

MONROE TOWNSHIP



Newsletter – Spring 2019

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A LOOK at the BUDGET

2019 Monroe Township Budget

Income:	
Taxes	\$975,250
Interest	\$ 40,000
Billboard Fees	\$ 12,000
State/Local Fines	\$ 10,000
Recycling	\$ 12,500
PUC Tax	\$ 1,100
PLCB Fees	\$ 2,200
Pension Aid	\$ 12,158
Fireman Relief Aid	\$ 30,000
Review Fees	\$ 6,150
Zoning Permit Fees	\$ 15,000
SEO Permit Fees	\$ 4,000
Park Rental Fees	\$ 1,000
Rec. Donations	\$ 10,500
Misc. Income	\$ 10,800
State Fuels Tax	\$206,785
State Rd. Turnback	\$ 640
<u>County Road Aid</u>	<u>\$ 4,745</u>
Est. Total Income	\$1,354,828

Expenses:	
Administrative	\$ 26,790
Building	\$ 21,250
Legal Fees	\$ 40,000
Engineering Fees	\$ 75,000
Payroll	\$245,795
Payroll Taxes	\$ 19,600
Employee Benefits	\$ 89,558
Fire/Public Safety	\$174,090
Zoning	\$ 5,400
SEO Fees Contracted	\$ 5,000
Recycling/Waste	\$ 28,150
Roads/Drainage	\$431,613
Road Equipment	\$ 94,357
Recreation Parks	\$ 31,500
Library Donation	\$ 12,000
Other Donations	\$ 9,645
NESCJA Fee	\$ 700
<u>Insurances</u>	<u>\$ 27,895</u>
Est. Total Expenses	\$1,338,343

Balances at 12/31/18:

General Fund	\$1,783,370.17
Investment Fund	\$1,364,520.11
State LF Road Fund	\$1,805.73

TOWNSHIP CLEANUP DAYS

Friday, April 26 & Saturday,
April 27, 2019 7am – 7pm
Drop Off Your Items for Cleanup
Days at the Monroe Township
Recycling Yard (off Park Road)

Monroe Township no longer accepts computers or electronics (including televisions, DVD players, VCRs, fax machines, cordless and cell phones, cameras, copiers)

PLEASE SEPARATE OUT

the following items for recycling:

- **major appliances**
- **metals and anything made of metal** (Note: remove tanks from gas grills and drain fluids from lawn mowers)
- **clothing and textiles** (including shoes and handbags) and **books**

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

any type of battery other than rechargeable, asbestos, driveway sealer and paint cans/containers (unless empty and dried out inside), tires, yard waste, and any items accepted on Recycling Day.

The Monroe Township Compost Site is open for business!

Accepted Items:

- Leaves
- Brush
- Trees
- Tree Waste
- Biodegradable Materials Only!

Non Accepted Items:

- Garbage
- Grass
- Kitchen Waste
- Construction Debris
- Plastic Bags

ELECTION NEWS!

Primary Election – May 21, 2019

If you are not sure if you are registered to vote or where your polling place is located please contact the Snyder County Election Office, Patricia P. Nace, Election Director at 570-837-4286.

Election dates:

Last day to register before the primary – April 22, 2019

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot – May 14, 2019

Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots – May 17, 2019

Monroe Township, No. 1—Penn Valley Airport (Lobby), 100 Airport road, Selinsgrove, PA

Monroe Township, No. 2—Monroe Township Municipal Bldg, 39 Municipal Drive, Selinsgrove, PA

*The polls are open at all primaries and elections between the hours of 7 a.m. and 8 p.m., prevailing time.

*Sample ballots will be available after May 1, 2019, at snydercounty.org

WHEN ELECTIONS ARE HELD:

*The General Election is held in even-numbered years, on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November.

*The Municipal Election is held in odd-numbered years on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November.

*The Primary Election in each even-numbered year is called the General Primary and is held on the third Tuesday of May, except in Presidential years when it is held on the fourth Tuesday of April.

News from the Hummels Wharf Fire Company



The Hummels Wharf Fire Company serves

Monroe Township and responds to over 500 calls each year. In order to provide you with the best service available, we need more volunteers. We will provide the training, personal protective equipment, and, just about anything else you need.

We are very active in the community and have sponsored fund-raisers for people in need whether it is for medical bills or for that "once in a lifetime" trip a child may make. We offer free batteries for smoke alarms. You may pick them up at the station or at the township building.

Now is the time to clean up the yard of twigs, small branches, and leaves that were missed last fall. However, keep in mind that there are restrictions on burning in the township. One of the most important ones is that the burn barrel needs to be 50 ft. away from structures, covered by a screen, and completely extinguished by sundown. Unfortunately, for most people this means at the end of the yard where people tend to forget to watch them. Please be very careful and, if at all possible, dispose of these items safely by not burning them. Please be a good neighbor and watch where the smoke is going. For the first time, you now have an option: The Compost site near the township building. Please refer to the Compost Site information on the first page of this newsletter.

We have begun a new "project": The purchase of items that will provide greater protection to our firefighters from exposure to cancer causing particulates found at fires. Since the cost of such equipment is so expensive, we will be looking at alternative forms for funding to pay for the new equipment.

We sincerely appreciate the support that has been given to us by the township and by you, the residents.

Selinsgrove Area Community Pool News:



Are you ready for Summer Smiles, Squeals and

Splashes? The Selinsgrove Pool is ready for YOU. Opening Memorial Day weekend, May 25th, 26th and on Memorial Day, 27th, FREE Admission. We open daily beginning the last day of school for the Selinsgrove School District. Relax in one of our 80 lounge chairs and 20 umbrellas. Join us for our 2nd Annual Dash & Splash 5K Run/Walk June 22nd. Red Cross Swim lessons will again be offered. Lifeguard positions still available. For more info see our Selinsgrove Pool Facebook page or at www.selinsgrovepool.org

The Friends of Rudy Gelnett Library will hold a Gift Card Bingo Fundraiser at the VFW Post 6631, Route 522 in Selinsgrove on Friday, April 12. Doors open at 5:30 pm with Bingo starting at 7 pm. Door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, pick-a-prize raffle and refreshments will be available.



Prizes include gift cards from many local and online businesses. Minimum prize value is \$50/game with many valued at \$100 or more.

Cost is \$20 for 20 games with extra cards available for purchase. Get tickets at the door. Proceeds benefit all Snyder County Libraries. For more information about Friends, visit our website: friendsgelnettlibrary.org

Monroe Township and Cherished Cat Rescue Alliance

(www.cherishedcats.org) have joined forces to control the feral cat population in the township humanely. If you have a cat colony in your life/neighborhood and would like help to get them humanely trapped and neutered simply go to the Township office and complete an application. That application will get scanned to the TNR (Trap~Neuter~Return) Coordinator who will be in touch about the details of the program. The cats to be trapped MUST have a caretaker who feeds them regularly and provides them with shelter from severe weather conditions. Depending on what clinic/hospital you use the cost could be from FREE and up to \$27per cat and everywhere in between. This includes the spay/neuter, Rabies Vaccine and ear tip and sometimes flea meds. ALL CATS must come in a Humane (live) Traps. CCRA has some to lend out and you will be trained in their use.



If you want to know more about helping Community Cats please visit www.alleycat.org. Cherished Cat Rescue Alliance is looking for people who are interested in getting involved with the TNR effort in our area. Visit their website to learn how you can be part of this very important and rewarding initiative.

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NEWS FROM HUMMELS WHARF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

HWMA Office –

Office location-

Monroe Township Municipal Bldg

39 Municipal Drive, Selinsgrove

Mailing address - P O Box 165,
Hummels Wharf, PA 17831

Phone - 570-743-1284

Fax - 570-743-7904

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Office Hours - Tuesdays and
Thursdays from 9:00 to 4:00

Emergency's – Other than regular
office hours - phone 911 Center using
their non- emergency number 570-
372-0826

QUARTERLY SEWER BILLS-

Quarterly sewer bills are mailed on or
before the following times;

January 2 - for the prior 4th quarter
(October, November, December)

April 1 - for the prior 1st quarter
(January, February, March)

July 1 - for the prior 2nd quarter
(April, May, June)

October 1 - for the prior 3rd quarter
(July, August, September)

Please note if you have not received
your quarterly sewer bill within a few
days after the above date we ask that
you notify the HWMA office and a
statement will be sent to you. Our
customers have 30 days to pay from
the above cited dates before a 10%
penalty is added to your quarterly
sewer bill and a second notice is sent.

SEWER PAYMENTS – Payments are
accepted in the HWMA office during
regular office hours, by mail or at the
Northumberland National Bank
on Lori Lane (located behind Lowe's).
Please note if you make payment at
any other branch of the
Northumberland Bank it may take a
few more days before that
information is received by the
HWMA Office.

Additionally, sewer payments may be
made by check or money order (no
cash please) in the lock box, inside,
next to the HWMA office window
during regular Monroe Township
office hours which are Mondays thru
Fridays from 8:30 to 4:30.

In order to ensure that the correct
account is credited we ask that our
customers write their account
numbers on their checks or money
orders. Postdated checks will not be
accepted by our office.

NSF Checks - There will be a \$50.00
fee for all checks that are returned to
us for insufficient funds.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS
INFORMATION** – If you have
moved or had a change of address,
name change or need an address
change or correction of any type we
ask that you notify our office to insure
that you receive your sewer bills in a
timely manner.

**SUMP PUMP AND DOWN
SPOUTS** – Section 3.061 of the
Hummels Wharf Municipal
Authority Rules and
Regulations prohibits any person
from discharging storm water,
surface water, groundwater, roof
runoff or subsurface drainage
including cellar drainage into the
sewer system. We ask our
customers to remove any sump
pumps, downspouts or other
items/things that may discharge the
above cited items into the sanitary
sewer system.

**SEWER LATERAL
REPLACEMENT/REPAIR
PERMITS** – Customers of the
HWMA public sewer own and are
responsible for maintaining their
own sewer lateral. **If it becomes
necessary to replace or repair your
sewer lateral you are required to
first obtain a "Sewer Lateral
Replacement/Repair Permit" from
HWMA.** The purpose of the
permit is to ensure that an
inspection of the work is done
before the repair/replacement is
covered. This is a protection to our

customers to be sure that they are
receiving work that meets HWMA
requirements.



This permit must
be obtained
through the
HWMA Office at

a cost of \$50.00 which includes the
first inspection. If additional
inspections are needed a cost of
\$35.00 per inspection is then
charged.

Inspections – Please be aware that a
72-hour notice is required when
you are requesting a sewer
inspection for either a new lateral
or repair/replacement lateral.

**WEBSITE FOR SEWER
PERMITS/INFORMATION** – For
our customers convenience HWMA
information is now included on the
Monroe Township
website [www.monroetwpsnyderco
pa.com](http://www.monroetwpsnyderco.pa.com). Both our permits, New
Construction Permit and the
Lateral Replacement/Repair Permit,
can be downloaded from this
website.



Monroe Township Recycling Day

is the 3rd Saturday of
each month from 8am to 1 pm. **Items
accepted:** #1 and #2 plastic bottles;
brown, green, and clear glass bottles;
newspapers; magazines; corrugated
cardboard; office paper; chip board
(boxes from cereal, soda, tissues or
shoes and paper towel roll center) and
aluminum and bi-metal cans. If you
have questions about any of the items
accepted for recycling, please feel free
to call the Township office during
normal business hours. **Please make
sure you rinse out all bottles and
cans.** If you are a 1st time recycler,
please ask a Township employee for
assistance so your recyclables are
placed into the correct containers.

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JUST A REMINDER

A zoning permit is **required** for all the following:



Paving driveways, installation of fences, swimming pools, decks, sheds, patios, building additions, garages and new home construction.

If you are not sure, please give the Zoning Officer a call to find out if your project needs a zoning permit.

The Township Zoning Officer's office hours are on **Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm**. You may contact the Township Zoning Office by calling (570)743-7057 Ext 2 or by email at twpzoning@verizon.net

2019 TAX COLLECTOR NEWS: The 2019 Spring Tax Bill office hours for Grace Colahan, Township Tax Collector are:

Apr 1, 22, 23, 25, 26, & 29: 10 am to Noon
April 30: 1 pm to 6 pm

All Other Hours by Appointment
Please call 570-374-6989. When you pay your taxes by mail please enclose your tax bills and keep a copy for your own records. If you are paying your taxes by mail and need a receipt, you must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your tax bills and payment. In order to apply for the rent rebate, you must have your tax bills stamped "PAID" by the Tax

Collector. Also, please notify the Tax Collector if you are moving or have a change of address.

WHAT IS A PER CAPITA TAX?

A per capita tax is a flat rate tax levied upon each adult within the taxing district.

Are you 18 years of age or older? If so, you should be receiving a tax bill. If you are currently not receiving this bill, please contact the Snyder County Assessment Office at 570-837-4315 or e-mail assessment@snydercounty.org.



In April, we should have our first batch of mulch at the compost site. Township residents are welcome to the mulch on a first come, first served basis. This project was made possible by a recycling grant from the Department of Environmental Protection under Section 902 of Act 101.



SNYDER COUNTY

2019 Recycling Event

**APPLIANCES * METALS * ELECTRONICS
CHEMICALS * CLOTHING * BOOKS**

Monroe Township Shed

(On Park Rd.—1 mi. from Rts. 11 & 15)

FRIDAY, **June 21** - 3 pm to 7 pm

SATURDAY, **June 22** - 9 am to 1pm

**You must have an appointment to drop off chemicals and electronic devices!
Call 866-815-0016 or visit www.ecsr.net to preregister.**

There is a FEE / Cost to Recycle ELECTRONICS & CHEMICALS

\$1.85 per pound for chemicals - .60-.80 per pound for electronics.

RECYCLE YOUR CHEMICALS; oil based paints, automotive fluids, insecticides, pesticides, oil, cleaners, fuels, aerosols, batteries, bleach, pool chemicals, light bulbs, and much more for \$1.85 per pound.

Call to find out how to dispose of latex paint safely.

All ELECTRONICS; can be recycled for 60 to 80 cents per pound.

You can do a simple estimate before you come so you won't be surprised.

ELECTRONICS

Computers
Monitors
Printers
Copiers
Keyboards
Scanners
Modems and routers
Servers
Cables
Phones
Televisions (all sizes)
DVD & VCR players
Stereos
Radios

APPLIANCES & METALS

Air conditioners
Dehumidifiers
Freezers
Refrigerators
Stoves
Washers & dryers
Water heaters
Dishwashers
Gas grills
Gas grill tanks
(valve removed)
Small propane cylinders
Lawn mowers

CLOTHING & TEXTILES

Clothing
Blankets
Curtains
Purses
Shoes
Towels
Clean dry rags

YES, We want your clothing with holes, stains, and broken zippers .

OTHERS

Paperback books
Hardcover books
Pamphlets
Magazines
Encyclopedias
Handicap Equipment

WE CANNOT ACCEPT:
VCR tapes, CD & DVD disks
Large wooden speakers
Styrofoam
Coffee makers
Wooden crutches
Vacuums
Humidifiers

We will be accepting donations to cover miscellaneous expenses

This event is sponsored by the Snyder County Solid Waste Management Authority.
Questions can be directed to Tom Gibson at scswma@snydercounty.org or 570-374-6889, x-115.