

POTTER TOWNSHIP NEWS



Winter 2015



A note from Christie upon her retirement...

I want to thank the Board of Supervisors and the township residents for letting me serve as your township secretary for the last twelve years. I have learned a lot from working as a public servant. My thirty years of retail management was really helpful with handling the questions that arose during that time. I have enjoyed the time with all of the Supervisors that were in office while I was here. There were only seven of them, but each one made an impact on how I handled the job.

We have seen big changes in our township office. The biggest was the renovation of the Township Municipal Building. Our new office is so nice. We are now able to serve you so much better and professionally. The records are organized and easy to find. When you have a question, it can easily be answered. My favorite project for you was the creation of our quarterly newsletter. I always felt that we, the public, should know what is happening in our township. I hope the newsletter has accomplished this. It has been fun creating the articles and getting the Supervisors involved in it.

I found I really loved serving the public. I was always interested in government. And working at the lowest, most efficient level was great! When citizens had a problem, we were there to solve it. I have to admit, I had no idea how to write minutes, but I followed the secretaries before me and it was not hard at all. There were great ones before me.

I want to thank Ann Simmons for showing me how to do a lot of the daily things that needed done. She was very helpful throughout my time here. We worked well as a team to solve our individual problems.

I hope all of you welcome Linda McCoy, the new township secretary, to the job as you did me. I know she will be a real asset to all of you. She brings lots of experience and knowledge to the job and is eager to continue the forward progress this office has made.

Christie Floyd-Gabel

Township Phone Numbers

Potter Township Office	724-495-6220
Potter Township Fax	724-495-3222
<u>Emergency</u>	
Police—non-emergency	724-774-0271
Fire - non-emergency	724-495-3364
Animal Control	724-775-5801

Schools

Central Valley School District	
Central Valley Office	724-775-5600
Central Valley High School	724-775-4300
Central Valley Middle School	724-775-8200
Todd Lane Elementary	724-775-1050
Center Grange Primary School	724-775-8201
Latch Key Program	724-774-7020

Utilities

Duquesne Light Co.	412-393-7100
Peoples Natural Gas	800-764-0111
Center Township Water Authority	724-774-7960
Municipal Water Auth of Aliquippa	724-375-5525

Township Office Hours 2016

Monday through Thursday
10am—12:30pm.....1pm—4pm
Friday
8am—2pm

Real Estate Tax Office hours

Thursday 8am—10am
During discount periods

Board of Supervisors

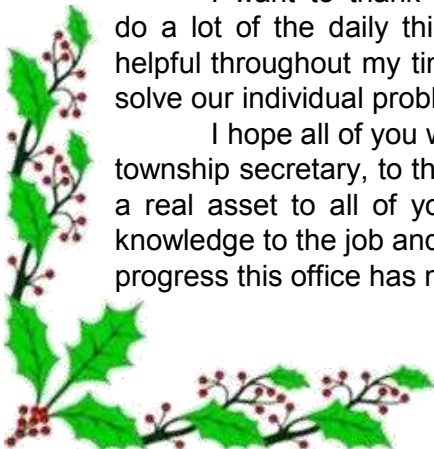
Rebecca Matsco, Chair
Earl Shamp
Al Cwynar

Work Sessions:
1st/3rd/5th Wednesday, 6pm

Regular Meetings:
2nd/4th Wednesday, 6pm

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Thank You

Winter 2015

We are grateful for all who have made a difference in our community this year!

Our Employees – Thank you to **Justin Cwynar, Christie Floyd-Gabel, Linda McCoy and Angelo Manoleras** for giving our residents great customer service!

Planning Commission Volunteers – Thank you **Pete Urtz, Joe Hall, Lenny Miller, Ron Robinson and Casey Harrington** for helping us develop well!

Recreation Board Volunteers – Thanks to **Linda Lerch, Nicole Cwynar, Midge Conway, Patty Karanovich, Vernon Beaver, Barb Nelson and Patty Zon** for keeping us socially connected!

Potter VFD – Thank you to **Chief Vicki Carlton** and her volunteers for keeping Potter safe!

... as well as the countless volunteers who make our Children’s Day Camp and Annual Family Reunion a success and our Emergency Coordinator Jim Bishop, who reassures and keeps us ready for anything.

Merry Christmas from Rebecca, Butch and All!

----- **POTTER TOWNSHIP 2016 BUDGET** -----

Many municipalities in our county have been forced to raise Real Estate Taxes for the 2016 tax year as municipal budgets are affected by decreasing populations and increasing costs. Potter Supervisors completed the Township Budget with **no tax increase in 2016** by holding the line on a number of items that will allow full service to residents while limiting spending.

Potter Township Code



The Township Code—**POTTER TOWNSHIP LOCAL LAWS**— is now available online at eCode360 with MultiView Technology making the municipal code more accessible than ever before on a wide selection of digital platforms including PCs, Macs, laptops & notebooks, as well as mobile devices such as smartphones and tablets.

With an easy-to-use interface available in multiple viewing options, our residents will have access to the Code 24/7 whether at work, at home or in the field.





FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Congratulations to the Dohanich Family of Potter Township, winners of our latest **"Happy Holidays" Raffle!** Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and a special thank you to all of you that sold tickets including Crazy Kurt! We are purchasing training equipment

Thank you to everyone who baked and bought soup and baked goods on Election Day. Neighborhood feedback was very positive and we look forward to doing it again next year!

Did you remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when the clocks changed? It is especially important at this time of year with holiday trees, lights, fireplaces and furnaces. Anyone with fireplaces and wood burning stoves please remember to have your chimneys routinely cleaned and inspected. Be aware of the type of wood you are burning. Soft woods such as pine can cause a creosote build up in your chimneys. **We want to make social visits only!**

The Fire Department members would like to wish everyone a safe **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** **THANK YOU** for your support throughout the year!

TANK FARM OPEN TO VISITORS

Daily— Dawn to Dusk

This year was a time for shaping our future vision for the Tank Farm Recreation Area – and shaping up the property as well. Municipal Intern Kevin Kesow spent much of his summer in Potter Township clearing trails, mapping assets, preparing marketing materials and doing research on potential uses. By fall, we began to see more users on the property: people hiking, walking their dog, or accessing Raccoon Creek. Independence Conservancy, our partner in recreational and greenspace development, held a first-ever "Corn Shock Walk" near the end of September to introduce a broader public to the new trail and surroundings. It has been great to see hunters and anglers on the Tank Farm this fall – residents and visitors are urged to enjoy this gem!

Potter applied to Rivers of Steel National Heritage Association for matching funds to stabilize the two barn structures on the property that will be turned into picnic space and a visitor center. We have received unofficial notice that the funds were approved so we can begin planning to get the steel beams cleaned, coated and reinforced as necessary, in addition to clearing and grubbing around the buildings and cleaning their interiors. We have also applied to the Shell Foundation for a grant to create a new opening onto the property at a safer point from Raccoon Creek Rd. This project will include a parking area as well as a security gate and other safety measures.

TANK FARM
Corn Shock Walk PHOTOS





Potter Township Hall Rental
Need a special place for your event?
Call 724-495-6220 for more
information and availability!

The Township has installed a large flat screen TV in the meeting hall. While it will prove to be very useful at the monthly Supervisors' meetings—it is also available for use with hall rentals! Please ask the Township secretary about using the TV for parties the next time you rent the hall!



POTTER TOWNSHP MUNICIPAL OFFICE
HOLIDAY HOURS & CLOSURES

December 21, 22 & 23 — 10 am —2 pm

December 24 & 25 — CLOSED

January 1 — CLOSED

2016 POTTER TOWNSHP MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOURS

**In 2016, the Potter Township Municipal Office
will be open Monday through Friday with the following hours:**

Monday	10 am—12:30 pm	1 pm—4 pm
Tuesday	10 am—12:30 pm	1 pm—4 pm
Wednesday	10 am—12:30 pm	1 pm—4 pm
Thursday	10 am—12:30 pm	1 pm—4 pm
Friday	8 am—11:30 am	12 pm—2 pm



In response to resident concerns about large trucks misdirected by their GPS onto now-closed Pleasant Drive, Center Twp police worked with Penn DOT to erect new warning signs meant to alert drivers before they get into difficulty.





WINTER STORM PREPAREDNESS

Know the Difference

Winter Storm Outlook - Winter storm conditions are possible in the next 2 to 5 days.

Winter Weather Advisory - Winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous. When caution is used, these situations should not be life threatening.

Winter Storm Watch - Winter storm conditions are possible within the next 36 to 48 hours. People in a watch area should review their winter storm plans and stay informed about weather conditions.

Winter Storm Warning - Life-threatening, severe winter conditions have begun or will begin within 24 hours. People in a warning area should take precautions immediately.

Put Together a Supply Kit

How to Prepare for a Winter Storm

- Winterize your vehicle and keep the gas tank full. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out.
- Maintain furnaces, heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

- Water & Food— at least a 3-day supply
- Flashlight and batteries
- Medications— and first aid kit
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation & personal hygiene items
- Cell phone & charger
- Family emergency contact info
- Extra cash
- Baby supplies—formula/food/diapers
- Pet supplies—food/water/collar & leash
- Sand or rock salt for icy walkways
- Warm coats/gloves/hats/extra blankets
- Alternate heating methods



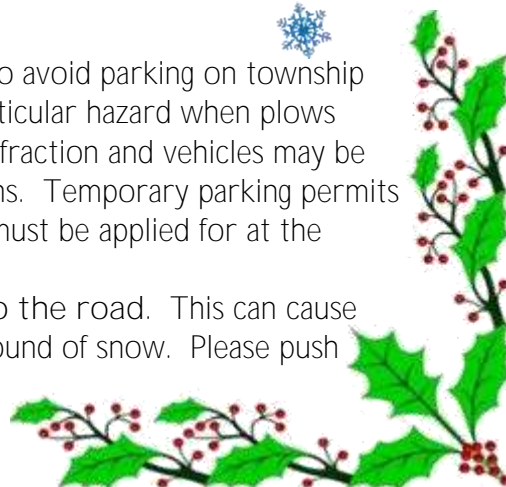
WINTER TOWNSHIP ROAD SAFETY



At this time of year, residents are reminded to avoid parking on township roads, which is prohibited year-round but a particular hazard when plows are at work. Fines may be incurred for each infraction and vehicles may be impounded for frequent or continuing infractions. Temporary parking permits may be obtained for special circumstances but must be applied for at the Municipal Office.

When clearing your driveway, please do not push snow out onto the road. This can cause another driver to have a serious accident when driving through the mound of snow. Please push your snow to the side of your drive.

Thank you for your cooperation!



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Website: pottertwp-pa.gov.org

ORGANIZATION MEETING NOTICE

The Supervisors' Annual Reorganization Meeting will be held on
Monday, January 4, 2016 at 5:00pm at the Municipal Building.

The Auditors' Annual Reorganization Meeting will be held on
Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 6:30pm at the Municipal Building.

All residents are invited to attend the meetings.



The Potter Township Supervisors and Employees
extend to you and your family our
very best wishes for a
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year!

