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# TOWNSHIP OF MONAGHAN

Web Site: [www.monaghandtownship.com](http://www.monaghandtownship.com)

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Community Newsletter

April 2016

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## MEETING TIME

### 2016 MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors @ 6:00 PM

Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month

Planning Commission @6:00 PM

Meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each Month

Zoning Hearing Board @ 7PM

Meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each Month as necessary

Additional meetings may be scheduled at the call of the Chair of the respective Boards or Commissions. Residents should watch for advertisements in the Legal section of the Patriot News, or Dillsburg Banner or check the outdoor Bulletin Board.

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## VACATION SECURITY CHECKS

If you are going on vacation and would like to have the Carroll Township Bureau of Police check on your property call the Monaghan Township office for a form or check the web site. There is no charge for this service and it can make your vacation more enjoyable knowing someone is checking.

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## TAX COLLECTOR

All Tax Bills **must be paid by 12-31-16** NO Exceptions. Postmarks after 12-31-16 **will not be accepted.** **Post dated check will not be accepted.**

Collection Schedule 2016 - Home Office Hours.

April 6 - 5pm to 7pm      April 7 - 5pm to 7pm

April 8- 9am to Noon      April 13- 5pm to 7pm

April 14 - 5pm to 7 pm      April 15- 5pm to 7pm

All Tax Bills must be paid by 12-31-16.

If mailing and a receipt is desired, return both Taxpayers' and Tax Collector's portion of tax bill and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope. All taxes paid on rebate or face periods must be postmarked no later than date due. Collection costs incurred for any and all unpaid taxes after final date for payment as indicated on the tax bills.

Charles (Doug) Hoffman, 228 North Grantham Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019 (717)-697-1283.

## ZIKA VIRUS

A web site about Zika virus - [www.cdc.gov/zika](http://www.cdc.gov/zika) has been established to provide citizens with background information.

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## What are Real Estate and Property Taxes?

The Real Estate tax is the only tax authorized by law to be levied by all classes of local government in the state. Every property owner pays real estate taxes to three independent jurisdictions: the county, the municipality, and the school district. The tax is the assessed value multiplied by the millage rate.

Assessment consists of placing a value on real property and applying an assessment ratio. Assessment laws provide for valuing property at full market value for the base year used in the assessment. The law provides different methods for determining market value, but all properties within the taxing district must be uniformly assessed.

Monaghan Township has not changed their millage rate for nineteen years and will again in the year 2016 be at a millage rate of .9 mills.

## Where do my taxes go?

Northern School District - 16.0047 mills

York County - 5.16 mills

Monaghan Township - .90 mills

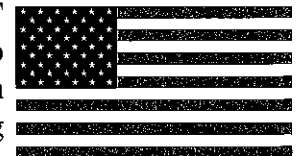
Per Capita Municipal Tax - \$5.00 per person

One mills is equal to \$1.00 per \$1000 of assessment

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## RETIREDFLAG DROP-OFF

Do you have a worn flag to dispose of? Monaghan Township has a retired flag drop-off box located just inside the main office of the Municipal Building. Collected flags will be given to the American Legion or VFW for proper disposal. Flags may be dropped off during normal office hours.



**Don't Forget to replace the batteries and replace old detectors.**



**contact** your local county conservation district office or the Department of Environment Protection.

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## **DON'T LET STORM WATER RUN OFF WITH YOUR TIME AND MONEY!**

The construction industry plays an important role in improving our community's quality of life by not only providing new development, but also protecting our streams and rivers through smart business practices that prevent pollution from leaving construction sites.

### **What is Storm Water?**

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what are commonly called storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

Storm water runoff leaving construction sites can carry pollutants such as dirt, construction debris, oil and paint off-site and into storm drains. In our community, storm drains carry storm water runoff directly to local creeks, streams and rivers with no treatment. Developers, contractors and homebuilders can help to prevent storm water pollution by taking the following steps:

1. Comply with storm water permit requirements.
2. Practice erosion control and pollution prevention practices to keep construction sites "clean."
3. Conduct advanced planning and training to ensure proper implementation on-site.

### **Storm Water Permit Requirements for Construction Activity.**

Planning and permitting requirements exist for construction activities. These requirements are intended to minimize storm water pollutants leaving construction sites.

Knowing your requirements before starting a project and following them during construction can save you time and money, and demonstrate that you are a partner in improving our community's quality of life. For more information **about these programs,**

### **An Ounce of Prevention.**

Rain that falls onto construction sites is likely to carry away soil particles and other toxic chemicals present on construction sites (oil, grease, hazardous wastes, fuel). Storm water, if not properly managed, carries these pollutants to streams, rivers, and lakes. Erosion and sediment control practices can serve as a first line of defense minimizing clean up and maintenance costs, and the impacts to water resources caused by soil erosion during active construction. Erosion controls can reduce the volume of soil going into a sediment control device, such as a sediment trap, therefore, "clean out" frequencies are lower and maintenance costs are less. When possible, divert water around the construction site using berms or drainage ditches.

In addition, use pollution prevention and "good housekeeping measures" to reduce the pollution leaving construction sites as well. This can be as simple as minimizing the pollution source's contact with rainwater by covering it, maintaining a "clean site" by reducing trash and waste, and keeping vehicles well maintained.

Our community is preventing storm waste pollution through a comprehensive storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, but it also deals with new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system and municipal operations. It will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our streams is ----- water!

**Pennsylvania Association of Conservation District's:**  
<http://www.pacd.org/default.html>

**Pennsylvania Handbook of Best Management Practices for Developing Areas:**

[http://www.pacd.org/products/bmp/bmp\\_handbook.html](http://www.pacd.org/products/bmp/bmp_handbook.html)

**Storm Water Manger's Resource Center:**

<http://www.stormwatercenter.net>

**Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection:** <http://www.dep.state.pa.us>

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**OLD EYE GLASSES** - Please drop them at the Monaghan Township Office 202 S. York Rd. Dillsburg.  
**Severe Winter Weather**

January brought a couple of reminders that the time to prepare for severe weather is ahead of the storm. On January 23rd, a winter storm dumped up to 30 inches of snow in our area, costing the Township over \$15,000. While the storm didn't cause widespread emergency, it was a sign of things to come. In February, we had several storm systems moved through York County with some areas receiving large amounts of snow. The Road crew worked around the clock to keep at least one lane open throughout the storms.

Spring is just around the corner and the road crew will be out preparing roads for paving and for tar and chip. Before each road construction project begins, a number of things need to be done. Some of these include: cutting side gutters, widening the roads, replacing metal culverts with plastic, leveling the roads, and installing drains to prevent the new roads from cracking. In addition, they have been mowing banks and doing general road maintenance. Cutting brush, cutting down trees, and preparing our equipment. **Please slow down when you see the road crew working on the roads.** For road maintenance questions or concerns, please call the Township office.

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### **Monaghan Township Volunteer Fire Company. Fire Chief - Andrew Gibb**

Firehall Dinners Served From 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Check the Fire Company website for menu and prices at [www.monaghtantwpfireco.8m.com](http://www.monaghtantwpfireco.8m.com). BINGO every Tuesday night at 6:45 p.m. except for special occasions. The Fire Hall is available for your banquets, parties and events. Call 697-8012 for rental information and reservations.

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### **TOWNSHIP BURNING REGULATIONS**

The Township Open Burning ordinance allows for the burning of combustible or flammable materials such as dry leaves brush, paper or other materials that do not smolder and/or emit offensive odors. No burning is allowed on **any** street, sidewalk, alley or public grounds. Outdoor fires or controlled burns are permitted on private property provided the fire is **not** within 50 feet of **any** building or property line. Fires are allowed any day between sunrise and sunset and **MUST** be supervised by an adult at all times. No wet garbage or other organic matter which smolders or emits offensive odors is allowed in any

fire. Prior to you igniting an outdoor fire or controlled burn you must contact York County Control by calling 911 to inform the operator of the location of the supervised fire. County Control may give you other instructions.

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### **Monaghan Township Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4).**

The goal of all MS4s programs is to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the Township, to protect water quality and to satisfy requirements of the Clean Water Act. Monaghan Township would like you to remember that the water and any items that go into a storm sewer go directly into streams. This water is not cleaned in any way and does not go to a waste water treatment plant. Monaghan Township needs all of its residents to assist us in keeping our storm water and storm water sewer system clean by doing the following:

- \* Dispose of water properly
- \* Clean up after your pets
- \* Use fertilizers properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff
- \* Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors
- \* Keep grass cuttings off of the street

What Residents can help watch for:

- \* Sediment leaving a construction site in stormwater
- \* Spills (Chemical, Gas, Oil)
- \* Illegal dumping activity into streams or storm sewers  
**(PLEASE CALL 911 FIRST)**
- \* Dry weather flows from outfall pipes into streams (72 hours after a rain storm)

Please monitor storm water inlets near your property. Residents may be the first to recognize "illicit" discharges dumping into the storm sewer or coming out of storm sewer outfalls.

**If you see an "illicit" discharge please contact Township Staff at 717-697-2132.**

Monaghan Township Office, 202 S. York Road,  
Dillsburg, Pa. 17019

Open 10AM until 5 PM

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Chris Hoover, Vice-Chairman  
Vicki Aycock, Supervisor

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John Busch, Chairman  
Harold R. Coover  
Deborah Henson  
Linden Shoffner  
Vi Nissly

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Brad Bock  
Greg Rogalski, Zoning, BCO Officer

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William Billett  
Robert Secord

Road/Highway Department

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Road Crew

Cody Johnston

Stacey Shank

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