Manager's Report

Activity in the Month of March

- Permit applications, bills, deposits and bank reconciliations were handled in a timely manner.
- Attended Board of Supervisors meeting, Police Commission meeting, Authority meeting.
- Participated in Township Audit – March 6 & 7.
- Preapplication meeting March 13 for recycling grant with PA Department of Environmental Protection.
- Completed 902 recycling grant and mailed.
- Spoke with Penn DOT District 5 Executive Michael Rebert regarding Supervisor Fiedler's questions. Notes attached.
- Met with Dean Druckenmiller, Berks County Conservation District on Dirt and Gravel Road grants.
- Met with Ontelaunee Township Board of Supervisors at their request.
- Met with Cub Scout Harders for his Citizenship Award.
- Attended municipal dinner at Stokesay.
- Meeting March 27 at site of Folino Warehouse with Berks County Conservation District.
- Sent review fee letters and refund.
- Researched and reworked the MS4 Public Education and Outreach Plan. Confirmed with PA DEP that annual reporting date is September 30th and MS4 permit is extended for everyone submitting their application. No approval received on TMDL Plan or PRP.
- Sent formal letter to Fleetwood Borough regarding their interest in the Tax Collection Committee.
- Met with insurance agent on renewals. Township will save $5,202 this year.
- Met with Dan Miller, Fire Chief regarding upcoming need for new air packs. Secured $5000 donation from Lehigh Cement for project.

See response letter from Berks County Planning Commission on 2030 Plan.

Street Sweeping will be April 24th to 27th.

Schaeffer Road Bridge construction – road will be closed from June 22 – September 11.

Round About let date is July 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Hollenbach, Manager

Diane Hollenbach

From: Diane Hollenbach
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2018 11:57 AM
To: Heidi Fiedler; Joseph Rudderow III; Claude Beaver
Cc: 'Tom Unger'; 'Eugene Orlando'
Subject: Responses to questions from Supervisor Fiedler from 3/13/18 and camera question
Attachments: led streetlights.pdf

Number of homes in Ontelaunee Heights – 164

I spoke with Mike Rebert, District Executive of Dist. 5 today.

Cost of the Rt 222 project in Maidencreek Township – 18.6 million. Richmond Township – 7 million

Are final plans of the project available? – No. Penn DOT does not release final plans until the project is bid in order to make sure that contractors do not get them in advance and have an unfair advantage over other bidders. The 2012 conceptual plan is close to the final design.

Addressing the comment that roundabouts are not as effective when the vehicles per day exceed 20,000 - This applies to a single lane roundabout. Maidencreek is getting a two lane roundabout.

The roundabout project with the widening must be built as one project. The widening can't be done without the roundabouts because the Tamarack/Genesis signal inefficiency is addressed with the roundabouts. Schaeffer Road roundabout is needed to address residents' concerns at the public meetings for making left turns safely from the homes on the southeast side of Rt 222 and comments that Schaeffer is used as a short cut and alternate route as well as for the future development of the commercial tract across from Schaeffer Road.

Penn DOT will work on giving us a drawing to identify the curb that they are calling out in the maintenance agreement.

Dist. 5 will meet with the Supervisors on the MAINTANCE AGREEMENT in the Allentown offices if another meeting is needed. They are finished with public meetings on the roundabout plans, and they are not coming to Maidencreek for any more meetings.

Cameras – intersection of Rt 73 and Rt 222. Penn DOT will look at cameras for that intersection. Should the Supervisors sign the traffic signal plan, we may be able to get direct feed of the camera video feed to our building. We would be responsible for the hardware purchase and installation in our building. Also, Penn DOT will look at doing the light changer for emergency responders at that signal as well.

Concerning the Rt 222 widening project between Schaeffer Road and Rt 662. Everyone may already be aware that there is a second project that completes Rt 222 to 5 lanes between Schaeffer road and Rt 662. Penn DOT is unsure if another roundabout will be installed at Pleasant Hill Road as part of this project. It is possible. They will know more later in the summer.

Agility Agreement –Penn DOT will consider paying the Township to mow the detention basins on the corners of Rt 222 and Genesis Drive under our Agility Agreement. It benefits us twofold – first we could make up some of the cost for streetlight electric and second mowing along state roads occurs only 2 times a year when

Penn DOT does it. That is not what we want in our commercial area. We already mow on Faith Drive and weed wack the traffic island at Genesis Drive weekly; so it wouldn't be a hardship for us to zip through the basins as needed.

Attached is a spreadsheet on lighting based on LED lights and Met Ed's current transmission rate and Constellation's current electric rate. Current expenses would cease and are subtracted from the new expenses for an additional cost of $3,318.06 a year.

If the Board gets to the point where they wish to consider something other than concrete centers to the roundabouts, perhaps stone around the edges and variegated ribbon grass in the center. It requires little maintenance, is a low grower, spreads and the ribbon grass is really hard to kill. I cut mine off in the fall to contain it. It is drought tolerant.



Diane

New Expenses	
New Streetlights	24
Met Ed 90/30 rate	12.11
Constellation electric .0525/kWh	1.68
Month	330.96
Year	3971.52

Current Expenses	
Insurance	80
Traffic Signal electric	346.77
Service Contract	226.69
	653.46

Yearly difference	3318.06

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March 29, 2018

Fleetwood Borough Council
110 West Arch Street
Fleetwood, PA 19522

Dear Council Members,

As you may be aware, the Berks County Tax Collection Committee, which collects the Earned Income Tax and Local Services Tax requires two voting delegates from the municipalities within a school district. There is usually one meeting annually in November or December. Currently, Fleetwood Borough, Maidencreek Township and Richmond Township are not represented as David Franke and Phoebe Bittler are no longer Supervisors and do not wish to remain delegates.

Richmond Township does not have anyone interested in the positions. Heidi Fiedler of Maidencreek Township is willing to be a delegate. Is anyone on Borough Council interested in being the primary or alternate delegate to the Tax Collection Committee?

Enclosed is a resolution that must be adopted by all three municipalities to appoint new delegates. If you would be so kind as to call or email me in regards to your decision, it would be appreciated. I will relay the information and coordinate with Richmond Township.

Sincerely,

Diane Hollenbach

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RENEWAL PRICING ANALYSIS
Account Executive: Kristie Lawrence, CIC

Account: Maidencreek Township Berks County **Renewal Date:** 4/21/2018

Company: EMC/PIRMA/AmTrust **Producer:** Dave Gallen

Line of Business	*16-17*	*17-18*	*18-19*
Liability Package	$46,289	$36,737	$ 30,111
Auto – Physical Damage	$ 9,161	$ 9,290	$ 8,937
Property	$ 4,841	$ 4,869	$ 4,804
Inland Marine	$ 2,747	$ 2,843	$ 2,943
SUB-TOTAL	$ 63,068	$ 53,739	$ 46,795
Work Comp	$	$ 39,279	$ 41,021
TOTAL:	**$63,068**	**$93,018**	**$87,816**

Additional Information:

- Signed Statement of Values required for 2018-2019 renewal
- Workers Comp Comparison

	2017-2018	2018-2019	% Increase/Decrease
Experience Mod	.910	.977	7.36%
RATE - Code 980 > *City, Twp, Borough Employees*	$8.22	$8.87	7.91%
Payroll	$280,000	$295,000	5.36%
Premium	$39,279	$ 41,021	4.43%

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March 29, 2018

Diane Hollenbach, Manager
Maidencreek Township
1 Quarry Road
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Blandon, PA 19510

Dear Ms. Hollenbach,

The Berks County Planning Commission (BCPC) has reviewed the Township's March 15, 2018 letter requesting the addition of the Township's C-2 Zoning District, located along U.S. Route 222 and Maidencreek Road, to the County's proposed Economic Development Area (EDA) in the draft Berks County Comprehensive Plan 2030 Update. The Township's C-2 Zoning District permits office buildings, research facilities, hotels and conference centers and shopping centers by right.

Chapter 3 - Land Use Plan in the BCPC's draft Comprehensive Plan 2030 Update notes that: *'Growing the job base and expanding the tax base are important to the economic health of Berks County. … Business development should consist primarily of industrial and business. Focus on the provisions of high quality, living wage industries should prevail over expansion of low-wage retail development. The development of large scale retail should not be the primary type of economic development pursued. Such development provides few living wage jobs, limits employee benefits, and creates part-time jobs that are not sustainable for the livelihood of employees.'* Economy Policies of Chapter 7 – Economy, encourages the Promotion of *'changes to land us regulations and expansion of infrastructure to improve the competitiveness of Berks County in order to share in future regional and national economic growth through attraction and retention of business and industry.'*

The intent of the Economic Development Areas is for the creation of job producing, family sustaining uses leaning more toward the industrial, office/research developments with retail **as an accessory use** to the economic development growth. One of the ten (10) factors considered in the proposed EDAs in the draft Update was municipal zoning. The Township's C-2 district permits Shopping Centers by-right. As noted in Chapter 3 of the draft Update, *'large scale retail should not be the primary type of economic development pursued'*. Where shopping centers are permitted by right is where the large scale shopping center developments will locate. Staff recommends that the Township update its zoning to reflect retail as an accessory use within the C-2 district. Once that change is adopted by the Township, the Berks County Planning Commission will consider amending the Future Land Use map to identify the area of concern as an EDA.

We appreciate your attendance at our municipal outreach meeting. Should the Township have additional questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact us.

Best Regards,

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March 15, 2018

County of Berks Planning Commission
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Dear Ms. Rossman,

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors reviewed the economic development areas proposed in the Berks County Comprehensive Plan Vision 2030. Maidencreek Township would like to add the area zoned C2 along Route 222 and Maidencreek Road to the County's economic development area. As you are aware from helping us write the Fleetwood – Maidencreek – Richmond Joint Comprehensive Plan, Maidencreek Township's C2 zoning allows office buildings, research facilities, hotels and conference centers. By including this area in the County's Vision 2030 Plan, it could help attract commercial development that provides good paying jobs rather than shopping centers with only minimum wage opportunities. The Township is close enough to Kutztown University, East Penn Manufacturing and the Greater Reading Area to make the development of these parcels a reality with the help and support of Berks County and the Berks Economic Partnership.

The owner of one of the parcels in the C2 that area, had brought plans to the Township for a 600,000 square foot shopping center. Due to the plan for roundabouts in the area, that developer has told the Township that retail facilities want traffic signals and are scared to invest in a property where roundabouts are built. He has informally proposed rezoning this eighty-five-acre parcel to allow townhomes and a much smaller commercial strip mall. Obviously, this does not adhere to the Township's comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance. These are not the type of projects that build a healthy tax base. If Berks County were to support the Township by designating this area as an economic development area, it would send a strong message that it is truly Maidencreek Township and Berks County's intent to see this Regional Commercial area developed with commercial facilities that promote stable, good paying jobs and a strong tax base.

Regards,

Diane Hollenbach

Diane Hollenbach
Manager, Maidencreek Township