

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

Peters Township

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APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

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| 1-2-23 | Council Chairman – Kosir |
| 1-2-23 | Council Vice Chairman – Pirosko |
| 1-2-23 | Personnel Appeals Committee – Stiegel, Kosir, Pirosko |
| 1-2-23 | SHACOG – Tabled |
| 1-2-23 | Solicitor – Smith Butz |
| 1-2-23 | Engineers – Gateway, LSS Engineering |
| 1-2-23 | Traffic Engineer – Traffic Planning & Design |
| 1-2-23 | Cable TV Board – Wisniewski |
| 1-2-23 | Construction Appeals Board – Yadlosky |
| 1-2-23 | EQB – Cribbs, Hollot |
| 1-2-23 | Impact Fee Advisory Committee – Schwotzer |
| 1-2-23 | Library Board – Beinhauer, Parker, Verlato |
| 1-2-23 | Parks & Rec Board – Crummie, Perlmutter |
| 1-2-23 | Peters Creek Sanitary Authority - Tucker |
| 1-2-23 | Peters Township Sanitary Authority – Kaminsky |
| 1-2-23 | Planning Commission – Tselepis, Wylie, Kartofilis, Koerbel |
| 1-2-23 | Youth Commission – Kegarise, Kokoszynski, Skidmore, Shepley, Pardini |
| 1-2-23 | Zoning Hearing Board – Belldina, Jones |
| 1-2-23 | Sewage Council – Jeroski, Koons |
| 1-23-23 | Parks & Recreation Board – Cumba |
| 1-23-23 | Library Board – Clarke, Gogos Kartofilis, Shepard |
| 2-13-23 | Cable Television Board – Moody |
| 2-13-23 | SHACOG – Rost, Shanafelt |
| 9-25-23 | Environmental Quality Board – Griffith, Goldbach (Students) |

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

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| 1-2-23 | Anthony Brown |
| 1-23-23 | William Merz |
| 1-23-23 | Melissa Cooke and Scott VonRein – Diamond Communciations |
| 1-23-23 | John Greenwood – First Energy |
| 1-23-23 | Bill Bittner – Verizon Wireless |
| 1-23-23 | Anthony Brown, Diane DeChicchis, Erin Rebish, Anthony Rebish |
| 2-13-23 | Maureen Jones, Anthony Brown, Steve Renz, Ann Shaner |
| 2-27-23 | Joe McLaughlin, Paul Watson, Ann Shaner, Bob Simmons, Bob Donnan |
| 2-27-23 | Claudia Wagner, Mary Matsuura, Christiana Romano, Kim Clackson |
| 2-27-23 | Monica Merrell, Mike Wetzal, Ted Taylor, Lisa McLaughlin |
| 3-13-23 | Paul Watson, Christina Fox Grasso, John McCarthy |
| 3-13-23 | Marty Sloan, K.D. Meucci |
| 3-27-23 | Marty Sloan, Maureen Jones, John McCarthy, Jill Bullister, Donna Watson |
| 3-27-23 | Chris Todd, Ann Shaner, Paul Watson, Jeff Crummie, Dan Coyle |
| 4-10-23 | Ann Shaner |

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| 5-8-23 | John Powell, Ann Shaner, Maureen Jones |
| 5-8-23 | Diane DeChicchis, Anthony Brown, Bill Merz |
| 5-22-23 | Doug Kohne, Bob Marsic, Barbara Virany, Barbara Fischer, Steve Simko |
| 6-12-23 | Ann Shaner, John McCarthy |
| 6-26-23 | John McCarthy |
| 7-10-23 | Ann Shaner, Ann Marie Wyfker, John Wyfker |
| 7-24-23 | Sandy Sabot, Dolores Petricca, Maureen Jones, Joe Delisio |
| 8-14-23 | Peter Glasser, Bob Donnan, Bruce Van Dyke, Anthony Brown, Ty Kegaris |
| 8-28-23 | John McCarthy, Anthony Brown, Mark Hoskins, David Barton, Len Lutes |
| 8-28-23 | Steven Victor, Ed Frizzell |
| 9-11-23 | John Dominick, John McCarthy |
| 9-25-23 | John McCarthy, Chris Todd |
| 11-13-23 | Joe McLaughlin |
| 12-11-23 | Tony Brown, Chris Hallowich, Attorney David Montgomery, Steve Renz |
| 12-11-23 | August Delbert, Howard Horn, Michael Holtcamp, Mike Whitehead |
| 12-11-23 | Adam Kennedy, Matt Grachen |
| 12-18-23 | Steve Renz, Ann Shaner, Vince Ripepi, Ron McGoogan, Evan Dudley |

AWARDS

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| 2-13-23 | Morgan Excavating – Marlboro Drive Storm Sewer Project |
| 2-13-23 | ABS Building Systems – Renovation Public Works Garage |
| 2-13-23 | E.H. Griffith Inc. – Ventrac Mower |
| 2-13-23 | E.H. Griffith Inc. – Toro Workman Utility Vehicle |
| 2-27-23 | Environmental Control – Custodial Services |
| 2-27-23 | Traffic Planning & Design – Design of a Traffic Signal |
| 3-27-23 | Morgan Excavating – Alternate Bid #1 Marlboro Storm Sewer Project |
| 4-10-23 | Independent Enterprises, Inc. – Longvue Drive Improvement Project |
| 4-10-23 | Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. – 2023 PT Road Improvement Project |
| 4-10-23 | Sun Chevrolet – Purchase of two Chevrolet Tahoes |
| 4-10-23 | Advanced Electronic Design, Inc. – Purchase of in car computers for PTPD |
| 4-10-23 | Govred Technology, Inc. - Purchase of Training Simulator for PTPD |
| 4-24-23 | Heidelberg Materials & Northeast Paving – Asphalt |
| 4-24-23 | Parking Lot Painting Company - Thermoplastic Intersection Markings |
| 5-8-23 | Slusarczyk Excavating – Storm Water Detention Pond Rehabilitation |
| 5-8-23 | Pavement Technology, Inc. – Pavement Rejuvenator Program |
| 5-8-23 | Motorola Solutions – Police Portable Radios |
| 5-22-23 | ABS Building Systems – Painting of Gym & Replacement of Padding at CRC |
| 5-22-23 | Steinberger Floors – Flooring Replacement at CRC |
| 5-22-23 | Gateway Engineers – Professional Services Contract/Design Turf Field #1 |
| 6-12-23 | Axon Enterprises – In Car Cameras for PTPD |
| 6-12-23 | Z & M Cycle Sales – Motorcycle for PTPD |
| 6-12-23 | CDW-G – Laser Scanner & Equipment |

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| 7-24-23 | Waste Management – Solid Waste Collection & Disposal 2024-2028 |
| 8-14-23 | Tower Engineering – HVAC design at Community Recreation Center |
| 8-14-23 | Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC – Storm Sewer by CIPP Method |
| 8-28-23 | Galls – Ballistic Shields |
| 8-28-23 | Pittsburgh Public Safety Supply Company – Tactical Vests |
| 9-11-23 | Gateway Engineers – Professional Services Contract/Design RHP Phase 2 |
| 9-25-23 | Musco Sports Lighting – Lighting for Baseball Fields in Peterswood Park |
| 10-9-23 | McMenamin Insurance – Group Insurances |
| 10-9-23 | Laurel Auto Group – Purchase of Police Vehicle |
| 11-13-23 | Glassmere Fuel Service – Gasoline and Diesel Fuel |
| 11-13-23 | Jordan Tax Service – Billing Services for Solid Waste Collection |
| 11-27-23 | Atlantic Tactical – 30 Rifles for Police Department |
| 11-27-23 | COSTARS National Gunite – Storm Sewer Camp Lane |
| 12-18-23 | Cleveland Brothers, Inc. – Caterpillar 926 14A Wheel Loader/Accessories |
| 12-18-23 | Cleveland Brothers, Inc. – Caterpillar 289 Compact Track Loader/Access. |

CORRESPONDENCE

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| 2-27-23 | Letter from C. Hemington & R. Thomas – Parcel Donation |
| 2-27-23 | Letter from C. Schultz – Roundabout Project |
| 4-10-23 | Letter from Range Resources |
| 4-10-23 | Letter from Venetia Heritage Society |
| 4-24-23 | Letter from Range Resources |
| 5-22-23 | Letter from PCSA concerning Froebe Subdivision |
| 8-28-23 | Letter from Len Lutes to extend driveway over Township property |
| 10-9-23 | Letter from EQT |
| 10-23-23 | Letter from Shelia Gombita, Freedom Transit |
| 11-27-23 | Letter from Teresa Matinko, Range Resources |
| 11-27-23 | Letters from Commissioner Maggi and Commissioner Sherman-Druid Dr. |

ORDINANCES

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| 2-13-23 | Amend PT Code of Ordinances – Chapter 17 | No. 887 |
| 2-13-23 | Amend PT Code of Ordinances – Chapter 195 | No. 888 |
| 2-27-23 | Approval of Voting District Maps | No. 889 |
| 3-27-23 | Amending the 2023 Peters Township Budget | No. 890 |
| 4-10-23 | Amending the Code of Ordinances Chapter 410 | No. 891 |
| 4-24-23 | Amend the PT Code of Ordinances Chapter 440 | No. 892 |
| 6-5-23 | Amend the PT Code of Ordinances Chapter 440 | No. 893 |
| 8-14-23 | Vehicles and Traffice - Stop Intersection | No. 894 |
| 11-13-23 | Fees for Collection/Disposal Solid Waste – 2024 | No. 895 |
| 11-27-23 | Amend Code of Ordinances Chapter 241, Impact Fees | No. 896 |
| 11-27-23 | Establish the 2024 Peters Township Pay Plan | No. 897 |
| 12-18-23 | Levying tax on the assessed value real property for 2024 | No. 898 |

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| 12-18-23 | Adopting the 2024 Peters Township Operating Budget | No. 899 |
| 12-18-23 | Adopting the 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan | No. 900 |

OTHER

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| 1-2-23 | Police Department Organization |
| 1-2-23 | Newspaper – Observer Reporter |
| 1-2-23 | Council Meetings Schedule |
| 1-2-23 | Municipal Liens |
| 1-2-23 | Bank Depository |
| 1-23-23 | Council Calendar |
| 1-23-23 | Zoning Hearing Board Report |
| 1-23-23 | Garbage Collection Municipal Liens |
| 1-23-23 | Renewal of Insurances for 2023 |
| 1-23-23 | Peters Township Aquatic Center Bids |
| 1-23-23 | Acceptance of the 2022 Survey of Financial Condition |
| 1-23-23 | Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Report |
| 1-23-23 | Exoneration of R. Jeroski & JTS from obligation to collect 2022 Prop. Tax |
| 2-13-23 | Zoning Hearing Board Report |
| 2-13-23 | Presentation – Storm Water Drainage issues on Maple Lane |
| 2-13-23 | Proposed policy on issuance of permits for cellular towers |
| 2-13-23 | Update on cell tower located on Druid Drive |
| 2-13-23 | Date for Public Hearing to amend 2023 PT Budget |
| 2-13-23 | Authorization for a general voting proxy for Wash. Co. Tax Collection Dist. |
| 2-13-23 | Approval of Peters Township Voting District Map |
| 2-13-23 | Change Order with A. Liberoni for Laurel and Maplewood Drive |
| 2-27-23 | Recreation Center Membership for Families of Township Employees |
| 2-27-23 | Joint Workshop with the PT School Board – Agenda Items |
| 2-27-23 | Change Order #1 – Mele & Mele & Sons – 2022 PT Road Paving |
| 2-27-23 | Change Order #5 – A. Liberoni – Rolling Hills Park Phase 1 |
| 2-27-23 | Set a Date for Public Hearing Amending Code of Ordinances Ch. 440 |
| 3-13-23 | Zoning Hearing Board Report |
| 3-13-23 | Date for Fire Station #3 Ribbon Cutting |
| 3-13-23 | Date for Public Hearing-Ordinance Amending Chapter 440 Zoning |
| 3-13-23 | Change Orders Fire Station #3 – TBI Construction |
| 3-27-23 | Temporary Traffic Control on Bunker Hill Drive |
| 3-27-23 | Entrance Sign – Rolling Hills Drive |
| 3-27-23 | Library – Request for Reconsideration |
| 3-27-23 | Staffing – Fire Station #3 |
| 3-27-23 | Countywide Emergency Services Radio System |
| 3-27-23 | Cellular Towers – Peterswood Park and TAP Self Storage |
| 3-27-23 | Execute Release of Claims – Statewide Opioid Settlement Agreement |
| 3-27-23 | Recommendation to Impose Fine PT Youth Football Association |

4-10-23 Zoning Hearing Board Report
 4-10-23 Intergovernmental Agreement-Municipal Auto Theft/Insurance Fraud
 4-10-23 Agreement with School District for School Resource Officers
 4-10-23 Land Donation – 198 Maple Lane
 4-24-23 Cellular Tower – Peters Township High School Property
 4-24-23 Emergency purchase – Three Phase Service Panel CRC
 4-24-23 Proclamation – National Library Week, April 23-29, 2023
 5-8-23 Township Tour – June 27, 2023
 5-8-23 Volunteer Recognition Reception
 5-8-23 Waterdam/Galley Road Apartments
 5-8-23 Peterswood Park Ballfield Improvement Project
 5-8-23 Druid Drive Update
 5-8-23 City Mission Fund Raising Event – Peterswood Park
 5-8-23 Proposed Amendment to PCSA Article of Incorporation
 5-22-23 Proposed Assisted Living Facility on E. McMurray Road
 5-22-23 Extended Schedule for Municipal Building
 5-22-23 Political Signs
 6-12-23 Solid Waste Services Contract
 6-12-23 Township Tour – June 27, 2023
 6-12-23 Traffic Study – Sugar Camp Road
 6-12-23 Traffic Study – Crosswinds Drive
 6-12-23 Installation of Bat Boxes
 6-12-23 Peters Township Library Oral History Celebration
 6-12-23 Proclamation – PA Park and Recreation Professionals Day, July 21, 2023
 6-12-23 Amendment to Contract with Cargill, Inc. for purchase of Salt
 6-26-23 Township Tour – June 27, 2023
 6-26-23 Homeowner request regarding SW Facility at 302 Sugarwood Drive
 6-26-23 Acceptance of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
 6-26-23 Easement Agreement with WPP for cell tower at Peterswood Park
 6-26-23 Request for Pickleball Fundraiser at Tennis Center for Meals on Wheels
 7-10-23 Change Order #1 – ABS Building Systems for Public Works Garage
 7-24-23 Federal Appeals Court Decision regarding Cell Phone Towers
 7-24-23 Purchase of parcel on Valley Brook Rd. through Washington Tax Claim
 8-14-23 Recognition of Tom McMurray
 8-14-23 Upgrades of Fields 1 & 2 at Peterswood Park
 8-14-23 Zoning Hearing Board Report
 8-14-23 Request for Modifications – Equine Estates
 8-28-23 Druid Drive Cell Tower Update
 8-28-23 Policies related to interactions with Public Utilities
 8-28-23 Phase 2 Rolling Hills Park
 8-28-23 Budget Calendar – Draft
 8-28-23 Subdivision Improvement Agreement – Westbury POL, Phase 2
 8-28-23 Subdivision Improvement Agreement – Tuscan II POL
 9-11-23 Recognition of PT Board Members – September 20, 2023

9-11-23 Zoning Hearing Board Report
 9-25-23 Authorization for Planning Department Consultant – John Trant
 10-9-23 Agreement between PT & International Assoc. of Firefighters Local 4750
 10-9-23 Statement of Minimum Municipal Obligation with Employee Pensions
 10-23-23 Emergency Radio Communication System
 10-23-23 Authorize Township Official execute contract w/ PCS
 10-23-23 Authorize Township Official to execute a Memorandum of Understanding
 10-23-23 Authorize T.O. to execute a Subdivision Improvement Agreement
 11-13-23 Zoning Hearing Board Report
 11-13-23 Peters Township Board Membership
 11-13-23 Roundabout
 11-13-23 Manor Way
 11-13-23 Settle Civil Litigation – Wash. Co. Commissioners, Controller, & PT
 11-13-23 Application to Game Commission – Sharpshooter Program
 11-27-23 Discussion regarding conceptual plan for RHP Phase 2
 11-27-23 Change Order #1 – Steinberger Floors – CRC
 11-27-23 Change Order #7 & #8 – TBI Contracting – Fire Station #3
 12-18-23 Date for Reorganization Meeting – January 2, 2024
 12-18-23 Board Interviews January 8 and January 15
 12-18-23 Date for Public Hearing – Amend Code of Ordinances Ch. 440, Section 400
 12-18-23 Request to modify Traffic Controls – Barnett Street & Westbury Drive
 12-18-23 Action on existing contract for the purchase of a truck

RESOLUTIONS

| | | |
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| 1-2-23 | Police Payroll Deductions | (01-01-23) |
| 1-23-23 | Changing Authorized Signers - Washington Financial | (01-02-23) |
| 1-23-23 | Changing Authorized Signers – CFS Bank | (01-03-23) |
| 1-23-23 | Ironwood Estates | Tabled |
| 2-13-23 | Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement | (02-01-23) |
| 2-13-23 | Amending Fees Associated with Facility Usage | (02-02-23) |
| 2-27-23 | Accepting Public Improvements – Ironwood Estates | (02-03-23) |
| 3-27-23 | Authorization to Dispose of Records | (03-01-23) |
| 3-27-23 | Amending PT Library Board Bylaws | (03-02-23) |
| 3-27-23 | Amending PT Parks & Recreation Bylaws | (03-03-23) |
| 3-27-23 | Amending Youth Sports Assoc. Sign Sponsorship Policy | (03-04-23) |
| 4-10-23 | Acceptance of Public Improvements – Juniper Woods | (04-01-23) |
| 5-8-23 | Youth Sports Association Athletic Fence Signs | (05-01-23) |
| 5-8-23 | Alcohol Permits | (05-02-23) |
| 5-8-23 | Council Member Internship Program | (05-03-23) |
| 5-22-23 | Grant Application-Briarcliff Stream Restoration | (05-04-23) |
| 5-22-23 | Amend CRC Rules and Policies | (05-05-23) |
| 6-12-23 | Amend PT Act 537 Sewage Facility Plan – Makrinos Sub. | (06-01-23) |
| 6-26-23 | Accepting Roads/Storm Sewers Westbury POL Ph. 1 | (06-02-23) |
| 7-10-23 | Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement | (07-01-23) |

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| 8-14-23 | Amend Parks & Rec Policy Manual-Sports Associations | (08-01-23) |
| 8-28-23 | Amend Job Description Parks & Recreation Director | (08-02-23) |
| 9-11-23 | Approve Policies – PT interactions with Public Utilities | (09-01-23) |
| 10-9-23 | Authorizing distribution of municipal pension funds | (10-01-23) |
| 10-23-23 | Authorizing application-Grant, ADA improve Elm Grove | (10-02-23) |
| 10-23-23 | Authorizing application/Improvements Field 1 | (10-03-23) |
| 10-23-23 | Filing of RACP Application/Business Plan – Peterswood | (10-04-23) |
| 11-13-23 | Amend PT Police Policy Manual | (11-01-23) |
| 11-13-23 | Acceptance of Tuscany POL SWM Facility-Parcels A & B | (11-02-23) |
| 11-27-23 | Amend Traffic Improvement Fee Capital Improvement | (11-03-23) |
| 12-11-23 | Woodlands of Peters Township SWM Facility | (12-01-23) |

SPECIAL PERMITS

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| 1-23-23 | Trail Banners & Temporary Signs – St. John XXIII |
| 1-23-23 | Farmers Market May through October – St. David’s |
| 7-10-23 | Always B Smiling |
| 9-25-23 | CFS Bank – Car Cruise, October 3, 2023 |

SPECIAL REPORTS

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|----------|--|
| 1-23-23 | Commissioner Nick Sherman |
| 1-23-23 | Peters Township Police Department Promotion Ceremony |
| 2-13-23 | Road Surfacing Plan Update |
| 2-27-23 | Recognition of PTPD Detective Ed Walker |
| 2-27-23 | Report of Deer Management Program |
| 3-13-23 | Peters Township Parks and Recreation Department |
| 3-13-23 | Discussion concerning Rolling Hills Park Master Plan |
| 3-27-23 | Recognition of the Peters Township HS Dance Team |
| 3-27-23 | Recognition of Ed Zuk |
| 5-8-23 | Chestnut Trees in Rolling Hills Park |
| 5-8-23 | Solid Waste Collection/Disposal Contract |
| 6-26-23 | Community Day |
| 8-14-23 | Recognition of Michele Harmel, Parks & Recreation Director |
| 8-28-23 | Peters Township Library – Read Local/Eat Local Event |
| 9-25-23 | Cameron Mills – Junior Council Person Internship |
| 10-9-23 | Community Recreation Center |
| 10-9-23 | Fire Department Open House |
| 10-9-23 | Halloween Happenings |
| 11-13-23 | Girl Scout Troop 16483 Community Service Project |
| 11-13-23 | Novel November |
| 12-11-23 | PT Police Department Transfer of Command |
| 12-18-23 | Recognition of Peters Township HS Golf Teams |

SUBDIVISIONS

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| 1-23-23 | Ward Consolidation Plan |
| 1-23-23 | Taylor – Glikes Subdivision |
| 2-13-23 | Royal Estates Plan of Lots Preliminary Plan |
| 2-27-23 | Tuscany II Preliminary Subdivision Plan |
| 3-13-23 | Tuscany II Preliminary Subdivision Plan |
| 3-13-23 | Mikec Consolidation Plan |
| 3-13-23 | Station Warehouse Project |
| 3-27-23 | Hamlet of Springdale Lot Consolidation Plan, Lots 609C and 610C |
| 3-27-23 | Hamlet of Springdale Lot Consolidation Plan, Lots 611C and 612C |
| 3-27-23 | Anthony Farms Plan of Lots Phase 3, Revision No. 2 |
| 4-24-23 | Beinhauer Plan of Lots No. 2 |
| 5-8-23 | Camden Village Condominium Plan No. 1 |
| 5-22-23 | Makrinos Subdivision |
| 6-26-23 | Brown Consolidation |
| 7-10-23 | Wynter Circle Consolidation |
| 7-10-23 | Snyder Consolidation |
| 7-10-23 | Pasquinelli – Sweat Subdivision |
| 7-24-23 | Thomas A. Robinson FLP Camp Lane Plan No. 1 |
| 8-14-23 | Equine Estates, LLC |
| 8-28-23 | Kirkpatrick Consolidated Plan |
| 8-28-23 | Revised Westbury Plan of Lots, Phase 1 |
| 8-28-23 | Westbury Plan of Lots, Phase 2 |
| 8-28-23 | Tuscany II Plan of Lots |
| 9-11-23 | Tim Trax Subdivision Plan No. 1 |
| 9-25-23 | Sugar Woods Plan No. 2 |
| 10-9-23 | Perrotti – Ulrey Lot Line Revision/Consolidation Plan No. 1 |
| 11-27-23 | Newcastle Preliminary Plan |
| 11-27-23 | Froebe Farm Preliminary Plan |
| 12-11-23 | Altman Subdivision Plan No. 1 |

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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| 3-27-23 | Agreement/Release Related to work on Marlboro Drive Storm Sewer |
| 12-11-23 | Authorization of PTPD Sharpshooter Deer Management Program |
| 12-11-23 | Froebe Farm Preliminary Plan |

COUNCIL



2023 Council

Frank Kosir, Jr. Chairman
Tom Pirosko, Vice Chairman
Frank Arcuri
Robert Lewis
Matt Rost
Allison Shanafelt
Gary Stiegel, Jr.

- Council met 31 times in 2023, including 4 public hearings, adopted 14 ordinances, and adopted 30 resolutions. A summary of Council's actions be found in the 2023 Index of Minutes (included in this summary) or on our website by clicking on a particular meeting's minutes. All of 2023's meetings are also available to watch on our website
- Council adopted the 2024 Budget & 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan on December 18, 2023. The budget can be viewed online at peterstownship.com.

EXPENDITURES

2023 Investment in the Township

Keeping Peters Township the vibrant community that it is requires consistent attention and investment in all facets that are important to our residents. Many of these initiatives are significant in size and scope, so reflecting on the capital project activity of the prior year provides insight into last year's most critical needs.

Protection of Persons and Property

In 2023, the Township replaced one of six fire engines, a 2006 HME pumper that served as the second-out pumper from fire station #1, with a new Pierce pumper, at a total cost of \$241,845. This pumper is like the unit purchased in 2019 and now serves as a first-out engine.

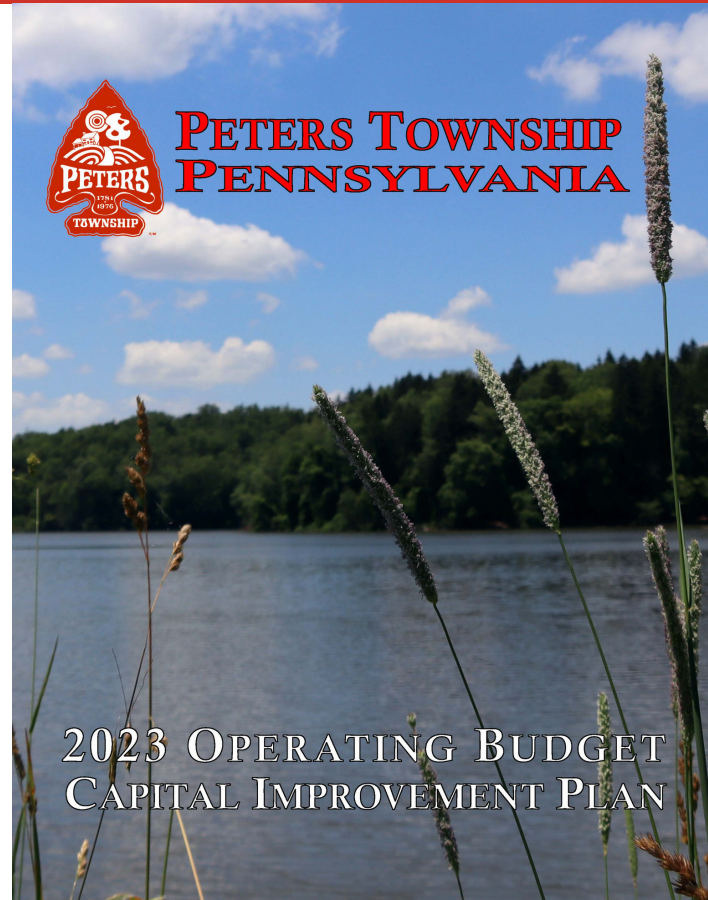
Thanks to the participation of our police force in special task force efforts of the federal government, we receive funding that can be used to provide them with the tools they need to keep themselves and residents safe. In 2023, \$136,340 was invested in ballistic armor shields and bullet proof vest replacements.

Public Works

Included in our capital plan each year is roadway maintenance. With 118 miles of paved roads, annual attention is critical to ensure that routine resurfacing is performed on a regular basis. Proceeds from the State liquid fuels tax and local share distributions from gaming help to fund this project. In 2023, \$2.28 million was incurred for this purpose.

Similarly, ongoing attention is paid to the Township's storm sewers. Each year, methodical maintenance and replacement of a section of this network is undertaken with particular attention to those sections comprised of corrugated metal pipe. Last year, \$746,570 was expended in the storm sewer system with a focus on a section on Marlboro Drive.

To keep the Public Works' fleet of vehicles up to the task of caring for the Township, \$584,031 was incurred to replace four vehicles that have been in service between ten and 13 years and to purchase a Ventrac mower for use in the parks.



In 2023, the Public Works maintenance building was renovated/upgraded, including the HVAC system, the bathrooms, kitchen, and locker room at a total project cost of \$408,731.

Culture and Recreation

The community recreation center was the focus of \$238,747 of renovations and upgrades. Included in this project were: tile and carpet flooring replacement, gym repainting, and gym/track padding replacement. \$95,582 was also spent for park and trail improvements.

General Government

The municipal building also received \$162,553 of upgrades including the resurfacing of the parking lot, a new HVAC system, a phone system upgrade, and the annual upgrade of a portion of the pc workstations.

PLANNING SUMMARY



- There were two major staffing changes in the Planning Department. Mark Holdren was hired as Planning Director in November 2023. Jim Sutter was hired as Assistant Planning Director in March 2023.
- Two Administrative Assistants were also hired, bringing the Planning Department at full strength headed into 2024.
- Professional Code Services (PCS) was selected to review building permits for residential and commercial construction projects. Building permit applicants will generally see minimal changes. Applications for building permits will still be received by Planning Department staff, and the issuance of permits and inspections will also be handled by Planning Staff. PSC just handles the middle permit step: plan reviews.
- Residents may now digitally submit permit and plan applications through a dedicated e-mail address. Paper applications are still accepted, but the department is encouraging and recommending electronic submissions, whenever possible.
- A total of 49 new residential construction permits were issued with \$99,271 in permit fees collected on new residential construction.
- A total of 143 zoning permits were issued, and 53 code enforcement violations were addressed.
- In terms of land development, 3 preliminary and final residential subdivisions were approved, and 74 new residential lots were created.
- A total of 8 variances were approved by the Zoning Hearing Board, with 1 denial taking place.

PUBLIC WORKS SUMMARY



There is never a shortage of projects being completed by our Public Works department and 2023 was no exception. We are fortunate to have Jared Scott at the helm as our new Public Works Director:

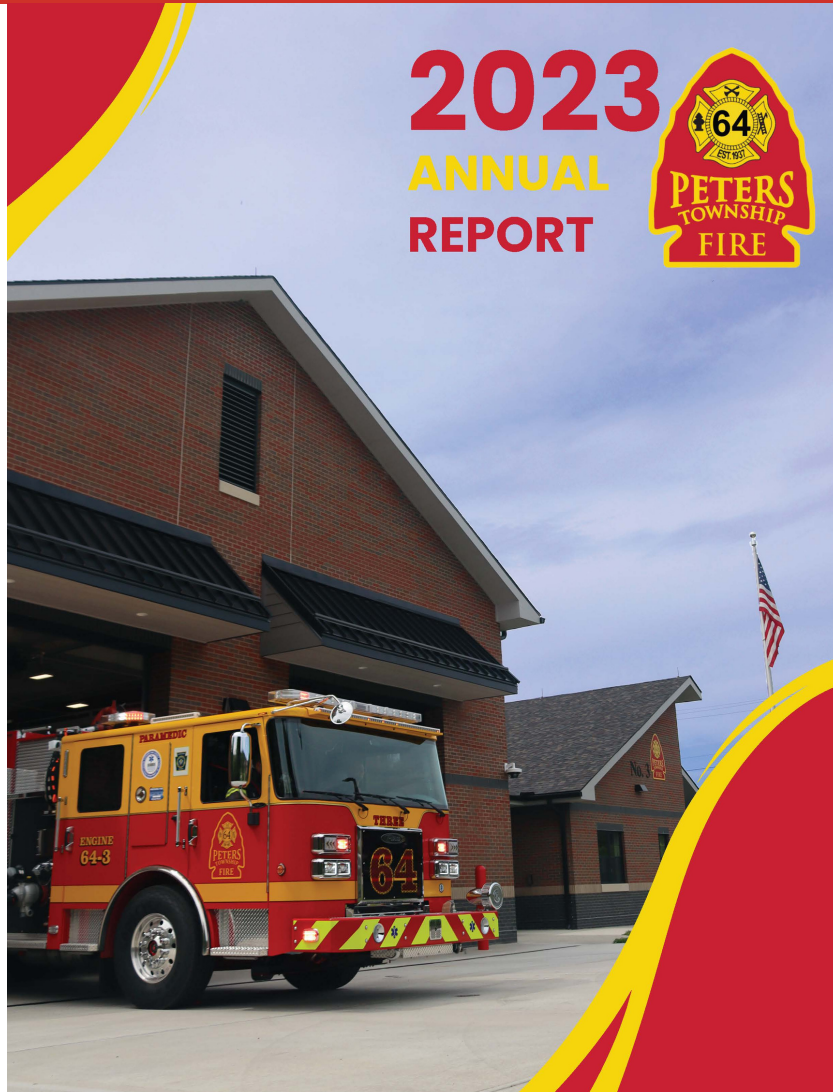
- On the Arrowhead Trail access off Scarborough Lane, we installed a high quality, permeable, flexible paving material called perkE pave. This provides a comfortable, flexible walking surface that is extremely permeable, non-cracking through freeze/thaw, and ideal near and around trees.
- The stormwater pipe in between two homes on Bunker Hill Drive was extended by eighty feet to stop the erosion taking place and to direct the water to flow instead onto township property.
- The Sugarwood Drive stormwater pond was in need of significant maintenance. River rock and silt were removed from the flow channel, the inlet structure was excavated, new ditch matting was installed, and the area around the pond was nicely landscaped.
- Redwood Drive suffers from chronic icing in the winter months as a result of water runoff from a spring. In 2023, a new underdrain was installed along the roadway to correct this issue and the concrete driveway apron affected by this project was subsequently replaced.
- A significant ongoing project in the Public Works department is the Township's storm sewer and pipe replacement initiative. There are funds allocated to this effort every year in the budget, with a focus on the health of our corrugated metal sewer lines. In 2023, a section on Marlboro Drive was completed.

POLICE SUMMARY



- After serving our community faithfully for the past nine years as our Chief of Police, Chief Douglas E. Grimes retired on December 11. Chief Grimes was instrumental in having the department accredited by the PA Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, making us 1 of only 167 agencies in PA currently accredited. During his tenure, the department implemented body worn cameras and added a less lethal option for officers. The department also purchased our first motorcycle and replaced it in 2023 with a Harley-Davidson. Corporal Austin Kline is our new Motor Officer and recently completed the certification course. Many thanks to Chief Grimes for his faithful service to our community.
- We are grateful to have Chief Joseph Glover as our new Chief of Police. Chief Glover was a PA State Trooper for 25 years prior to joining the Peters Township police force. He worked patrol, criminal investigation, was a Patrol Unit Supervisor, Crime Unit Supervisor, Station Commander, and worked at the State Police Academy. He retired at the rank of Lieutenant assigned to the Patrol Section Commander from Troop D, Butler. He joined Peters Township Police as a part-time patrol officer until he was assigned to the PA State Police Auto Theft Task Force and exclusively conducted auto theft-related investigations throughout Western PA.
- Due to our participation on federal task forces, we were fortunate to have received a significant amount of federal asset forfeiture money in 2023 which has afforded us a unique opportunity to assist several of the local law enforcement groups to which we belong. Peters Township Police were able to purchase protective gear for the South Hills Area Council of Governments' (SHACOG) Critical Response Team and a Leica scanner to map crash scenes for the SHACOG crash team.

FIRE SUMMARY



- Construction of Fire Station #3 was completed in late February and on March 6, began being staffed. This station was built in order to provide critical support and reduced response times to that side of the Township. It has also provided support throughout the entire Township. As a result, we are able to provide better coverage and response as a whole.
- In April 2023, the final inspection of the new engine was completed at the Pierce factory in Florida. The apparatus was then sent to PA and fitted with the remainder of the equipment and tools necessary to function. The apparatus was placed in service last June. Once it received its EMS license from the State, it was placed in service as the primary response unit from apparatus at Station 3. It has the tools and capabilities to handle emergencies immediately. The apparatus is also licensed in PA Department of Health as an Advanced Life Support Medical Squad and carries all the same medical equipment, with trained providers, as the ambulance, with the exception of the stretcher.
- Both Station 2 and Station 3 squads were upfitted to carry more appropriate tools for fire suppression, hazard mitigation, and emergency response. These units are used to move firefighters to the scene of emergencies and help with incidents like storm-related calls, including installing a Compressed Air Foam System on Squad 3 for fires where large apparatus cannot go, such as wildland and wooded areas.

ENGINEERING SUMMARY



- The Engineering Department is primarily responsible for the design and management of certain capital projects involving Township facilities & infrastructure, management of engineering consultants, providing support to other departments (such as Planning & Building Inspection, Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Administration), and representing the Township on various regulatory issues. In 2023, two major Township infrastructure upgrade/expansion projects were completed using funding from the American Rescue Plan Act, namely, the reconstruction of Longvue Drive and storm sewer system improvements on Marlboro Drive. In addition to these Township projects, PennDOT completed the long-anticipated roundabout at Valley Brook & Bebout Road and initiated construction of the intersection upgrade at Bebout/East McMurray/Thompsonville. As is typical, 2023 marked another year filled with contractual replacement and maintenance of existing public infrastructure for which Peters Township is responsible and included resurfacing of twenty-two (22) additional roadways, cured-in-place lining of two (2) major storm sewer systems, rehabilitation of five (5) stormwater management ponds, and re-establishment of pavement markings at eight (8) intersections with traffic signals.
- Using funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), we were able to essentially reconstruct Longvue Drive by widening it, installing drainage, installing a cul-de-sac turnaround, and resurfacing the roadway. The total project cost was approximately \$360,000.
- ARPA funds were also used for a significant storm sewer system upgrade project on Marlboro Drive. Large diameter storm sewers were installed to assist in alleviating flooding issues.

COMMUNITY TELEVISION SUMMARY



- It was another extremely productive year at Peters Township Community Television (PTCT) in 2023 as volunteers recorded a variety of programming to be enjoyed by the residents of Peters Township, as well as a worldwide audience online. This year featured Council, Planning Commission, and School Board meetings, as well as studio talk shows featuring topics on library books & activities, arts, news, health, religion, exercise & fitness, politics, music, travel, unusual facts, and much more! In addition, there were plenty of sports events recorded during the year.
- By all measures, PTCT grew significantly compared to 2022, which was also a record setting year. PTCT volunteers produced nearly 14% more programs in 2023 and experienced nearly a 30% increase in online viewership. For the first time in station history, PTCT programs were watched 82,560 times online last year with Peters Township high school sporting events being the most watched of all programming.

LIBRARY SUMMARY



- 2023 was a wildly successful year for the library, thanks to our extraordinary team of staff, board members, volunteers, and Foundation members. We continued to grow and update our programs, resources, and services to meet the needs of the Peters Township community.
- Thanks to our programming team, we increased program attendance by 17% and offered 40 additional programs in the spring with funding from a National Education Association Big Read grant. The Youth Services Department's outreach came back full swing this year, making 25 visits to local preschools, daycares, and classrooms. The Circulation and Tech Services teams continued to do a wonderful job of getting books and materials into the hands of our patrons, and we remained the highest circulating library in Washington County in 2023. More than 800 people watched local history programs produced by the PTPL Archives, and although we're sad to see Margaret Deitzer retire after 25 years of service to the library, we're excited to see what the future holds for the Archives.
- Our partnerships with volunteers, the Library Board, Foundation, and the Township have remained crucial in sustaining the library as an outstanding community asset. We look forward to all that we will be able to accomplish in 2024.

PARKS & RECREATION SUMMARY



- 2023 was a year of change and growth in the Parks & Recreation Department. From a staffing perspective, we welcomed David Brooks as the new Parks & Recreation Director in September. From a project perspective, a significant renovation took place in August at our Community Recreation Center (CRC). New flooring was laid in the restrooms, hallways, vestibules, stairways, and offices, the gymnasium was painted, and the gym/track padding was replaced. The fruits of Park planning in 2023 for Rolling Hills Park Phase 2, including the splash pad, and Peterswood Park ballfields 1 and 2 will become evident as we move into the construction phase of these projects in 2024.
- Rolling Hills Park phase 2 will consist of lit basketball courts, lit pickleball courts, a lit dek hockey rink, restroom facilities, a dog park, and large parking areas. The volleyball courts have been moved and will now be located near the splash pad area of the park.
- The Rolling Hills Aquatic Center Phase 1 will consist of the construction of a splash pad. The splash pad area will be an 8,968 square foot fenced-in area with two splash pads that will provide a separate space for younger toddlers to play for a safer and more enjoyable experience. This area will have two large shelter areas, shade structures, and a support building with restrooms and a party room. Maximum capacity for the wet areas will be 250. This project is in its final design phase and will go out to bid in the near future.
- In the fall of 2022, we were notified that we were awarded a matching grant of \$650,000 for improvements to fields 1 and 2 in Peterswood Park. This project will replace the dugouts, backstops, press box buildings, and lighting fixtures on both fields. A synthetic turf infield will be installed on field 2. In addition, drainage issues will be addressed during the rollout of this project. We are in the process of completing the design stage of the project and plan to go out to bid in the March 2024 timeframe.