

GREGG TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Gregg Township Meeting Calendar

Board of Supervisors	2 nd Thursday	7:00 PM	Township Building
Planning Commission	1 st Monday	7:00 PM	Township Building
Sewer Authority	4 th Tuesday	7:30 PM	Fire Hall
Zoning Hearing Board	As needed	7:00 PM	Township Building
Penns Valley Regional Planning Commission	4 th Monday	7:00 PM	To be announced

FISCAL REPORT

We recorded a surplus from 2003 despite a winter with many little storms that brought our road crew out often. In 2004, we have budgeted for a small surplus, too. Bottom line: no increase in township millage this year.

PENNS VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

All seven municipalities in Penns Valley chose Harry Roth and SEDA-COG to develop a Regional Comprehensive Plan over the next sixteen months. Several public meetings will be planned, with the first one likely this March. ALL citizens are invited to attend and share their views – otherwise, this plan will not represent a broad view of what the future of our township (and this valley) should be.

A stakeholders group of local business owners, farmers, developers, environmentalists, sportsmen, fishermen and other interested citizens will be formed to provide input to the firms developing our plan and the elected officials who serve on our Commission.

Our goal: work together openly to create a plan reflecting how YOU want our community to grow and develop.

Want to get involved? Contact Jay Sletson at 422.8243 for more info or attend a meeting - we meet the 4th Monday of the month at 7 PM.



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ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TACKLES SEVERAL TOWNSHIP ROADS IN 2004

Gregg Township has recently paved a mile of road, and tar & chipped a mile of road each year. We used our Liquid Fuels allocation - PADOT funds given to townships based on the miles of road they maintain - for paving, and township funds for tar & chip work. This year, after meeting with PADOT reps Matt Kenepp and Randy Albert, we decided to improve more miles of roads in a new program.

Benefits:

- Brings more miles of road up to an improved standard quicker than our previous program
- Saves money on labor and materials - we won't be cold patching as many miles of road anymore
- Uses Liquid Fuel funds for tar & chip projects instead of township tax dollars
- Paving several roads at once should bring a better price per unit mile, saving a little money on the project overall

Which roads?

- Middle Road from Ridge Road to the Potter Township line
- Lower Georges Valley from Penns Creek Road to Harter Road
- Allison Road from Penns Cave Road to Green Grove Road
- Reeder Road from Lower Georges Valley Road to Upper Georges Valley Road
- East Green Grove Road from Brush Mountain Road to the Penn Township line
- Ross Hill Road from Penns Cave Road to State Route 45
- Orndorf Road from Immel Road to the Penn Township line
- Harter Road from Lower Georges Valley Road to Upper Georges Valley Road
- Gingrich Gap Road from State Route 192 approximately 1.25 miles
- Blue Ball Gap Road from State Route 192 approximately 1.0 miles

Financing:

We're borrowing \$425,000 from Jersey Shore State Bank for 7 years at 3.35% interest. By paying the note using a fixed **principal** schedule, we'll save 4% on the total interest expense as compared to a fixed **payment** schedule. We'll use PennDOT Liquid Fuel (LF) money, not township tax dollars, to pay the note. Our payback schedule takes advantage of current low interest rates and reserves some LF funds for emergencies or unplanned projects.

<u>Loan Schedule:</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Year 7</u>
LF Projections:	\$86,000	\$86,500	\$87,000	\$87,500	\$88,000	\$88,500	\$89,000
Loan Payments:	\$74,200	\$71,986	\$69,952	\$67,918	\$65,884	\$63,850	\$61,816

LF funds can be used to offset some township expenses for snow removal and other qualifying road/bridge work. Near the end of the note, we'll have almost \$30,000 to put towards these expenditures, if needed.

OTHER ROAD RELATED PROJECTS FOR 2004:

We plan to begin improvements on Vonada Gap Road and address some flooding problems on South Street.

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

With the hurdles cleared, we will add guide rail on several township bridges. Most of the money for this will come from a grant awarded last year by our County Commissioners, from Centre County Liquid Fuels, totaling \$28,400.

NEW SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER APPOINTED

The Board of Supervisors replaced Charles Herr at their January meeting. It was not an easy decision, considering his many years of service. But after comparing fees for two years we found that our residents could save nearly 50% on **SEO** charges for handling repairs and technician/secretary hourly rates, and save 25% for septic tank replacements and new on-lot systems. After a lengthy discussion, the board appointed Josef Kerschner as our new **SEO**.

TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS APPOINTED

Please welcome Chuck Bierlein to our Sewer Authority and Ruth Jackson to our Planning Commission. We extend our thanks to Bill Schleiden for serving on our Planning Commission. Last but not least, we extend our special thanks to Wes Miller for leading our community through a very challenging time as Chairman of our Sewer Authority.