on the bins to see what items are accepted. Recycling data from the Delaware General Health District shows the township bins have collected 70,180 pounds of recycled material from January through August of this year. Thanks to all the township residents that use this service. It does make a difference!

Vice Chairman Trustee Doug Price (740-272-7768)

As many residents have noticed the township completed many road improvements this year. This year the township finished installing all new road signs that were funded by a state grant at no cost to the township. This grant was used to install new high reflective signs and new sign posts. This year the township chip and sealed Willey Road, Kelly McMaster Road and Kirkwood Drive. Stonebrook Drive was also chip and sealed with an asphalt overlay. In September the Township along with Radnor Township, the Delaware County Engineer's Office and the City of Delaware submitted their Ohio Public Works Grant Application improvements to Hills Miller Road. If we are successful in securing this grant improvements would be done in 2021. It is also getting closer to that time of year for snow plowing and ice control. The township tries to get out early during any winter event so people can have safe travels to work, school or wherever they may be traveling. As a reminder **PLEASE give our road crews plenty of clearance along a road as the trucks move slow and back up frequently.**

When a winter event does occur, depending on the severity residents are reminded that the Delaware County Sheriff's office can declare a snow emergency. The levels of a snow emergency are listed below please be aware of them as they are for your safety:

Snow Emergency Classifications

LEVEL 1: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be icy. Motorists are urged to drive very cautiously.

LEVEL 2: Roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads may also be very icy. Only those who feel it is necessary to drive should be out on the roads. Contact your employer to see if you should report to work. Motorists should use extreme caution.

LEVEL 3: All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. No one should be driving during these conditions unless it is absolutely necessary to travel or a personal emergency exists. All employees should contact their employer to see if they should report to work. Those traveling on the roads may subject themselves to arrest.

Trustee, Mark Malcom (740-272-2658)

The Trustees approved a resolution in July to apply for federal Coronavirus Relief Funds. These funds were distributed through the Delaware County Auditor's Office. Troy Township was granted 3 allotments (approximately \$127,000). These funds will be used to assist the residents of the township as much as possible and to also safely conduct our meetings. Purchases included ten backpack disinfectant sprayers - four were given to Buckeye Valley Local Schools, four to Delaware City Schools, one to Tri-Township Fire Department, and one for the township. Also purchased were anti-bacterial supplies to be used at the township hall and Marlboro Cemetery. Ten touchless thermometers were distributed to licensed day-care centers in Delaware County.

After receiving quotes from internet providers the trustees decided one of the big projects will be to erect a 90 foot tower to allow the township hall to receive internet access for on line meetings, etc. The trustees approved a lease agreement with Nexgen who will provide free internet services to the township hall in exchange for use of the tower. We also plan on coverage for the maintenance building along with providing a hot spot in the parking area of the township hall for those who may want to come to the area for access.

Another large project was providing \$60,000 in rent and mortgage assistance for Troy Township residents that have been economically impacted by the pandemic. The township is working with Bridges Community Action, a community service organization, who will administer this program. See page 6 for additional information.

These funds are on the fast track as one of the requirements of the CARES Act is that funds must be spent by the end of the year under the current requirements.

On another note, the trustees are exploring the idea of remodeling the township hall, with expansion ,or building a new township hall. From 2001-2006 the trustees set aside \$250,000 for this purpose but the economic situation at that time put the project on hold. After comments from a few residents recently the trustees would like to hear from more of the residents on this topic. Among those areas discussed was the hall could be rented and used for occasions other than just trustee and zoning monthly meetings. Neighboring townships use their halls for Scout meetings, 4-H meetings, family gatherings etc. The trustees are interested in your thoughts. We are in the information gathering stage at this time and any expenditures to improve the township hall that is greater than \$50,000 would require a vote of the residents. Please contact your trustees with your feedback!

The trustees invite you to share your thoughts and concerns with us by phone, email or attending our scheduled meetings.

Cemetery Sexton Dale Woods

We have serviced 11 family members of which 3 were cremations and sold 4 plots since the beginning of 2020. Thanks to everyone for their pleasant remarks and efforts towards the appearance of our cemeteries. We appreciate it very much.

Complete cemetery rules and regulations along with fees are posted on the Troy township website at [www.co.delaware.oh.us/troy township](http://www.co.delaware.oh.us/troy_township). Please check the website periodically in the event there are changes. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Troy Township Sexton Dale Woods

Troy Morris, Tri Township Fire Chief

As 2020 evolved and the arrival of the Corona Virus occurred, we adapted our operations to protect our staff and residents. We unfortunately, closed our stations off to the public to prevent any transmission of the virus. If you had contact with us as a result of a medical emergency, you noted we were wearing masks and if you possibly were considered a risk of carrying the virus, we would have been wearing protective gowns and face shields. Thankfully, we had minimal calls involving the virus. In fact, our calls for service had dropped off significantly.

We have placed an order for a new fire engine, our first out engine is 12 years old and its back up will be 30 years old next year. National guidelines in place strongly recommend fire engine replacement every 20 years. We extended the service life of the oldest engine by having it refurbished which extended its life ten years.

The Point Project has a timeline of starting construction in the Spring of 2022. This effects our Sunbury Road station to the point that the facility will hamper the project. We have mentioned in the past that we were working with Delaware County about purchasing land from the former Delaware Area Career Center North campus, now known as the Byxbe Campus. That process has been ongoing and is concluding, we hope to have it wrapped up before the end of October. We have been working on the process of getting an architect hired to design a new station and hope to be able to open it in the fall of 2021. This station should be on Bowtown Road at the back of the campus.

As fall approaches, it will soon be winter. It's a good time to get several things taken care while its still nice. If you use a wood burning stove, cleaning the chimney is always a good idea. Changing of the furnace filter and having the furnace serviced is better now than when its cold.

The farming community will be hitting the fields again, please give them some room on the roads as they harvest crops.

Station 331 495 Sunbury Road (east of the Point) 740-369-2703

Station 332 660 Coover Road 740-362-1600

New Zoning Secretary

Our new Troy Township Zoning Secretary is Diane Millhoan. Diane has lived in Delaware County for 63 years and has spent the last 19 years in Troy Township. She is a Realtor and resides on Penry Road with her husband Todd who works for the City of Delaware. She looks forward to serving the citizens of Troy Township. Diane can be reached at 740-368-9255 or at her email address which is diane.millhoan@kingthompson.com.

A copy of the full text of the zoning code can be found on the Troy Township's website listed on the front page of the newsletter. The variance form will also be on the website.

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Zoning Inspector Richard Lehner

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that Troy Township is a zoned community. If anyone has any questions about the zoning codes, you can go to the Delaware, County Zoning Web site and click on Troy Township. A permit is needed in our township for any building activity. Since our last newsletter, there has been two new home permits, 9 barn permits, 1 tower, and numerous decks, and sign permits wrote. we have also had 4 requests for variance applications.

I would like to remind everyone that our zoning committee meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 at the Township Hall on US RT. 23 and everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any zoning questions, please give me a call at 740-816-6209.

DATE: MAY 18, 2020
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-013

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TROY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING NUISANCE ABATEMENT PROCEDURES AS PROVIDED FOR IN OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 505.87

The Board of Trustees of Troy Township, Delaware County, Ohio met in regular session on the 18th day of May, 2020 with the following members present:

Trustee Earl Lehner, Trustee Mark Malcom and Trustee Doug Price.

Trustee Price moved and Trustee Malcom seconded the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.R.C. Section 505.87 a Township Board of Trustees may provide for the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Township Trustees of Troy Township, Delaware County, Ohio believe that it is in the best interest of Troy Township to adopt procedures in accordance with O.R.C. Section 505.87 to abate, control or remove nuisances in Troy Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Troy Township Board of Trustees to enact the following nuisance abatement policy and procedure as follows:

Policy

It is the policy of Troy Township to encourage property owners to voluntarily maintain their property in a nuisance free condition. When the Board of Trustees determines that a property owner(s)' maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constitutes a nuisance, the Board of Trustees may take appropriate action to abate the nuisance.

Nuisance Definition

Nuisance condition may be determined to exist if vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris is kept in such a manner that causes damage, annoyance, inconvenience, blight, and/or effects the health, safety and welfare of adjacent residents or properties.

Procedure

Upon information that a nuisance condition exists, the Board of Trustees will make cause to inspect the property. If the Board of Trustees finds a possible nuisance condition to exist, notice to the owner(s) of such property and all lien holders of record shall be made to attend a public hearing, where the Board of Trustees will determine if the property owner(s)' maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constitutes a nuisance. Notification of said public hearing will be made in the following manner:

By certified mail and regular mail with certification of mailing, or
Posting on property in question and regular mail with certification of mailing, or
Hand delivery to owner(s) or lien holder, or
If the owner(s) address is unknown and cannot be reasonably obtained, it shall be sufficient to publish the notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

The notice of public hearing shall contain:

The date, time and location of the public hearing;
The location and tax parcel number of the property containing the alleged nuisance;
A description of the alleged nuisance;
That the property owner(s) may appear at said hearing and present evidence and/or witnesses on his/her behalf; and
That the property owner(s) may be represented by an attorney at said hearing;
That if the Board of Trustees determines that the property owner(s)' maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constitutes a nuisance, the Board will cause said nuisance to be abated or removed as provided below.

If the Board of Trustees determines at the public hearing, based upon the evidence presented therein, that a nuisance exists, the Board of Trustees shall notify the property owner(s) and any holders of liens of record upon the land, that:

That the Board of Trustees has determined, after public hearing, that a nuisance exists on the property;
The property owner(s) is ordered to abate, control or remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse or debris; and
If such vegetation, garbage, refuse, or other debris is not abated, controlled, or removed within thirty (30) days of notification, the Board of Trustees will provide for the abatement, control, or removal of the nuisance, and any expenses incurred by the Board of Trustees in performing that task will be entered upon the tax duplicate and will be a lien upon the land from the date of entry.
That the property owner or the lien holders may, within the thirty day period after notification, enter into an agreement with the Board of Trustees providing for either the property owner(s) or the Board to perform the abatement, control, or removal.

Said notice, containing the abatement order as described in Section D above, shall be sent to the property owner(s) and all lien holders by certified mail and regular mail with certificate of mailing. If the address of the property owner(s) is unknown and cannot be reasonably obtained, the Board of Trustees will publish the notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. The Board of Trustees shall also cause a posting of said order to be placed at the property.

If, within thirty (30) days after notice is given, the property owner(s) fails to abate, control or remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris, or if the property owner (s) fails to enter into an agreement with the Board of Trustees to provide for abatement of the nuisance, the Board of Trustees shall make available funds and take all necessary actions to abate the nuisance. All expenses incurred in abating the nuisance shall be approved by the Board of Trustees and paid from the general fund.

Upon having the nuisance abated, the Board of Trustees shall prepare, and the Fiscal Officer shall submit a written report to the Delaware County Auditor. The report shall include a statement of the Board of Trustees' actions under this Resolution and Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87, as well as a statement of all expenses incurred in providing for the abatement, control or removal of any vegetation, garbage, refuse or debris, including the Board's charges for its services, notification, the amount paid for labor, materials and equipment along with a proper description of the property.

Rent and Mortgage Relief Assistance through CARES Act Funding

Troy Township in Delaware County has received CARES financial assistance for renters and homeowners living in Troy Township. This funding is available now.

Renters and homeowners who are financially impacted by the economic slowdown related to the coronavirus pandemic will be able to apply for rent and mortgage relief immediately.

Renters who qualify may receive assistance equal to 100% of the monthly rent up to \$750 a month for a period of six months of assistance for the time period between March 1 and December 20, 2020. Payments will be made to their landlord on their behalf. Renters or property owners can apply for rent relief for tenants, but renters are responsible for submitting all the documents needed to ensure eligibility.

Homeowners who qualify may also receive assistance equal to 100% of the monthly mortgage payment up to \$750 per month and must be an owner-occupant of the resident, the dwelling must consist of one or two separate units, and the mortgage must be at least 30 days delinquent. Homeowners are responsible to furnish documents relating to eligibility.

The CARES funding for renters and homeowners must be completely distributed by December 28, 2020.

Please contact Bridges Community Action Partnership of Delaware for further information.

Contact information:

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Troy Township Financial Information—January 1, 2020 through October 18, 2020

Sharon Malcom, Fiscal Officer (troytwpcclerk@yahoo.com)

Fund	Beginning Balance	Year to Date Receipts	Year to Date Expenditures	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$ 564,327	\$ 111,113	\$ 140,492	\$ 534,948
Motor Vehicle License Tax	\$ 9,125	\$ 4,755	\$ 2,285	\$ 11,595
Gasoline Tax	\$ 155,201	\$ 110,992	\$ 11,045	\$ 255,148
Cemetery	\$ 15,989	\$ 52,647	\$ 46,751	\$ 21,884
Coronavirus Relief Fund	\$ -	\$ 127,547	\$ 6,779	\$ 120,768
Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax	<u>\$ 54,867</u>	<u>\$ 19,895</u>	<u>\$ 4,337</u>	<u>\$ 70,424</u>
Totals	\$ 799,509	\$ 426,949	\$ 211,689	\$ 1,014,767

Many Early TROY Roads Evolved from Native American Paths Judy Burdette 740-362-5590

The forest and underbrush in Troy was so dense, the early pioneers followed paths made by Native American hunting parties. Most were indeed just paths, often so narrow that they had to be cut back to accommodate the width of a wagon. Some roads, like Sherwood, Hanover, and Clear Run, remained a path for many years. The curves and turns you negotiate on many of these roads today, especially in low spots or drainage areas, usually followed the path where a lowland crossing was possible. While cities had street names long before, most country roads were not named until the early part of the 20th century, with the advent of the automobile. Contrary to popular belief, the roads in Troy Township are not necessarily named for the early pioneer families. They were named either descriptively, or for the family who happened to be living on the road at the time of the naming.

From Native American paths came the roads: Hanover, Panhandle, Upper Horseshoe (from Case to US 42), Buttermilk Hill, Willey, Clear Run, Case and a small portion of Troy.

From necessity came the roads named Sectionline, Troy, Horseshoe Bottoms, Radnor, Miller, Troutman, Penry, Coover, Hills-Miller, Main and parts of Route 23, Sherwood, Kelly McMaster, and Schaffer-Hagar Bishop. Split logs were placed in the damp areas of these man-made roads to make them passable during rainy seasons. Hills-Miller, Case, Kelly-McMaster, Coover, Hanover, Main, Penry, Downing, Leonardsburg, Willey, Troutman, Whipple, Sherwood, Irwin & Bishop (all east and west roads) were actually named, in most cases, for the third generations of these early pioneers and for some relatively new folks in the Township.

Sectionline, Troy, Panhandle and Horseshoe (all north and south roads) followed the early pioneer's descriptive names for the path-to-road locations. Buttermilk Hill is an exception, which tradition suggests was named by rail workers who would stop at a farmhouse near where the R/R tracks crossed the road for an ever-ready, ice cold glass of buttermilk, provided by the farmer's wife.

NEW ROADS, such as Downing (in a different location than Downing Lane), Kirkwood, Stonebrook, Monterey, Clear Run, and Kidwell, all seem to have been constructed and named within the last 40 -years, or so. Only the name of Downing (a family name), and Clear Run Road, which crosses the Clear Run Creek, seem obvious where the names were derived.

SWALLOWED BY THE LAKE- Gone are Troy Township Roads named Schaffner-Hagar-Bishop, Downing Lane, Waterhill, and Weiser-Brundage Road.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS- All roads were graveled by 1920, and the first paved road was US 23, which began in the early 1930's. All roads in Troy were paved by the late 1970's, except Downing Road. Downing was paved in 1992, and it has the distinction of being the last road paved in the Township. Today, Troy has two class "A" roads: US 23 and Hills-Miller.

Our Township roads are well maintained by our trustees. When you see a Township truck on these roads, chances are a trustee will be behind the wheel. They are most often seen, and very appreciated, during the winter months, while braving the cold to clear snow and ice.