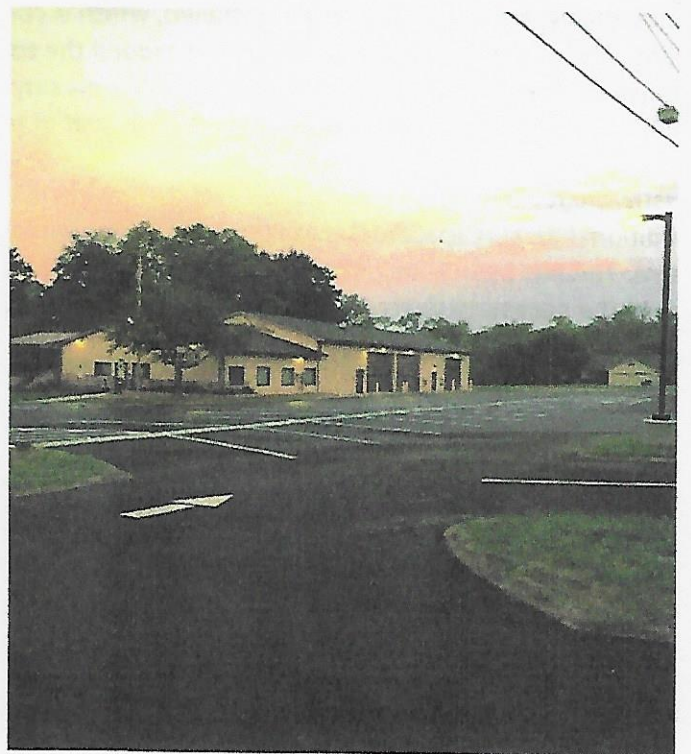


Berwick Township News

Fall 2020

We are facing special challenges in the wake of COVID-19. Over the past several months, Berwick Township has responded to these challenges by limiting public exposure at the township building, maintaining 6 feet social distancing, continuous office sanitizing, and have held our monthly township meetings on a virtual platform. To help maintain precautions designed to minimize the likelihood of the spread of COVID-19, a drop box is located in the vestibule as you come in the front door for tax collector payments during business hours. After hours, you may put your tax payment or sewer payment in the door slot. Tax payers will continue to be encouraged to send payment by mail or use the door slot to reduce face-to-face contact at this time. Tax questions should be directed to Deb Becker, Tax Collector at 717-624-3130.



BUILDING RENOVATION UPDATE

Since late 2018, the Board of Supervisors began discussing an upgrade to the municipal building. Built in 1984, a lot has changed since then. Berwick Township has grown, and more growth is on the way with two developments in the building phases. New equipment has been added to better serve the community and we needed to make sure we could properly protect that equipment. Additionally, we faced some very serious safety concerns. The buildings electrical panel was maxed out, wiring was outdated, the bathrooms were not to current ADA compliance requirements, and the meeting room was tight. It was time to take the leap and upgrade.

After months of discussion and various design changes with our engineers, the project began in mid-November 2019. Originally, we thought we may be able to work in the building as the renovations were done in phases, but we quickly realized that was a bad idea so we moved our employees out into an office trailer to allow the contractors the freedom to work without restriction. Here is a list of the improvements that were made:

To begin the project the building was essentially gutted. A few original interior walls remain, but not many. Electrical service was gutted and upgraded with new service added. New heating/cooling system was installed. This is a split system that allows the temperature to be controlled independently in 2 areas of the building. The meeting room was doubled. We removed the existing back wall and "pushed" the room back into the former heated garage bay. A new bay was added to the building to compensate for the expanded meeting room. A new enclosed office was added for the Zoning Officer. Energy efficient LED lighting was installed throughout the entire building. Motion sensing controls were installed so lights will turn on as people entered the rooms and turn off as they exited. Energy efficient windows were installed and the building was completely re-insulated to reduce heating and cooling costs. A generator was installed that allows us to operate completely off grid. This also allows the building to serve as an emergency operations center on this side of the County. The bathrooms were relocated and built to current ADA requirements. Garage door openers were added to all bays. This was impossible previously due to the service panel being maxed out. A vestibule was added in an effort to address security concerns. No one can access the main building unless buzzed in by the Secretary. Additionally, a service window was installed, which is constructed of bullet proof glass. This area was a concern to get right. We have all heard the horror stories around the country and we didn't want to become another headline story someday. And, of course, new walls were built, new carpet and flooring was laid throughout the building, new drop ceiling was installed, and everything got a fresh coat of paint.

Lastly, we recently wrapped up a total repave and expansion of the parking lot. This included adding much needed additional parking spaces. This also allowed us to address some drainage issues we had on the property during heavy rains. This has been a long overdue project and one that the Board of Supervisors feels came out great. We wanted to make the necessary upgrades, but also to have a building that could serve future boards and the residents of the township for years to come.

Winter Parking/Snow Removal Restrictions

ORDINANCE NO. 80

SECTION I: It shall be unlawful to park, or allow to be parked any motor vehicle or other vehicle, on any public road which is posted "No Parking During Winter Precipitation" after the start of winter precipitation and until the winter precipitation has ended and the ice, snow and/or slush has been completely plowed for the full width of the cart way.

SECTION III: It shall be unlawful for owners, occupants or tenants of property to dump, throw, shovel, pile or push any snow or ice removed from driveways or walkways onto any public road. No snow, ice, slush, or a combination thereof, shall be pushed or deposited into any drainage area, stream, river, culvert or catch basin. No snow, ice, slush, or a combination thereof, shall be deposited, pushed or maintained at or near an intersection, in a manner or at a location which creates a traffic hazard by impairing visibility from or of a public road. No person shall damage any Township property, including but not limited to, traffic signs, culverts, etc. while removing snow, ice, slush, or a combination thereof.

BERWICK TOWNSHIP RECYCLING DROP-OFF

**ALL ITEMS TO BE KEPT SEPERATE
RECYCLABLES MAY NO LONGER BE COMINGLED!!!**



CANS

Aluminum & Steel
Food and Beverage

- Empty
- Rinsed thoroughly
- Labels okay



PLASTIC

Bottles & Jugs
1 & # 2 ONLY!!

- Empty
- Rinsed thoroughly
- Labels & neck rings okay



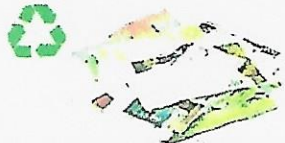
NEWSPAPER

- Clean & Dry
- No Food Contact
- Please remove from plastic bags



CARDBOARD

- Clean, Dry & Flattened
- No Food Contact



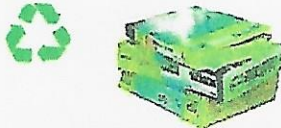
OFFICE PAPER JUNK MAIL

- Clean & Dry



MAGAZINES & CATALOGS

- Clean & Dry
- No hardcover or wire bound



PHONE BOOKS

- Clean & Dry



SHREDDED PAPER

- Clean & Dry

WHEN IN DOUBT → THROW IT OUT

NO Plastic Bags

NO Aluminum Foil

NO Windows

NO Plastic Toys

NO Paper cups

NO Styrofoam

NO Mirrors

NO Light Bulbs

NO Paper plates

NO Pkg peanuts

NO Drinking Glasses

NO Garden Hoses

Drop-off hours are DUSK to DAWN.

BERWICK TOWNSHIP RECYCLING DROP-OFF
(RECYCLING TRAILER IS UNDER
SURVEILLANCE)

ORDINANCE NO. 20-01

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF THE BERWICK TOWNSHIP RECYCLING CENTER AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

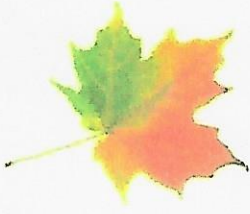
As a service to the community, in partnership with the Adams Rescue Mission, Berwick Township operates a voluntary Recycling Center at the Berwick Township Municipal Building. This Ordinance is enacted in order to regulate the collection, storage, and disposal of recyclables at the Berwick Township Recycling Center so as to prevent the attraction, breeding or harborage of insects or rodents and to prevent conditions which may create potential hazards to the public health or which may create fire and other safety hazards, odors, unsightliness or public nuisance.

The Township will accept only those Recyclables which are designated by the Township as Recyclables. No Person shall dump, discard, or deposit any material at the Recycling Center or elsewhere on Township property which is not specifically designated by the Township as Recyclable materials. No person shall dump, discard or deposit any garbage or municipal waste at the Recycling Center or elsewhere on Township property. Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall beg utility of a summary offense, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 per violation and/or by imprisonment to the extent allowed by law for the punishment of summary offenses.

WE ARE
NO LONGER ACCEPTING GLASS



EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2020



LEAF COLLECTION

LEAF COLLECTION WILL OCCUR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5th AND THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2nd. PLEASE PUT LEAVES AT CURBSIDE AND LOOSE ONLY. NO BAGS!



Planning on Digging?

Call Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. (POCS) three business days before you dig at 800-242-1776 or 8-1-1. PA Act 287 as amended requires excavators as well as private landowners to call POCS three days prior to any type of digging occurring with powered equipment.

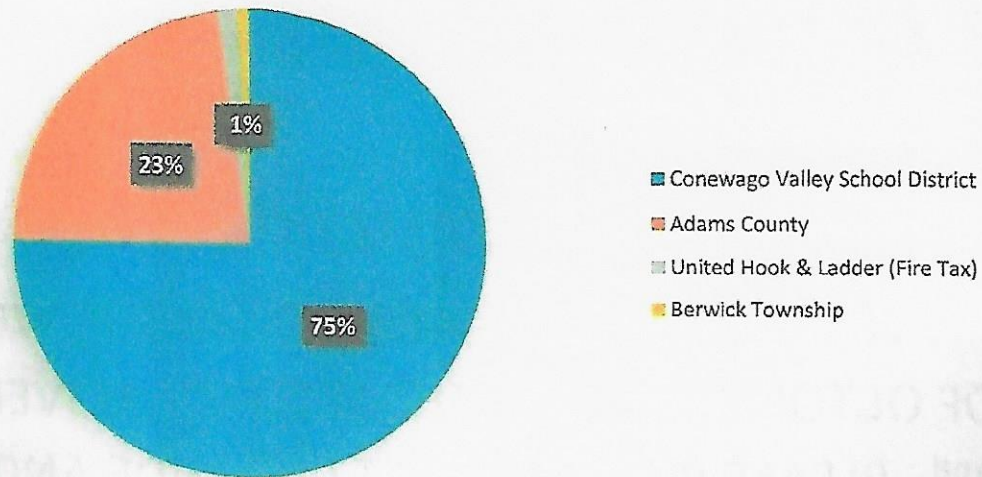
Mark your excavation area in white paint before calling with a dig notification.

By calling you allow the facility owners the opportunity to locate and mark their underground facility in advance of the planned excavation (gas and liquid pipelines will mark underground facilities using yellow stakes, flags or paint.)



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.

2020 Real Estate Millage



<u>Tax Authority</u>	<u>Millage Rate</u>
Conewago Valley School District	13.9209
Adams County	4.1893
United Hook & Ladder (Fire Tax)	0.25
Berwick Township	0.15

REMINDERS:

- State Police are the primary agency in our area. In case of emergency call 911, otherwise please contact them at 717-334-8111.
- Grass clippings should not be blown onto the roadway.
- Owners of rental property are required to supply the names of all renters in the Township at the beginning of each year. (Ordinance No. 12)
- On-lot septic systems are to be pumped every 4 years. (Ordinance No. 28)
- The house number of the dwelling address shall be displayed on the house and mailbox to facilitate prompt identification of your location by emergency personnel. (Ordinance No. 19)
- Our Open Burning (Ordinance No. 43) allows you to burn certain debris as defined in the Ordinance, Monday through Saturday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday burning is prohibited. We always recommend that you contact the Adams County Emergency Control Center at 717-334-8101, informing them of your intentions to "conduct a controlled burn."

As always, we encourage you to visit our website where we post meeting agendas, approved meeting minutes, ordinances and forms at www.berwicktownship.com.

2020 CENSUS

WHAT IS THE DECENNIAL CENSUS?

Every 10 years, the federal government conducts a population count of everyone in the United States. Data from the census provide the basis for distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to communities across the country to support vital programs—impacting housing, education, transportation, employment, health care, and public policy. They also are used to redraw the boundaries of congressional and state legislative districts and accurately determine the number of congressional seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ME?

Responding to the census is not only your civic duty; it also affects the amount of funding your community receives, how your community plans for the future, and your representation in government. Specifically, data from the 2020 Census are used to:

- Ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals, and fire departments.
- Plan new homes and businesses and improve neighborhoods.
- Determine how many seats your state is allocated in the House of Representatives.

WHEN WILL I COMPLETE THE CENSUS?

The next census will take place in 2020. Beginning in mid-March, people will receive a notice in the mail to complete the 2020 Census. Once you receive it, you can respond online. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that haven't responded to the census.

HOW CAN I RESPOND?

In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or mail if you prefer. Responding should take less time than it takes to finish your morning coffee.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE REQUESTED?

The decennial census will collect basic information about the people living in your household. When completing the census, you should count everyone who is living in your household on April 1, 2020.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL NOT BE REQUESTED?

The Census Bureau will **never** ask for:

- Social Security numbers.
- Bank or credit card account numbers.
- Money or donations.
- Anything on behalf of a political party.

WILL MY INFORMATION BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

Strict federal law protects your census responses. It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual. Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. No law enforcement agency (not the DHS, ICE, FBI, or CIA) can access or use your personal information at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives.

The Census Bureau has a robust cybersecurity program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

WHERE CAN I GO TO LEARN MORE?

You can learn more about the 2020 Census by visiting 2020census.gov.

Or go to Adams County's 2020 Census web page: <http://www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning/Pages/Census2020.aspx>

Berwick Township
85 Municipal Road
Hanover, Pa. 17331

BERWICK TOWNSHIP RESIDENT

Elected Supervisors:

Peter L. Socks, Jr., Chairman, Thomas M. Danner, Vice Chairman, Earle J. Black, Jr., V.
Barry Cockley, Scott C. Kennedy

Supervisor's Meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public and are held at the Municipal Building.

Secretary/Treasurer: Jean A. Hawbaker – 717-632-1829, Ext. 1

Code Enforcement/Permits: Andrew T. Myers – 717-632-1829, Ext. 2

Road Department: Bill J. Scott, Road Master – 717-632-1829, Ext. 3

Sean M. Potter

Township Address and Hours:

85 Municipal Road, Hanover, PA 17331 Office - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.