

CENTRE TOWNSHIP

WINTER, 2022/2023 NEWSLETTER



**Happy holidays from our
family to yours!**

It's that time of year in beautiful Centre Township!
That means snowflakes, snowmen, & the
Holiday Season!

THE CENTRE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS & STAFF
HOPE YOU & YOURS HAVE HAD THE MERRIEST
CHRISTMAS SEASON and
WISH EVERYONE A VERY BRIGHT,
HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

Special Announcements

- Centre Township ARPA Funding
- 2023 Budget
- Township Meeting Schedule
- PA State Police Initiatives

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS (ARPA)

Centre Township received COVID Funding through the Federal Government's American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$222,840.75 in 2021 and again this year.

These Funds are not to be used as General Funds, rather, they are kept in a separate account for very limited uses, as specified by the Federal Government.

The Township Supervisors will work with the appropriate Authorities in order to meet the requirement of utilizing these funds.



WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Please contact the Township Office if you incur any type of property damage during any type of weather emergency (such as flooding, wind, hail or sleet, etc.) so that we can take the necessary steps to report the damage to the Berks County Emergency Management Agency.

It may be possible for the Township to become eligible for countywide financial reimbursement assistance if it becomes available.

WEATHER EMERGENCIES will be listed on WFMZ TV Channel 69 News wfmz.com/weather/storm-center



THE TOWNSHIP ROADCREW will continue trimming trees along with plowing and salting as required during the Winter. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE OBEY ALL ROAD SIGNAGE and BE PATIENT!!! PATIENCE AND OBEYING ALL SIGNAGE THAT MAY BE PLACED ON LOCAL ROADWAYS WILL PROTECT YOU, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR VEHICLE AND THE ROADCREW WHO ARE ALWAYS DOING THE BEST JOB THEY CAN NO MATTER WHAT THE WEATHER, SO PLEASE HELP PROTECT EVERYONE!!!**

And if you happen to see the Road Crew, give them a friendly wave hello or thumbs up for a great job! Roadmaster Ryan Mock, and Road Crew Members Andrew Werley and Michael Huggett are always out and about on the local roadways and always have a smile and thumbs up for you! These guys are required to be available 24/7 during the winter weather while we're off the roads cozy and warm in our homes, so please make them feel appreciated because it is their pleasure to keep you safe and the roadways passable for you during the winter.



WHEN CLEARING YOUR DRIVEWAY, REMEMBER ***NEVER*** PUSH THE SNOW INTO THE ROAD.



Please be patient when the Road Crew is cleaning intersections and be sure to always allow plenty of room for the trucks to maneuver. Snow removal is really a big job but if we all work together, it will help things go smoothly and safely for everyone.

If you have to travel in severe weather, be sure your gas tank is full and have an emergency kit with items like warm clothing, a blanket, water and snacks. Always be sure your vehicle is in proper running order and that your cell phone is fully charged before leaving home. Be extra aware of black ice and always be extra cautious on bridges and ramps. Expecting the unexpected and being prepared can save a life!! Everyone wants to make it safely *“over the river & through the woods to Grandmother’s house!!”*



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As you are aware, Emergency Management is critical in helping the National Weather Service complete its mission of protecting life and property from natural disasters, including winter storms. You will be able to find Public Information Statements and more information on winter preparedness at the following website:

http://www.weather.gov/wrn/winter_safety

For snowfall forecasts, including snowfall probability maps and tables, visit:

<http://weather.gov/bgm/winter>



**Save this number...610/562-6885
Hamburg State Police Barracks**

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE INITIATIVES

The Centre Township Board of Supervisors welcomed Corporal Dave Beam of the Hamburg State Police Barracks at their November Board Meeting. The Pennsylvania State Police wants to make sure that residents are aware of the increased speeding problems occurring throughout Centre Township, Berks County, and Pennsylvania in whole. Corporal Beam reviewed steps actively being taken to help keep all drivers and passengers safe on Pennsylvania's roadways. Hamburg State Police Barracks welcomes resident input particularly to any specific vehicles in violation of speed limits. Please contact the Hamburg State Police Barracks at 610/562-6885 if you consistently witness the same vehicle driving recklessly on local roadways.

**Address
Correction??**

Please contact the Township Office if you received this edition of the Township Newsletter with an incorrect name or address so that we may make the necessary correction.

2023 CENTRE TOWNSHIP BUDGET

The Centre Township 2023 Budget was approved at the December 20, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting. The 2023 Budget will be \$2,108,895.96, which is an increase over last year. The Township Real Estate Tax will increase slightly to .54 mils after remaining at .36 mils for the past fifteen years. The Street Light Tax (only for property owners that have street lights) will have a slight increase. The Street Light Tax has not been increased in several years and only covers the cost of the street lights.

The Township does not have control over County or School Real Estate Taxes.

CENTRE TOWNSHIP
2023 MEETING SCHEDULES

All meetings will be held at the Centre Township Municipal Building, 449 Bucks Hill Road Mohrsville, PA 19541. Any person with a disability requiring special accommodations to attend a meeting should notify the Secretary's Office by calling 610/926-8833. Centre Township will make every effort to provide reasonable accommodations. Centre Township is an equal opportunity employer.

**THE CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD THEIR RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2023 AT 1:00 p.m.**
**THE CENTRE TOWNSHIP AUDITORS WILL HOLD THEIR RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023 AT 7 p.m.**

Centre Township Board of Supervisors will hold their 2023 regular business meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting at 7:00 p.m. **EXCEPT in DECEMBER.**

January 24	February 28	March 28
April 25	May 23	June 27
July 25	August 22	September 26
October 24	November 28	December 19

Centre Township Planning Commission will hold their 2023 regular business meetings on the third Wednesday of the month, starting at 7:00 p.m.

January 18	February 15	March 15
April 19	May 17	June 21
July 19	August 16	September 20
October 18	November 15	December 20

Centre Township Municipal Authority will hold their 2023 regular business meetings on the second Wednesday of the month starting at 7:00 p.m.

January 11	February 8	March 8
April 12	May 10	June 14
July 12	August 9	September 13
October 11	November 8	December 13

Centre Township Land Protection Council will hold their 2023 regular business meetings on the second Thursday of the month starting at 7:00 p.m.

January 12	February 9	March 9
April 13	May 11	June 8
July 13	August 10	September 14
October 12	November 9	December 14

~ **CENTRE TOWNSHIP** ~ 449 Bucks Hill Road ~ Mohrsville, PA 19541 ~
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Township Supervisors: Jason Troutman, Charles Zimmerman, James Fitterling
Township Planning Commission: Joe Kaczor, Al Rossi, Doug Kinzey, Scot Wallace, Mike Haag
Municipal Sewer Authority: Dave Phillips, Connie Troutman, Chris Teprovich, Sindy Bachman, Kelly Troutman
Township Tax Collector: Beth Showalter 610/916-1839
Township Road Crew: Ryan Mock, Andrew Werley, Michael Huggett
Township Secretary: Jennifer Wassell-Bonser

A decorative graphic on the left side of the text. It features a red line that starts as a curved arrow pointing right, then loops down and left to form a hook. From this hook, three Christmas ornaments hang: a red one with a white scalloped edge, a green one with a white scalloped edge, and a red one with two white diagonal stripes.

Seasons
Greetings