



# REPORT

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## **Township Solicitor**

Landis & Setzler Associates

## **Township Engineer**

Buchart-Horn, Inc.

## **Building/Zoning Officer**

Brian Gallagher

## **Fire Marshal**

James R. McGowan, III

## **2007 BUDGET**

The **2007 Budget** passed with **no** increase in Real Estate Taxes. Once again the Board of Supervisors is pleased to report the adopted 2007 budget was passed without having to increase real estate taxes. The estimated revenues are \$2,501,671 and estimated expenditures are \$2,462,967 for the 2007 year.

## **Wondering about Recycling?**

The Township currently encourages all residents to recycle. Those who receive individual collection at their residence are required to recycle. We offer **Free** recycling bins for your use during the weekly Thursday pick-up. If you haven't pick-up a recycling bin yet, please come by the Township office to get one.

The obvious reason to recycle is severalfold. First and foremost is its great for the environment. Reuse of papers, cans and bottles means that much less in natural resources is consumed. Second, it saves money by decreasing our (your!) landfill disposal costs. The third reason which may not be well known is the value to our Township in the form of grants we receive for materials recycled. This year we received over \$26,000 which helped balance our budget and saved your tax dollars. A new law just passed by the state legislature and signed by the Governor will now require mandatory recycling for both residential and commercial establishments in order for us to qualify for the grant program. We expect to make these changes early in 2007. Thanks for your cooperation!

P. S.: Our website offers do's and don'ts for our recycling program. For questions on disposal of hazardous waste items, please see the Chester County website at: [www.chestercountyswa.org](http://www.chestercountyswa.org)

## Land Development

- Construction is almost complete at the Villages of Bell Tavern. We have encountered an issue with the developer that has not permitted final paving of the streets. We have maintained that all the sanitary sewer lines and stormwater lines should be internally inspected by camera (videotaped) to ensure that the lines are in good condition for dedication to the Township. This was argued against by the developer, but finally agreed to (at least partially) and started in late November. Unfortunately, paving could not be completed due to the lateness in the year. This will be addressed again in the spring.
- The 75 townhouse plan (Tall Trees) along Rt. 113 has progressed. A number of buyers have already entered into purchase agreements prior to completion of the first homes. Ryan Homes is the builder.
- The Sonoco paper mill site joint task force between the Township and Borough of Downingtown has continued their review of concept plans as presented by the developer. The parcels are spread between the Township and the Borough along the Boot Road and Brandywine Avenue corridors (Rt.322). What is proposed will require rezoning to allow a light industrial, commercial, and residential mix. The task force will make recommendations to their respective planning commissions and elected bodies after completing an in-depth study.
- Another land development plan currently working through the process is for the construction of a building for the DiStefano Landscaping Company across from Silvi Concrete in the Trestle Bridge Business Center. This is the last undeveloped lot in the center. This building will provide an expanded area for the firm, but will not include any retail sales.

## "Dog Licensing"

A license for all dogs over 3 months of age is a Pennsylvania state law and required each new year; you may download an application from the Chester County treasurer's office at [dsf.chesco.org/treasurer](http://dsf.chesco.org/treasurer) or pick one up at the Township. Fees are as follows:

### Regular Fees:

Male/Female – \$8.00 • Neutered Male – \$6.00  
Spayed Female – \$6.00

### Persons With Disability/Senior Citizens Fees:

Male/Female – \$6.00 • Neutered Male – \$4.00  
Spayed Female – \$4.00

## Police Contact Numbers

**Emergency: Police, Fire, Ambulance - Dial 911**  
**Police (Non-Emergency) - 610-383-7000** (Chester County Police Radio)

**Police Administration (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 mid-night, M-F) - 610-269-0263**

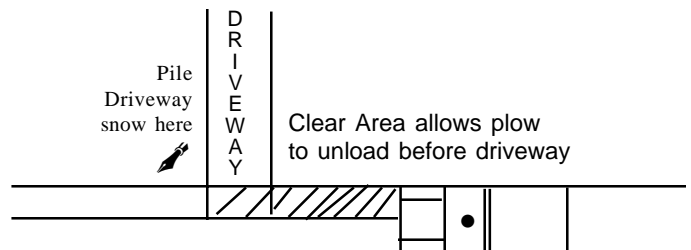
**Reminder: Please note that there are numerous "NO PARKING" areas marked in the Township for everyone's safety. A particular concern is getting emergency vehicles through an area where violators are parked. Enforcement will result in tickets.**

## Manager's Minute

### WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

By the time you receive this, we may have already encountered some winter weather. You can be a big help during and following a snow storm by remembering the following:

1. Cars parked in the street make it difficult to clear the street and slow down the plowing process.
2. Snow thrown or plowed onto the street makes a safety hazard.
3. The snow plow usually makes two passes in each direction. First to open the street, then to widen the plowed area to make room for the next storm and to clear the inlets so the melted snow can run off.
4. Watch where you shovel your snow; do not block yours, or your neighbor's view of oncoming traffic.
5. If you have a fire hydrant on your property, please shovel the snow away from the hydrant. If the hydrant is needed, time will be important!
6. When a plow passes an open area, like a shoveled driveway, the snow on the plow will go into that open area. Do not shovel the end of your driveway until the plowing is completed or clear an area to allow the plow to unload before it reaches the driveway as shown below:



The Township's contractor will make every effort to keep our streets clear and safe. Your help will be appreciated.

### **Stormwater Inlets:**

Over the winter inlets can become clogged with debris. Although our contractor is frequently dispatched to clean them, you can also help by removing any bottles or items that may clog the inlets near your residence. Some of you do already (thanks Dick Franklin!), but remember the salt from winter deicing needs a place to go, so any help you can provide is greatly appreciated (plus it saves your tax dollars).

## ***ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS***

East Caln Township has a web page at [www.eastcalntownship.com](http://www.eastcalntownship.com)

*E-mail may be sent to the following addresses:*

Board of Supervisors:

[supervisors@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:supervisors@eastcalntownship.com)

Township Manager:

[manager@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:manager@eastcalntownship.com)

Administrative Assistant

[admin@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:admin@eastcalntownship.com)

Building & Zoning Officer

[codes@eastcalntownship.com](mailto:codes@eastcalntownship.com)

## Christmas Tree Collection

EAST CALN TOWNSHIP  
WILL COLLECT CHRISTMAS TREES  
ON  
**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY**  
**THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AND 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**OF JANUARY 2007**

Trees must be placed at Curbside by  
7:00 am on Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of January.

The trees will be chipped and used for mulch  
in Bell Tavern Park. This is another Town-  
ship Recycling Project.

**PLEASE NOTE:** all lights and decorations  
**MUST** be removed or your tree will **NOT**  
be collected! Thank You!

**Snow date:** January 11<sup>th</sup>, **ONLY** if it is snow-  
ing on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **Thank You for . . .**

This section offers the Board of Supervisors to extend a  
public thank you to individuals or groups for their efforts in  
the Township. On our list this time is:

- All the volunteers who have contributed their efforts and  
time on all the boards and commissions of the Township.  
Thank you to each of you.
- Melba Forcine for agreeing to become our new full-time  
permits clerk. She has been employed through a temp  
agency for over a year with us and has done a wonderful  
job helping process permits, scheduling inspectors, and  
pitching in where needed. Melba is married and is the  
proud mother of two daughters and a new son-in-law.  
Welcome aboard!

## **Recreational Corner**

Your Recreational Board thanks all who helped and those  
who attended the events during the year. We'll reconvene in  
January and develop another varied and lively series of "hap-  
penings" for the upcoming year.

**We still need one more volunteer for the Recreational  
Board!** If you are interested, please contact the Township  
at (610) 269-1989 or through the website at  
[www.eastcalntownship.com](http://www.eastcalntownship.com). Also, if you have any sugges-  
tions or recommendations for future events please send  
those to us or speak to one of our Board members.

## **"For Your Information"**

**Fire Department and Ambulance Funding.** Some of you  
may not know, but we have an intermunicipal agreement  
with Downingtown Borough to provide fire and ambulance  
service in the Township through the Downingtown Fire De-  
partment (DFD). What this means to you is that the primary  
responders to your emergency needs for fire or ambulance  
will come through the DFD. But did you know that almost  
all the fire and ambulance responders are **volunteers**?! Yes,  
they may be your friends or neighbors responding. The  
DFD is composed of two separate fire companies, the Alert  
and Minquas and each have impressive histories of service  
to the community. The ambulance division is also part of  
Minquas. Each fire company building is owned by the  
individual company. Downingtown Borough owns the ve-  
hicles and some of the equipment. Funding for part of the  
budget comes from each municipality. However, a signifi-  
cant portion of this budget comes from the volunteers do-  
ing their own fundraising. This leads to a yearly letter ap-  
peal for contributions from all the residents served. **Please  
GIVE generously when contacted!** The volunteers help  
to fund many items for themselves. They are well trained  
and motivated to help save your life or your loved one's life  
and/or your property. So please respond with a generous  
donation.

**Real Estate Tax Bills;** we will be initiating a new procedure  
for collecting yearly real estate taxes and any interim bills.  
Due to the increasing number of properties and preparation  
time required, the Board has decided to hire Berkheimer  
Associates to mail and collect all of our real estate bills.  
The yearly bills will still go out the 1st of February as before  
and interim bills as received from the County. We already  
use Berkheimer for collecting our earned income taxes and  
have been very pleased with their service in the past.

**Williams/Transco Pipeline Expansion:** The Township and  
adjoining property owners to the natural gas pipeline have  
received letters of a potential expansion of the pipeline fa-  
cilities in their existing right-of-way. Control of an interstate  
pipeline operator such as Williams falls under the jurisdic-  
tion of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).  
The operator is required to obtain a federal Certificate of  
Public Convenience and Necessity. Based on information  
provided by Williams, they intend to file this document in  
early 2007. Prior to this formal proposal, the Township and  
other interested parties will have the opportunity to review  
the proposal and make comments. The Board of Supervi-  
sors is tracking this closely for its impact on affected resi-  
dents and the Township in general. They wish to ensure  
that all affected residents are properly notified of proposed  
actions and have already attended numerous meetings and  
filed comments with the FERC.

## **Sewer Rate Change:**

Please note that starting in January 2007, our charge  
for sewage will increase to \$37.50 for the first 18,750  
gallons and remain at \$3.00 for each additional 1,000  
gallons. This is actually a return to the rate used in 1989.  
This is due to the increased costs for disposal of sewage  
at the wastewater treatment plant, which we are a mem-  
ber of with four other municipalities.

# WINTER SAFETY REMINDERS

The warm glow of burning candles at the holidays or being used to scent your home is a wonderful tradition. However, there can be dangers posed by burning candles. Over **15,000** fires were started by candles last year (and yes, it has happened in East Caln). Please consider the following safety tips.

## Candle safety

### Safety tips:

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire, like clothing, books and curtains.
- Use candle holders that are sturdy, won't tip over easily, are made from a material that cannot burn, and are large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.
- Keep candle wicks trimmed to one-quarter inch and extinguish taper and pillar candles when they get to within two inches of the holder. Votives and containers should be extinguished before the last half-inch of wax starts to melt.

During power outages, avoid carrying a lit candle. Use flashlights.

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# Calendar

## JANUARY

2	Board of Supervisors .....	1:30 p.m.
4	Recreation Board.....	7:00 p.m.
8	Planning Commission.....	7:00 p.m.
9	Christmas Tree Pick-Up .....	7:00 a.m.
15	Zoning Hearing Board (If required).....	7:30 p.m.
17	Board of Supervisors .....	7:00 p.m.
18	Bulk Trash Pick-up.....	5:30 a.m.

## FEBRUARY

1	Recreation Board.....	7:00 p.m.
5	Planning Commission.....	7:00 p.m.
7	Board of Supervisors .....	1:30 p.m.
15	Bulk Trash Pick-up.....	5:30 a.m.
19	Zoning Hearing Board (If Required).....	7:30 p.m.
21	Board of Supervisors .....	7:00 p.m.

## MARCH

1	Recreation Board.....	7:00 p.m.
5	Planning Commission.....	7:00 p.m.
7	Board of Supervisors.....	1:30 p.m.
15	Bulk Trash Pick-up.....	5:30 a.m.
19	Zoning Hearing Board (If Required).....	7:30 p.m.
21	Board of Supervisors.....	7:00 p.m.

## APRIL

2	Planning Commission.....	7:00 p.m.
4	Board of Supervisors.....	1:30 p.m.
5	Recreation Board.....	7:00 p.m.
16	Zoning Hearing Board (If Required).....	7:30 p.m.
18	Board of Supervisors.....	7:00 p.m.
19	Bulk Trash Pick-up.....	5:30 a.m.

**Regular trash pick-up every Monday and Thursday and recycling pick-up is also on Thursday. Pick-ups scheduled on a holiday WILL STILL BE MADE. All material for pick-up should be at curbside by 5:00 AM**

### ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING 110 BELL TAVERN ROAD

(Bell Tavern Road intersects with East Lancaster Avenue)  
Please contact the Township Office, 269-1989 for any further details.  
Township Office Hours: 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

**East Caln Township  
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