

2007 Annual Township Report

Per Section 607 of the Second Class Township Code, it is the responsibility of the Board of Supervisors to annually furnish to the board of auditors information on the construction or maintenance of roads or other matters that have been conducted during the year.

2007 was a very low key year with very few out of the ordinary events. The Township continued the update of equipment with a piggyback purchase from Medico Industries Inc. of a Case 580 Super M Series Extendahoe. The final price taking into consideration a \$25,000.00 trade-in was \$42,055.00. We also purchased a F150 Pickup Truck by participating in the PACC (PA Capital City) Automotive and Equipment Contract administered by the City of Harrisburg. The purchase price was \$16,448.15. The 2000 truck was advertised and we accepted a sealed bid from Max Walters of \$3,510.00.

In August a Carry-on Trailer was purchased from Tractor Supply. The Road Crew had several large projects involving the replacement of road pipes. Safety being a top priority of our insurance carrier, PIRMA, the trailer made a lot of sense. It was much easier to manipulate and transport supplies. Also, with Sam Derr working part-time due to retirement the trailer was helpful to Gregg and Charlie.

For several years we have had various problems with the current mower we own that is run by the Massey Ferguson tractor. After an exhaustive search and numerous interviews and opinions, Charlie purchased a 1600 Condor Mower from Bradco Supply. Unfortunately the new mower immediately acquired problems, which the company was aware of and ordered parts to cure the problem. This scenario went on for most of the summer and we were fortunate we received relatively few complaints on the lack of mowing. A working mower was finally delivered to Wolf Township, late September and thus far, it seems to be working. All of the pull behind mowers seem to be made by the same company and have problems.

Charlie was contacted by Penn Dot about additional hours due the Township from the Agility Program. The pipe replacement project was the perfect opportunity to collect the time, due to the length and width of the cuts necessary to replace all the pipes on Clarkstown Road. The road crew then completed the project. The work was done early enough to give it a chance to settle before Charles Construction applied the leveling course.

Rich Michael's Development has always had water run-off problems. This year we experienced several severe thunderstorms that only added to the already existing conditions. It was determined that installing a pipe near Carl Schultz property and directing the flow of run-off could possibly solve a very annoying situation that has existed for several years. As of this date, the solution is working quite well.

Bill Dewire is regularly attending the Lycoming County Sanitary Committee and Customer Advisory Board meetings giving Wolf Township a voice on the County level. He has notified Penn Dot of several traffic issues that involve state highways in Wolf Township. Working along with the Planning Commission the US 220/ PA 405 Intersection Safety Improvements was added to the Lycoming County 20 year Capital Transportation Projects Report as a Medium Priority.

Sterlyn May proposes to build two (2) professional office buildings adjacent to an eighty (80) bed Personal Care Home. There will also be eight (8) Independent Living Units. He received approval from HUD for financing and plans to break ground Spring 2008. Neighboring this parcel will be The Meadows at Wolf Run, a 21 lot housing development by Robert Tagge. Preliminary work has already begun on this land and downpayments on several lots have been made. Both of these projects will be serviced by public sewer and water.

Code Inspections Inc. handles Building and Zoning applications and permits for Wolf Township. They always have personnel available and the capabilities to expand as the need may arise. Fifteen new homes have been started this year adding approximately \$2,578,000.00 to our tax base. Phil Dewire, Code Enforcement Officer, handles complaints and violations of Wolf Township Ordinances. A local individual is a better fit for this area due to so many complaints being civil matters and not a Township concern. Phil has been dealing with several burning and nuisance violations.

Dean Barto was elected to the Board of Supervisors in November. William Dewire is Chairman and Charlie Hall is Supervisor and Roadmaster.

Wolf Township again participated with the West Branch Council of Governments to bid stone and paving. Currently there are 26 municipalities in the COG. Road material bids are done jointly. The Township paved Clarkstown Road, Penn Drive, and Heidi Gray Road. We participated in the paving, stone and oil bids this year. Melanie participated on the committee to plan the Municipal Training Show in May at the Lycoming County Fairgrounds.

Salt is obtained through the State Piggyback bid. None of the companies seem to be very interested in participating with COG's.

Wolf Township is out of the EDU business. The Authority made a final purchase of 12.25 EDU's totaling \$33,810.00 on July 16, 2007. The Wolf Township Sewer Authority members are Richard Marsh, Steve Ryder, and Danny Thomas. The Township is due to appoint a fourth member in 2008 for a 5year term.

Brinjac Engineering is the Township Engineer. The Township Planning Commission asked Mr. Amer to attend several of their meetings this year due to the scope of several large projects. The idea is to try to foresee and prevent as many problems as possible. He has been actively involved with Greggs Run Court, a 20 unit townhouse complex along Gregg Run Road and Penn Drive. This complex will have the first Homeowner's Association in the Township. He also advised the Board on Cellco Partnership who submitted a Land Development plan for a 300 foot Cell Tower, a pump station for the Hughesville Borough Water Authority and a sketch plan submitted by Jason Kline for a townhouse complex adjacent to the East Lycoming Recreation Authority.

Wolf Township established a Fire Protection Tax that is paid directly to the fire departments servicing Wolf Township. 80% of taxes collected go to Hughesville and 20% goes to Picture Rocks. This year Hughesville received \$41,339.20 and Picture Rocks was sent checks totaling \$10,334.80. These funds are to be applied for Wolf Township's share of Workmen's Compensation for the departments.

The Board of Supervisors has given permission to start work on setting up a website for Wolf Township. This service could be very useful to the Township Secretary and any users requesting information about Wolf Township. Melanie is constantly receiving calls concerning Zoning, ordinances, personnel, and services available from the County. All of this information could be available on a website, as well as, minutes, announcements, advertisements, resolutions and the newsletter. SEDA COG has these services available and provides training.

This report is submitted for informational purposes. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the Township Secretary/Treasurer. Thank you for your service to the Township.