

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP

*To you and your family, we extend our best wishes
for a happy holiday season and a happy new year!*

2017 Winter Newsletter

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'tis the season

WORK SMARTER - NOT HARDER

To avoid snow from ending up in your driveway, wait until the road has been completely plowed to the curb before shoveling the last 5-10 feet of your driveway. By doing it this way, less snow from the road will end up in your driveway. Snow cannot be blown or shoveled into the streets. And, if possible, please remove cars from the roads.

*Thank you,
The Road Crew*

SNOW CLEARING TIPS

When possible, residents are asked to remove vehicles from the street when a snowstorm is occurring. It makes plowing safer and more efficient if the plow drivers do not have to maneuver around parked vehicles.

ICE AND SNOW

Ice and snow must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hrs. after a storm. The pathway should be at least 24 in. Also, please keep the fire hydrants cleared of ice or snow.

HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS

Can be ordered through your local Fire Co.:

Smokestown Fire Company
860 Smokestown Road 717-336-3311

Stevens Fire Company
91 Stevens Road 717-336-4200

Reamstown Fire Company
12 West Church Street 717-336-3958

Special Points of Interest

- Your local Fire Company and Ambulance are raising funds for equipment, gear, etc. More information to come in the mail or contact them at the address and phone number shown below.
- Volunteer today! The Township is always looking for volunteers to serve on its Boards. If interested in *helping the community please e-mail or call the Township.*
- A smoke detector makes a great gift!



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Breakdown of the Dollar

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Public Safety

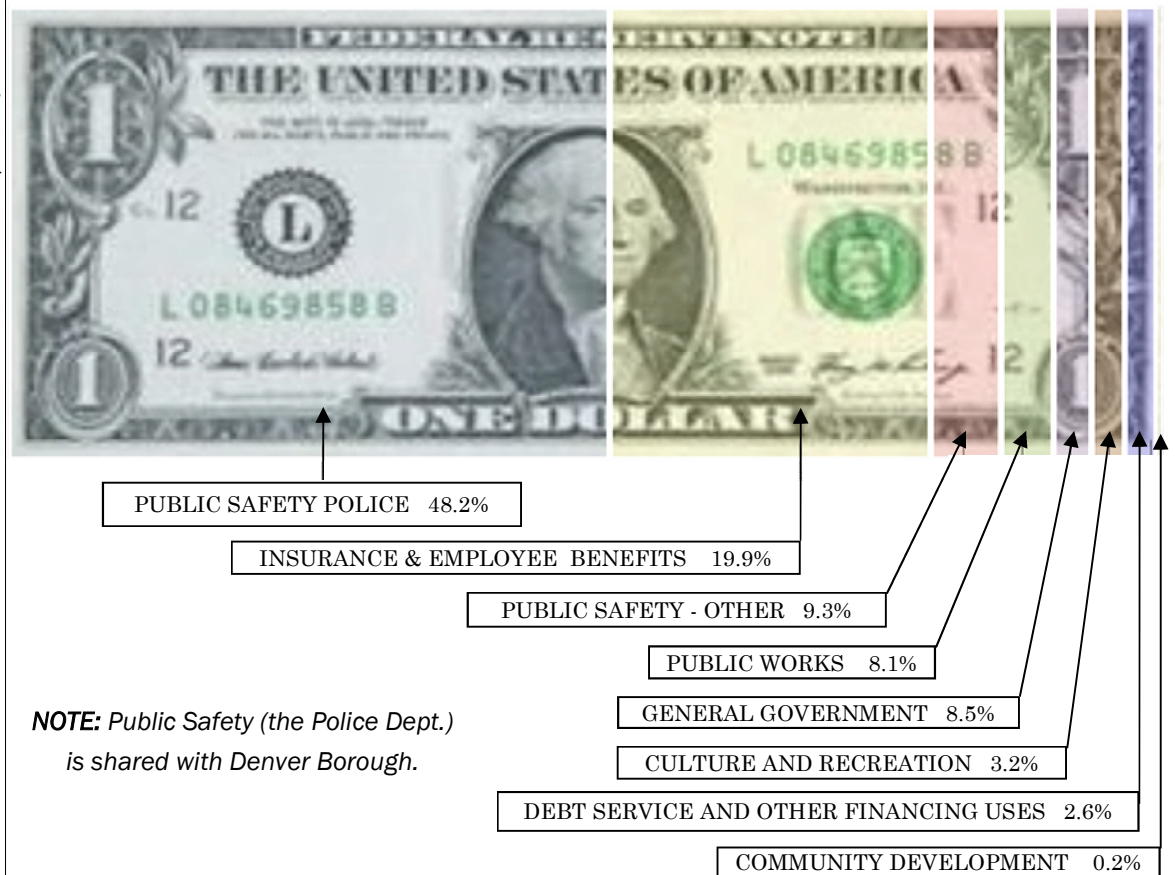
Police Department, Fire and Ambulance contributions, Planning and Zoning, Sewage Enforcement Officer.

General Government

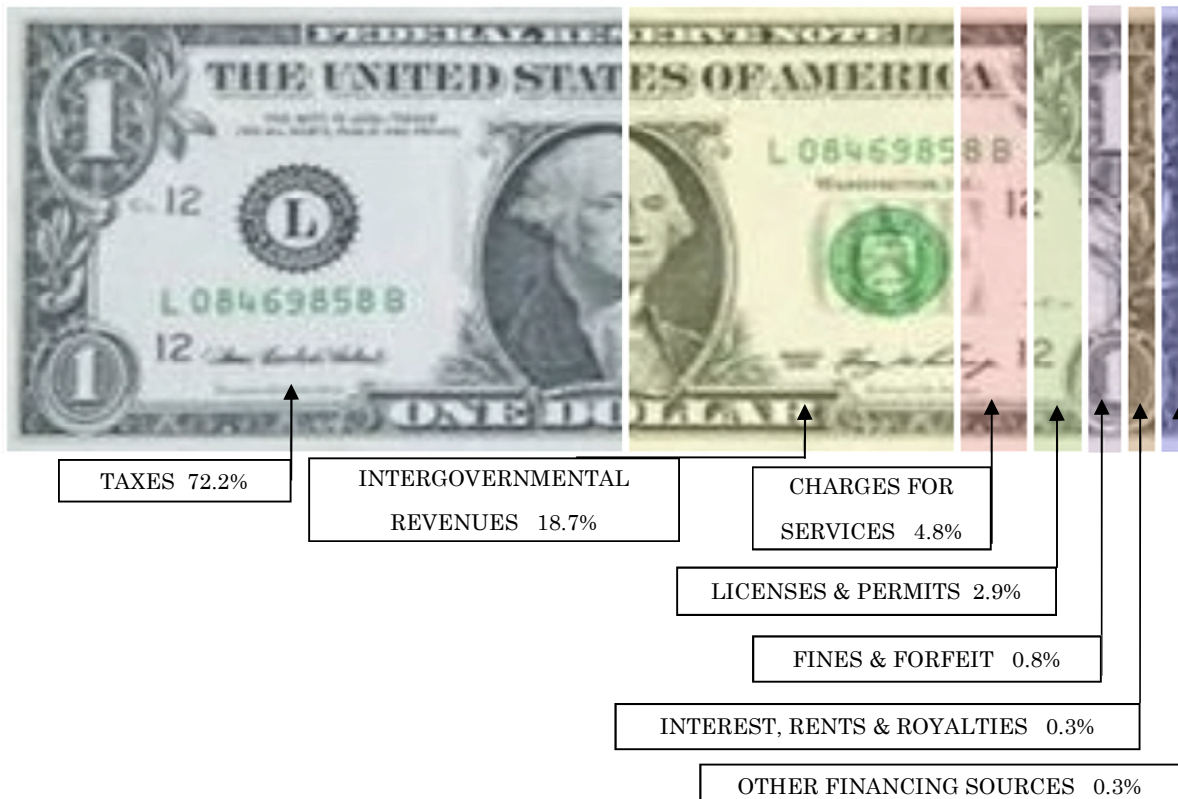
Wages, Advertising, Auditors, Tax Collector, Professional Services, Supplies, Building (utilities, maintenance, etc.).

Public Works

Highway Dept. (wages, equipment), Supplies, Traffic Signals & Signs, Constr. Projects.



GENERAL FUND REVENUES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016



Taxes include
Real Estate (Spring Taxes), Earned Income Tax & Local Services Tax.

Charges for services include
Subdivision and Zoning Fees, Permit Fees, Pool Memberships, Police Services.

Zoning Officer reminders



BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required for all construction projects as well as a fence, pond, or a change in the use of the property.



Permits are not required for sealing driveways, painting, wallpapering, new flooring, sidewalks, swings and replacement of siding or roofs. Please call the Zoning Office at 717-336-1720 if you have any questions.

WINTER STORMS

Please clean your sidewalks within 24 hrs. after a snow/ice storm (Ordinance #2004-02). In addition, throwing, tossing, blowing, or depositing snow/ice onto any public road is prohibited (Ordinance #2006-10). Violators are subject to fines. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.



HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATIONS

If you live in a development that has a homeowner's association, prior to applying for a building permit you need to check the homeowner's association requirements. For example, if the association does not allow porches in the development, the Township cannot issue a permit for you to add a porch.



VEHICLES



No uninspected unregistered vehicle is to be parked on the property other than in an enclosed building. This goes for parts of vehicles, tires, and other "junk".



Recreational vehicles can be parked behind the setback line in side or rear yard, so long as the unit is set back not less than five (5) feet from any adjoining line and screened from any adjoining property. Recreational vehicles cannot be parked or stored on public roadways.



DOGS



It is unlawful to allow your pet to run at large. All pets must be either on a collar and leash or confined in a cage or run area, or under reasonable control within the confines of your own property. It is the duty of the pet owner to keep pets secure, under control and quiet.



BEFORE YOU DIG



Whether you're laying the foundation of a building or just planting a tree, you must call to have the underground utility lines located before digging. By calling PA One Call at 811 or 1-800-242-1776 three working days before you start your project, all member facility owners in your work site area will be notified of your plans and will mark their lines in the vicinity. It is the responsibility of the person who is digging to place the call. If you do not call and the underground utility lines are damaged, then you could be held for all losses and expenses.



Tony Luongo, Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer

The Importance of Stormwater Management?

WE ARE ALL CONNECTED

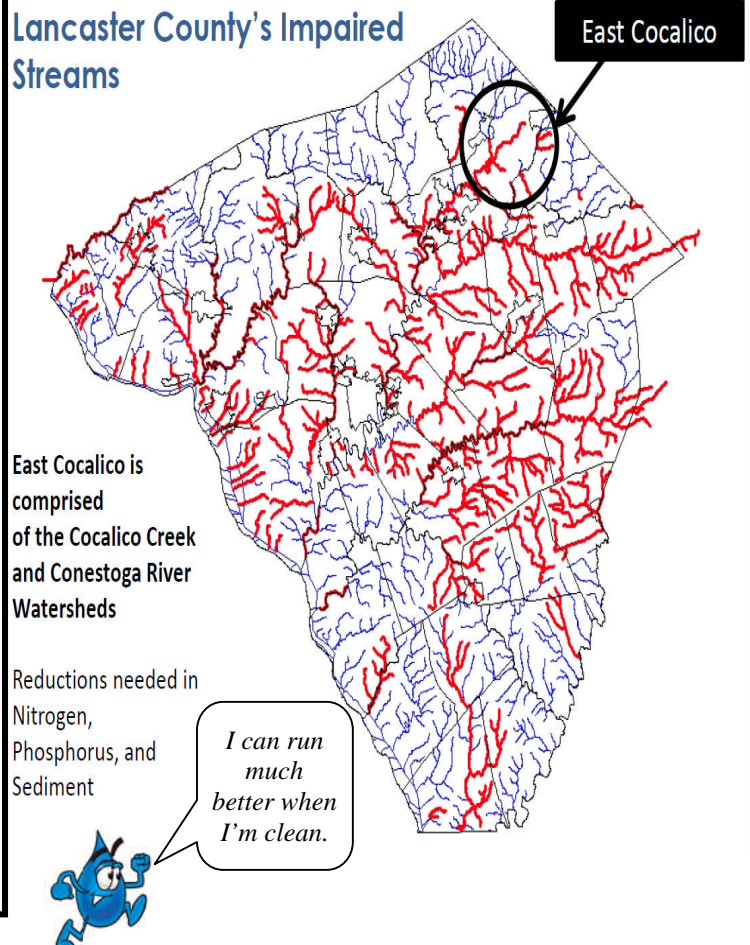
Did you know that agriculture and urban/suburban water runoff represents the largest man-made sources of nitrogen in our water?

Currently, Pennsylvania is not on pace to meet its 2017 or 2025 goals for nitrogen in the water by having necessary practices in place. The Commonwealth must reduce 23 million pounds of nitrogen to meet the 2017 outcomes; and East Cocalico Township is working to achieve full compliance with Pennsylvania's Manure Management Program and Agriculture Erosion and Sediment Control programs, which apply to 80-90% of the animal operations in Pennsylvania's portion of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

East Cocalico Township is helping combat this problem by (1) educating the public through meetings, (2) educating our local farmers, (3) informative documents, and (4) a website chocked full of material (www.eastcocalicotownship.com). If you have questions about stormwater management, please don't hesitate to call the Township at 717-336-1720.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation-PA

Lancaster County's Impaired Streams



Stormwater Management / Riparian Buffers

The Township adopted the "East Cocalico Stormwater Management and Earth Disturbance Ordinance" to support the Township's on-going goals of properly managing runoff and improving water quality. The general purpose of the Ordinance is to control and minimize stormwater runoff impacts resulting from development. The ordinance requires stormwater runoff from new land development to be infiltrated and detained on-site in an effort to replenish groundwater aquifers, improve water quality, maintain natural stream conditions, preserve riparian buffer areas, and regulate the peak stormwater discharges from the development site. With limited exceptions, the Ordinance applies to all residential, commercial, and industrial development, including homes, barns, and home additions.

It is very important to maintain the riparian buffer zones in the Township, as they act as filters to all creeks and streams. Healthy forest buffers feed streams with organic matter, which in turn rejuvenates the stream. There is three to five times more biological activity in a stream with a healthy forest buffer. The goal is to reduce sediment, phosphorous, and nitrogen content in streams. The creeks and streams are the capillaries to our watershed. Riparian is defined as pertaining to a stream, river or other watercourse and also plant communities occurring in association with any spring, lake, river, stream, or creek, through which water flow at least periodically. A Riparian Buffer is defined as a best management practice that is an area of permanent vegetation along a water course.

While potential stormwater impacts from large scale developments are obvious to most people, the cumulative impacts from small projects such as newly constructed single-family homes, barns, or home additions may not be as obvious. These small scale projects can create significant problems to adjacent or downstream properties.

Quality water starts with you!

page after page of recycling opportunities at the Township

CARDBOARD DUMPSTER: Corrugated cardboard only; please no paper-board products similar to cereal boxes, shoe boxes and tissue boxes. *Located behind the Township Municipal Building, 100 Hill Rd., Denver. Open M-F, 8am-4:30pm; Sat., 8am-3pm. No Sundays/Holidays.*

PAPER DUMPSTER: Paper accepted is newspapers, phone books, books (tear off any hard binding), catalogs, magazines, computer paper, junk mail, manila folders, stationary, carbonless paper, office paper, etc. No clips, paperclips, strings or plastic bags. *Located behind the Township Municipal Building, 100 Hill Rd., Denver. Open M-F, 8am-4:30pm; Sat., 8am-3pm. No Sundays/Holidays.*

PICK UP AT THE TOWNSHIP:

(1) Kraft Bags for your leaves (contact your trash hauler for the pickup days and costs), (2) recycling bins and buckets, and (3) battery bags for your used batteries. When the bag is full, please place it beside your recycling bin on your normal trash pickup day.

DROP OFF AT THE TOWNSHIP:

Used cell phones, batteries, and chargers that are no longer needed, and (2) CFL light bulbs (the small "spiral" bulbs) are collected at the Township lobby area, 100 Hill Road, Denver, M-F, 8am-4:30pm). Sorry we do not accept the long CFL/balusters/tubes at the Township. Please call your hauler or transport them to Lancaster County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWMA), please call LCSWMA for more information 717-397-9968.

WOODY WASTE SITE:

A site designated for the residents of East Cocalico for trees and/or tree branches. No commercial dumping. Accepted are limbs and stumps less than 12" in diameter. No leaves, grass, furniture, bricks, treated wood, sod, green plants, flowers, mulch, pine needles, or any other trash of this nature. *Located behind the Township Municipal Building, 100 Hill Rd., Denver. Open M-F, 8am to 4:30pm; Sat., 8am to 3pm. No Sundays or Holidays.*

RECYCLING EDUCATIONAL PAMPHLETS

available in the Township lobby
M-F 8am to 4:30pm.

MORE CONTACT INFORMATION:

- (1) Your trash hauler,
- (2) Lanc. County Solid Waste Mgmt. 397-9968 or www.lcswma.org,
- (3) Earth911: A search engine, type in the name of the item to be recycled and your zip code; the results display nearby locations www.earth911.com
- (4) Martin Mulch 733-1602,
- (5) East Cocalico Township 336-1720.

CHRISTMAS TREES:

During the season, there is a drop off location for your Christmas tree; located behind the Township building. Follow the posted signs. Please no decorations, string, or bags that are used in transporting. *Located behind the Township Municipal Building, 100 Hill Rd., Denver. Open in Jan., M-F, 8am-4:30pm, Sat. 8am-3pm.*

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

www.kab.org

Donate - volunteer - partner



Township News

LIFEGUARD APPLICATIONS

Applications for the Reamstown Pool are being accepted starting from November 2017 through February 2018. They can be picked up at the Township Office, 100 Hill Road, Denver, or download an application from the Township website at: www.eastcalicotownship.com (click Employment)

If you have any questions, please contact the Township at 717-336-1720.

REAMSTOWN POOL



We wrapped up another successful season at the Reamstown Swimming Pool and have begun the countdown for next year.

A big “thank you” to everybody for helping make this past season a great one.

We hope you were able to create some ‘warm’ memories to hold you over in the upcoming cold winter months.

See you next summer!

We are on the web!
www.eastcalicotownship.com

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS



The Township is always looking for volunteers to serve on its Boards. If interested in helping the community please call 717-336-1720 or e-mail Township@eastcalicotownship.com.

WOW!

The residents of the Township recycled a lot!

Congratulations everyone!!!

Cardboard: 15.45 tons (1-31-17 to 11-10-17)

Paper: 19.77 tons (1-31-17 to 11-10-17)

RECYCLING FORMS MAILED TO BUSINESSES

As done annually, the recycling forms will be mailed to the township’s area businesses in late December 2017 to early January 2018. These forms are generated from Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority for the purpose of logging your recycling efforts for the past year. Please call the Township if your business has not received the form by late January 2017. Thank you for your recycling efforts!!

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY

102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517 Phone: 336-1731 Fax: 336-1735

Website: www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com

E-Mail: water@ecocalicotwpauth.com

LOCATING AND OPERATING YOUR WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE

You probably know where and how to turn-off or reset the electric breaker in your house or replace a fuse. Do you also know where your main water shut-off valve is located and how to operate it? Each home has a shut-off valve located inside the house. Typically the shut-off valve is located near where the water service enters the home, usually close to the water meter. It is a good idea to identify or mark this valve and to close and reopen it once a year to ensure it is operating properly. It may also be a good idea to show this valve to any of your children you feel are responsible enough to operate the valve in your absence. In case of a water leak or other water-related problem, this is the valve to close in order to shut off the municipal water supply entering your home. If you need help locating your shut-off valve or you suspect it is not operating properly, please call a plumber of your choice for assistance.

VISIT OUR UPDATED WEBSITE

The Authority website has recently been redesigned with more eye appeal and user-friendly features.

Visit us at

www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com.

Here you'll find lots of useful information including:

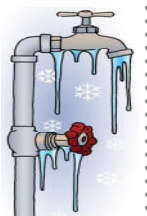
- Payment options for your water and sewer bills
- Information about our emergency notification service (Swift 911)
- Annual Drinking Water Quality Reports
- Updates on Authority projects
- Water Conservation tips
- Current water and sewer rates and billing dates
- Agreements, Forms, and Documents
- Frequently Asked Questions

COLD WEATHER REMINDER

Are you ready for cold weather? The East

Cocalico Township Authority wants to remind you to winterize your home or business. Make sure that any outside taps or hose connections are turned off and drained and not vulnerable to freezing. Please attend to any pipes that are in unheated areas of your home or business. Pipes can freeze and burst if not properly insulated causing a great deal of damage and a large water bill. Also if you live near a fire hydrant, the Authority would like to encourage you to keep those hydrants accessible by removing any accumulated snow that may block or hide them. If possible, snow should be removed a minimum of three feet completely around the hydrant to provide the fire company with unobstructed access. Your neighborhood and fire company will benefit from hydrants that are readily visible and easily accessible.

While we're on the topic of cold weather, this is normally the time of year the Authority experiences more breaks in our water lines. Our public works staff makes every effort to keep our lines in good repair in order to provide you with uninterrupted service. However, repeated freezing and thawing cycles will sometimes cause the ground around the pipes to shift resulting in breaks and loss of service. If you see water coming to the surface or standing in the street or experience a sudden decrease of water pressure at your home or business, please report it to us as soon as possible. Calls to report leaks can be made to the Authority 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at (717) 336-1731.



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100 HILL ROAD

DENVER, PA 17517

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP OFFICE 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am to 4:30pm. **P:** 717-336-1720 **F:** 717-336-1724
W: www.eastcocalicotownship.com **E:** township@eastcocalicotownship.com

EAST COCALICO TOWNSHIP POLICE 100 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am to 4pm **EMERG: 911** **P:** 717-336-1725 **F:** 717-336-1737
W: www.eastcocalicopolice.com

WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY OFFICE 102 Hill Road, Denver, PA 17517. Hours M-F 8am to 4:30pm. **P:** 717-336-1731 **F:** 717-336-1735
W: www.eastcocalicotownshipauthority.com **E:** water@ecocalicotwpauth.com

REAMSTOWN FIRE COMPANY 12 W Church St, Reamstown 17567 **P:** 336-3958 **W:** www.reamtownfirecompany.com
SMOKESTOWN FIRE COMPANY 860 Smokestown Rd, Denver 17517 **P:** 336-3311 **W:** www.smokestownfire.com
STEVENS FIRE COMPANY 91 Stevens Rd, Denver 17517 **P:** 336-4200 **W:** www.stevensfire.net
REAMSTOWN POOL 68 Ream Road, Stevens, PA 17578 **P:** 717-336-3537 (only in operation when the pool is open)

TAXES Joan Fischer, 500 Mohns Hill Rd., Reinholds, 17569. During office hours call 717-336-1721. During non-office hours 717-484-4975.
Mar. through Apr. Hours: Tues. & Fri. 10am to noon, and Fri. 8pm to 10pm, April 30th 8pm to 10pm **W:** www.eastcocalicotownship.com
May through Feb. Hours: First Fri. of month 8pm to 10pm, and first Sat. of month 10am to 12 noon **E:** tax_collector@eastcocalicotownship.com

ZONING OFFICER Tony Luongo, 100 Hill Rd, Denver, PA 17517 Hours: M-F 8am to 4:30pm 717-336-1720 (call ahead) **W:** www.eastcocalicotownship.com/Zoning
E: zoning_officer@eastcocalicotownship.com

2018 MONTH	BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 7:30 PM	PLANNING COMMISSION 7:30 PM	PLANNING COMMISSION WORKSHOP 7:30 PM	ZONING HEARING BOARD 7:30 PM	RECREATION BOARD 7:00 PM	WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY 7:00 PM
JANUARY	2*, 18	26	21	10	9	11
FEBRUARY	1, 15	26	21	7	20	8
MARCH	1**, 15	26	21	14	13	8
APRIL	5, 19	30	25	11	10	12
MAY	3, 17	21	16	9	8	10
JUNE	7***, 21	25	20	13	19	14
JULY	NONE, 19	30	25	11	17	12
AUGUST	2, 16	27	22	8	14	9
SEPTEMBER	6****, 20	24	19	12	11	13
OCTOBER	4, 18	29	24	10	9	11
NOVEMBER	1, 15	12	NONE	14	27	8
DECEMBER	6, 20	17	12	12	11	13

*January 2nd: Held on a Tuesday, Organization Meeting. **March 1st: Held at the Stevens Fire Hall, 91 Stevens Road, Stevens. ***June 7th: Held at the Reamstown Fire Hall, 12 West Church Street, Reamstown. ****September 6th: Held at the Smokestown Fire Hall, 860 Smokestown Road, Denver.

Thoughts, comments and suggestions are always welcome! Thank you! Lisa A. Kashner, Township Newsletter Editor