

# MONROE TOWNSHIP



Newsletter – Spring 2021

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## A LOOK at the BUDGET

### 2021 Monroe Township Budget

<b>Income:</b>	
Taxes	\$1,072,300
Interest	\$ 50,800
Billboard Fees	\$ 12,150
State/Local Fines	\$ 12,000
Recycling	\$ 20,000
PUC Tax	\$ 1,035
PLCB Fees	\$ 3,000
Pension Aid	\$ 13,000
Fireman Relief Aid	\$ 31,000
Fire Co. Equipment Fund	\$ 40,000
Review Fees	\$ 3,000
Zoning Permit Fees	\$ 17,288
SEO Permit Fees	\$ 8,000
Park Rental Fees	\$ 1,000
Rec. Donations	\$ 13,000
Misc. Income	\$ 5,500
State Fuels Tax	\$186,238
State Rd. Turnback	\$ 640
County Road Aid	\$ 4,745
<b>Est. Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,494,696</b>

<b>Expenses:</b>	
Administrative	\$ 28,780
Building	\$ 50,750
Legal Fees	\$ 45,000
Engineering Fees	\$ 75,000
Payroll	\$227,075
Payroll Taxes	\$ 19,500
Employee Benefits	\$ 85,500
Fire/Public Safety	\$159,650
Zoning	\$ 10,525
SEO Fees Contracted	\$ 9,000
Recycling/Waste	\$ 31,100
Roads/Drainage	\$501,048
Road Equipment	\$ 50,000
Recreation Parks	\$ 21,750
Library Donation	\$ 12,000
Other Donations	\$ 9,475
NESCJA Fee	\$ 700
Insurances	\$ 26,500
<b>Est. Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,363,353</b>

<b>Balances at 12/31/20:</b>	
General Fund	\$1,623,020.37
Investment Fund	\$1,417,495.78
State LF Road Fund	\$ 1,020.00

## TOWNSHIP CLEANUP DAYS

Friday, April 23 &  
Saturday, April 24, 2021  
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.

**Please bring help to unload during  
spring cleanup as township  
personnel will be unable to do so.**

### Monroe Township Compost Site:

#### Accepted Items:

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

### Non Accepted Items:

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

## ELECTION NEWS!

### Primary Election – May 18, 2021

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, Debbie Bilger, Election Director at 570-837-4286.

### Election dates:

Last day to register before the primary – May 3, 2021

Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot – May 11, 2021

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

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

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

### 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**

Spring is here! Time to look around outside our homes and begin to "clean-up."

**BURNING:** If you plan on burning any of the leaves, branches, cuttings, etc., please remember to do so in an enclosed area covered by a screen at least 50 ft. from any structures. Also, please remember that the Township Burning Ordinance requires that all burning materials must be completely extinguished by sundown.

**HOUSE NUMBERS:** Another important item deals with house/mailbox numbers. If you have a mailbox alongside the road, please make sure that the numbers are on both sides (we don't always travel the same direction as the postman) and are 3 - 4" high. The larger, the better in the night! If your numbers are on the house, please make sure they are very readable from the street.

**TRAFFIC:** The Thruway bridge will open next year and when the construction begins on the southern section of the thruway, traffic will get worse. Because of the construction, there are plans for hotels and restaurants to support the increased number of visitors and workers.

**THE HUMMELS WHARF FIRE COMPANY:** Most of you have seen our Mini Attack-Rescue at many different calls. This vehicle is capable to fight fires with both water and compressed air foam, handling extrication at vehicle accidents, and for medical emergencies. It is a great asset to the fire company and to all of you if you need help. We also recognize that Cancer has become the "#1 Killer of Firefighters"! We've received grant money from several businesses - enough to purchase



decontamination equipment, an extractor and dryer, and special hoods for our personnel at a cost of about \$20,000. We have just ordered new Personal Protective Equipment with special linings that stop 99% of all the cancer-causing particulates found in smoke from contacting the clothing and skin of our firefighters. The 20 sets cost \$60,000! Between the township supervisors and our Cancer Program, we have \$40,000. We hope to come up with the rest before they arrive in May.

**THE MONROE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS:** The Supervisors have been very supportive of the fire company. **YOUR** support is very important to us as we are **YOUR** fire company. We are pledged to protect you 24/7/365. You will find us at the mall during Fire Prevention week, on the highway at an accident, at the scene of a fire, as well as rescuing ducks from drains.

Our common goal is simple: **EVERYONE GOES HOME!** There are inherent dangers associated with firefighting but we strive to keep our people as safe as possible just as we strive to keep you and your family as safe as possible. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

**Monroe Township and Cherished Cat Rescue** 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.



Please also visit the Cherished Cats website ([www.cherishedcats.org/tnr](http://www.cherishedcats.org/tnr)) and complete the TNR assistance form. The cats to be trapped MUST have a caretaker who feeds them regularly and provides them with shelter from severe weather conditions. In most cases there is no cost to you to participate in this program. This includes the spay/neuter, rabies and distemper vaccines and ear tip, and in some cases flea meds. ALL CATS must come in a humane (live) trap. Cherished Cats has some traps available to borrow, and you will be trained in their use.

**Selinsgrove Area Community Pool News:**

**The Selinsgrove Area Community Pool will be opening Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>!**



We are starting the \$240,000 pool repairs and renovations, thanks to generous contributions from community businesses, boroughs, private donors, grants and Friends of the Pool. We are accepting donations to complete our projects. All donations can be mailed to Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc (SARI), PO Box 172 Selinsgrove, Pa 17870.

**FREE ADMISSION** on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31 to all. On busy days there is additional parking at the bottom of the hill in the high school parking lot.

**2021 SEASON Individual or Family memberships AVAILABLE now on our website and at the Selinsgrove Borough Office.**

Enjoy our pool's fun side with the diving board, enclosed tube slides, & water features at zero entry! Relax and soak up the sun and atmosphere with one of our 96 lounge chairs, 26 shade umbrellas, picnic tables, benches, and shaded tables with chairs.

**PLANNED CLASSES:** Red Cross Swim Lessons, Scuba Certification Course, Adult Water Aerobics, and Lifeguard Certification\*.

**NEWS FROM HUMMELS WHARF  
MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:**

**HWMA Office –**

Office location- Monroe Township  
Municipal Building  
39 Municipal Drive, Selinsgrove  
Mailing address - P O Box 165,  
Hummels Wharf, PA 17831  
Phone - 570-743-1284  
Fax - 570-743-7904  
Email - [hummelswharfmunauth@hotmail.com](mailto:hummelswharfmunauth@hotmail.com)

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 4<sup>th</sup> quarter  
(October, November, December)

**April 1** - for the prior 1<sup>st</sup> quarter  
(January, February, March)

**July 1** - for the prior 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
(April, May, June)

**October 1** - for the prior 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter  
(July, August, September)

Please note if you have not received  
your quarterly sewer bill within a  
few days after the mailing date we  
ask that you notify the HWMA  
office and a statement will be sent to  
you.

**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.

**Electronic Payments/Credit Card  
Payment Requests –** We have had  
several requests to make electronic  
payments and/or credit card  
payments. Unfortunately, our office  
is not equipped to accept these  
kinds of payments. In an effort to  
try to accommodate our customers  
we suggest that you contact your  
banking facility to see if they offer a  
“bill payer” service if you no longer  
wish to make a direct payment to  
HWMA by check, money order or  
cash. We hope this solution will  
help solve some of the issues you  
have with payment of your sewer  
bills.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS  
INFORMATION –** In order to  
ensure that you receive your sewer  
bill in a timely manner we ask that  
you notify our office of any address  
or name change.

**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.



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

**Spotted Lanternfly**



*Lycorma delicatula*, commonly  
known as the Spotted Lanternfly  
(SLF), is a new invasive insect that  
has spread throughout  
southeastern Pennsylvania since  
its discovery in Berks County in  
2014. SLF presents a significant  
threat to Pennsylvania agriculture,  
including the grapevines, maples,  
black walnut and other important  
plants in PA.

The Spotted Lanternfly is an  
invasive species native to China,  
Bangladesh, and Vietnam. In 2014  
it was found in Pennsylvania, and  
has since spread to 34 counties  
which are now quarantined.

If you see a Spotted Lanternfly, it's  
imperative to immediately report  
it online or via phone by calling 1-  
888-422-3359. Especially if you are  
not inside the quarantine zone.  
Currently no SLFs have been  
spotted in Snyder County.

What else? Kill it! Squash it, smash  
it...just get rid of it. In the fall, these  
bugs will lay egg masses with 30-  
50 eggs each.

More information can be found at  
the Penn State Extension website  
at:  
<https://extension.psu.edu/>

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**Township Supervisors:**

Dean Davis – Chairman  
Dave Heimbach – Vice-Chairman  
Steve Paige – Supervisor

**Other Township Officials:**

Stephanie McKinney - Secretary/Treasurer  
Rick Bailey - Zoning Officer  
Ax Runkle – Township Solicitor  
Meck-Tech, Inc. - Township Engineer

Phone – 570-743-7057

**2021 TAX COLLECTOR NEWS:**

The 2021 Spring Tax Bill office hours for Grace Colahan, Township Tax Collector are:

Apr 19, 20, 21, 26, & 27: 10 am to Noon  
April 30: noon to 5 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.

**Township Supervisor Meetings** are held the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Masks are required for attendance and Zoom is available for those that feel uncomfortable coming to a public meeting. More details and meeting dates can be found on the township website:

**monroetwpsnydercopa.com**

**JUST A REMINDER**

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

**PERMIT  
REQUIRED**

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 **Tuesdays and Thursdays 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@gmail.com](mailto:twpzoning@gmail.com)

**Snyder County** will hold an electronics recycling event at the Monroe Township garage on Friday, May 21 from 3-7 pm and Saturday, May 22 from 9 am to 1 pm There is a fee for recycling and appointments must be made. Please call Snyder County Waste Management Authority at 570-374-6889 x115 or see their website at <http://www.snydercounty.org/departments/solid-waste-management-authority/> for more information.