

MONAGHAN TOWNSHIP NEWS

York County, PA

Winter 2022

Township office hours are now 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

A FAREWELL AND A WELCOME

After 22 years of dedicated service, Township Secretary/Treasurer Linda Altland began a well-deserved retirement in January 2022. Linda wore multiple hats in her capacity as Township Secretary, managing all official township meetings, welcoming visitors at the township office, and handling the budget and financial operations.

Before she left, Linda was presented with a Citation of Service from the PA State Senate recognizing her dedicated service. We wish to extend Linda our best wishes for an enjoyable new chapter of her life and our appreciation for executing her duties with the utmost dependability and professionalism.



Monaghan Township is pleased to welcome our new Township Secretary, Chelssee Smith. Since being hired on January 3, 2022, Chelssee has enthusiastically hit the ground running.

Chelssee recently worked for several financial institutions as a customer service representative, administrative assistant and mortgage assistant. Chelssee is a resident of Dillsburg and the proud mom of two young children. She has been working hard to learn about and address local issues, update the township's website, answer resident questions, and bring her positive energy to her post. Stop by and say hello; we are delighted to have her on board!

NEW WEBSITE!

Monaghan Township continues to enhance our new website, www.monaghtownship.com. This website serves as a major communication tool for the entire community. It is where you will find information about our government leaders and operations, local updates and upcoming events. Sign up for notifications of updates by "subscribing to alerts" in the upper left hand corner of the website.



The website continues to evolve so we appreciate your patience. Drop us a note if you have a suggestion for content that will be helpful to township residents and businesses. Email Chelssee at monaghtownship@comcast.net.

FULLY STAFFED ROADCREW



The supervisors are pleased to announce that the township's roadcrew is now fully staffed by Bob Romito, Road Foreman, Anthony Fisher and Mike Oswald. Anthony and Mike were hired in January 2022. With so much winter weather in January, the township would like to thank Bob for his leadership and recognize the crew for the wonderful job they are doing to keep our roads safe. We received several compliments from residents who noticed the good work of this dedicated crew. If you see them, thank them!!!

TOWNSHIP SEEKS TREASURER

The township is accepting applications for a full-time Treasurer. The position requires administrative, financial and management skills for a wide variety of municipal duties such as budgeting and finance, information technology as well as general township services. See the township website for the full job description and details.

In the interim, the township approved a temporary contract with a recently-retired township manager to serve as Treasurer and consult with the board on how to strengthen township operations and management. While he won't be with the township for long, we hope you will meet Paul Cornell, who brings 30 years of municipal experience from his roles in East Hanover and Swatara Townships and the City of Lock Haven.

PLANNING COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF THE TOWNSHIP'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Monaghan Township Comprehensive Plan is now available on the township's website. At the Board of Supervisors February meeting, they directed the Monaghan Township Planning Commission to review the township's Comprehensive Plan and report back to the Supervisors their recommendations on how extensively and in what areas the plan may need to be updated. The Board requested to be advised of the Planning Commission's recommended next steps by the Supervisors' May 9th meeting.

The Planning Commission is working with the York County Planning Department to tap their expertise. There will be an opportunity for public comment as part of the Comprehensive Planning process. Stay tuned.

REPUBLIC SERVICES TOWNSHIP WASTE DISPOSAL

As of October 2021, Republic Services is handling the township's curbside waste and recycling removal.



Service pick-up remains on Wednesdays for all township residents. Recycling and trash are to be placed curbside no later than 5 a.m. on collection day.

With the transition, there have been a few questions and growing pains. The township continues to work closely with Republic to resolve any pick-up issues and answer resident questions. We have provided additional information on the township website related to service options, bulk pick-up, and customer contact information. Kindly check this information if you have questions or problems with your trash and recycling collection.



TAX TIME

Carly Baker was elected as the Township Tax Collector in November 2022 for a four-year

term. In her position, Carly is responsible for the collection of real estate taxes within the township. If you have a real estate address change, please report it to Carly at 717-979-6302 or Monaghantaxes@gmail.com.

TOWNSHIP APPROVES TWO SUBDIVISIONS

At the end of 2021, the Board of Supervisors approved subdivision plans for 19 residential lots in Mowery Orchard located at Lewisberry and North York Roads. The Board also approved land development plans for six residential lots along Meadow Trail and Manor Roads.

KPI SELECTED TO PROVIDE TOWNSHIP ENGINEERING SERVICES

KPI Technology has been selected by Monaghan Township to provide engineering services. Based out of Gettysburg with regional offices in Dillsburg and Sunbury, KPI is an experienced group of professionals in a small firm environment specializing in engineering and related consulting services for municipalities. Members of their staff have a well-rounded knowledge of municipal government, subdivision and land development planning and review, surveying, permitting, preparing and assisting with ordinances, putting projects out to bid, and experience with municipal MS4 requirements. We are glad to have them on board.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING

The Monaghan Township Board of Supervisors is currently reviewing eligible projects for the use of monies received from the federal American Rescue Plan Act. The township received the first payment of \$139,681 in 2021 and will receive a second payment in the same amount in 2022. Funds are allocated based upon population.

In January 2022, the US Treasury Department released the final rule for the approved use of ARPA funds, including an expansion of allowable uses. The Board of Supervisors is working closely with the township's engineers to identify the best projects under the Act's requirements. Townships have until December 31, 2024 to obligate the funds and until December 31, 2026 to actually spend them.

SPRING IS PROJECT TIME – APPLY FOR YOUR BUILDING/ZONING PERMITS



Spring is when residents start on improvement projects that you have been planning all winter. Be aware that a building or zoning permit is required if you are planning to make improvements to your property including replacing a roof, installing a swimming pool, altering the structure of a building or installing a fence or accessory structure like a shed. Once an application is submitted, the zoning/codes enforcement officer has up to 15 days to process your permit. It's important that contractors not start a project without obtaining the necessary approvals. If you are unsure as to whether you need a permit, please contact the Township Office at 717-697-2132.

SLOW DOWN As nicer weather approaches, we will see more walkers and bicyclists enjoying the beauty of Monaghan Township. As you know, our roads are narrow and full of curves. Please slow down and share the road so that everyone remains safe.

MEET THE MONAGHAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

As of January 3, 2022, the Monaghan Township Board of Supervisors includes:

TRACY PAWELSKI, CHAIRMAN

Tracy was appointed to the board in October 2021 after the passing of Supervisor Rob Lauver. Her term ends 12/31/2023. Tracy serves as the delegate to the Capital Council of Governments (CapCOG) and the alternate to the York County Stormwater Consortium.

RON ALLEN, VICE CHAIRMAN

Ronnie’s term ends on 12/31/2023. He serves as the township’s roadmaster, as the alternate to CapCOG, and as our representative to the York/Adams Tax

Bureau and Northern York Inter-municipal Task Force.

DAVE SCHREFFLER, SUPERVISOR

Dave was elected to the board in November 2021 with a term through 12/31/2026. His responsibilities on behalf of the board include representative to the York County Stormwater Consortium, representative to the board of the Police Advisory Committee (Carroll Township), and alternate to the York/Adams Tax Bureau.

Board of Supervisor meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Township Building. Meeting agendas are posted on the township website. Please take the time to attend and participate. We would love to see you.

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SEND US YOUR FAVORITE PHOTO OF MONAGHAN TOWNSHIP!

We live in a beautiful neck of the woods. Here is a photo of the big red barn on Stony Run Road peaking from behind the snowy trees. **Send us your photo for inclusion in the next newsletter.** Email to monaghtownship@comcast.net. Thank you to Tracy P. for this one!

