

WOLF TOWNSHIP

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

All real estate tax notices will be sent to property owners by the printer using a bulk mailing system. They use a mailer, similar to the one received last summer for School Real Estate Taxes. The old blue and white, carbon tax notices are obsolete. For those of you that have their taxes escrowed, your local tax collector fills requests from the mortgage companies and continues to send them a copy of tax notices.

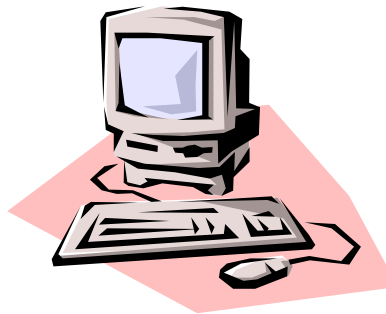
COMMUNICATIONS

The Pennsylvania Township Code, Municipal Planning Code, Sunshine Law and various other pieces of legislation require Township Officer's to advertise their actions prior to official consideration. Advertisements that are required to be published, must be placed in the legal notice section in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. Upon further research, this definition includes that it must be a paper that is paid for and subscriptions are purchased. The only paper in this area that meets all those requirements is the Williamsport Sun-gazette. But an ad in the Legal Notice Section of the Sun-gazette does not guarantee that the residents of Wolf

Township know what is going on in their community. The Board of Supervisors have decided they must do more than what is required by law to inform their residents.

After every Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors, a news article is published in the East Lycoming Shopper. The Shopper is also used for public announcements, bid requests and legal notices and reminders. The legal ads continue to be placed in the Sun-gazette as required by law but, the Board also feels a responsibility to their friends and neighbors in Wolf Township..

For the computer crowd , Wolf Township now has



"We hope you enjoy this site and use it often."

their own website, www.wolftownship.org. The website contains contact information, construction and zoning facts, planning commission, Water and Sewer pages. The Code of Ordinances, maps, permits and applications are available. Check it out!!!!

WHEN IT COMES TO PROPERTY TAXES, TOWNSHIPS ARE DOING MORE WITH LESS

In Pennsylvania, property taxes help to fund services provided by school districts, counties and municipalities, including Wolf Township, and everyone who owns real estate must pay them..

Your tax bill is based on a combination of your as-

essed property value and the millage rates established by your township supervisors, county commissioners, and school board directors. One mill equals \$ 1.00 for every \$ 1,000.00 in taxable value of your land and buildings.

Under state laws, school districts may levy up to 25 mills in taxes and, some counties are allowed to go as high as 30 mills. Townships are only authorized to impose a maximum of 14 mills in property taxes. The current Wolf Township real estate tax millage is .0875.

The capacity for getting along with our neighbor depends to a large extent on the capacity for getting along with ourselves. The self-respecting individual will try to be as tolerant of his neighbor's shortcomings as he is of his own.

~~Eric Hoffer



OPEN RECORDS LAW

The state's long awaited Open Records Law took effect January 1. Act 3 of 2008 defines a public record as any government record, including some financial records.

The Right to Know Law requires government agencies in Pennsylvania to provide access to and copies of public records to the public. The Law, as amended, fundamentally changes the structure of Pennsylvania's open records law in favor of public access. It presumes that all records held by state and local

agencies are public. The Law contains 30 categories of records that are exempt from disclosure .

For the first time since the Right to Know Law was passed in 1957, it will include the General Assembly and will give citizens the ability to appeal open records disputes to an administrative agency, the Office of Open Records, without the need to file a court action. The law also shortens agency response times and increases the civil penalties that can be awarded against an

agency acting in bad faith.

Wolf Township has adopted a policy and has identified Melanie N. McCoy, Open Records Officer, 695 Rte. 405 Hwy., Hughesville, PA 17737 Contact information for the state is Office of Open Records, Commonwealth Keystone Building , 400 North St., Plaza Level, Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225.

The Open Records Law is available online at <http://openrecords.state.pa.us>. Click on "Right to Know Law."

MEETINGS HELD AT WOLF TOWNSHIP

On the first Monday of the month the Wolf Township Planning Commission holds their regular monthly meeting at the Municipal Building. Members are Gary Papay, Chairman, Garry Burgard, Vice-Chairman, Melanie McCoy, Secretary, David Gardner and Stuart Wolfe. This Board reviews all subdivisions and land development

plans. They are the guiding force in determining the future growth in wolf Township.

On the first Thursday of the month, the East Lycoming Recreation Authority meets. This group is responsible for maintaining a beautiful recreation area that is along Elm Drive in the Township. The park is a must see and this year will have two pavilions

available for outdoor activities.

The Board of supervisors hold their regular monthly meeting on the second Monday of each month at 7:30pm. The public is always welcome to attend. The Board of Supervisors review financial statements, receive reports from the Zoning and Codes Enforcement Officers, as well as deal with legal issues, adopting ordinances and resolutions and listening to problems and designing solutions to keep the Township running smoothly.

"A perfect republic can materialize only in a small jurisdiction such as a township. They have proved themselves the wisest invention ever devised by the wit of men for the perfect exercise of self-government. T. Jefferson

Local Ordinance Enforcement Officer

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Phillip A. Dewire  
584-2995

" If you wish to report a violation of the Code of Ordinances of Wolf Township, please contact Mr. Dewire."

**Hughesville-Wolf Authority**

"HWA"

547 Woolen Mill Road  
Hughesville, PA 17737  
584-4024

**"Sewer payments should be mailed to the above address or delivered to the Woolen Mill address."**

