



MONROE NEWS

January 2020

REORGANIZATION 2020

The annual reorganization meeting was held on Monday, January 6, 2020.

A.W. Castle, III was renamed Chairman of the Board, and Philip Kehoe was renamed Vice-Chairman for 2020.

2020 Appointments

Michael Mira - Planning Commission - 5 yr term

Kathy Mulvey - Rec Board - 5 yr term

Kevin Miller - Municipal Authority - 5 yr term

Keith Schneider - UCC Appeals - 5 yr term

Heather Dunn - Vacancy Board

Justin Eberly—Emergency Mgt Coordinator

Scott Schminky—Asst. Emergency Mgt Coordinator

Jeremy Zeigler—Fire Marshal

Michael Mixell—Asst. Fire Marshal

Engineers, Solicitors, Zoning/Codes Enforcement, Building Codes Inspectors, Office Staff, and Public Works employees remain the same as 2019

2020 MEETING DATES

Board of Supervisors - 7:00 PM

Jan 6 Feb 13 Mar 12 Apr 9
May 14 Jun 11 Jul 9 Aug 13
Sep 10 Oct 8 Nov 12 Dec 10

Planning Commission - 6:30 PM

Jan 8 Feb 5 Mar 4 Apr 1
May 6 Jun 3 Jul 1 Aug 5
Sep 2 Oct 7 Nov 4 Dec 2

Recreation Board - 7:00 PM

Jan 13 Feb 10 Mar 9 Apr 13
May 11 Jun 8 Aug 10
Sep 14 Oct 12 Nov 9 Dec 14
(5:30PM)

Municipal Authority - 7:00 PM

Jan 15 Feb 19 Mar 18 Apr 15
May 20 Jun 17 Jul 15 Aug 19
Sep 16 Oct 21 Nov 18 Dec 16

Township Office Closings

February 17 - Presidents Day
April 10 - Good Friday

The Township has reflective house number signs available at a cost of \$12.

Call the Township office to order.



****REMINDERS****

- ◆ *Open burning/ fires are prohibited in the Conservation Zone (the mountain area near and including White Rock Acres).*
- ◆ *Cleaning and maintenance of driveway pipes is the responsibility of the homeowner.*
- ◆ *Please refrain from placing or planting items within the road right-of-way area. Items in the right-of-way area can affect sight distances, snow removal and other road work. The public works department reserves the right to trim or remove any items within the right-of-way.*
- ◆ *Pets should NOT be allowed to roam freely in any neighborhood or onto any neighbor's properties; or otherwise be allowed to disturb neighbors.*
- ◆ *Please report any downed roadway signs to the Township office.*
- ◆ *Dirt bikes & ATV's are not permitted on public roadways, including cul-de-sacs, in the township.*
- ◆ *Speed limits are established for the safety of all, please obey the posted speeds and stop signs in all areas of the township.*
- ◆ *The PA State Police provide police coverage to the township. The non-emergency number is 717-249-2121.*



**GRINDER PUMP ALARMS
OR PUMP STATION
EMERGENCIES:
CALL JEFFERY WILBUR PLUMBING
AT 717-487-2809
FOR 24 HOUR SERVICE**

Burning Permit Note: Monroe Township may issue a Permit which gives a Monroe Property Owner the authorization to conduct an open burn on cut trees, stumps and brush. This permit does not allow the burning of such items as demolition waste, insulation, shingles, treated wood, paint, painted or stained objects or furniture, tires, mattresses, box springs, metal, insulating coating on wire, television sets and appliances, automobiles, automotive parts, batteries, PVC products, waste oil and other petroleum products.

The Monroe Fire Marshall should be contacted at 717-226-2628, if you have any questions as to allowable materials under the open burn permit.

Public Safety Reminders

Do not approach or allow another person or pets to approach downed power lines

Report downed power lines to the responsible public utility, police or fire company

Do not try to remove trees, limbs or branches from power lines

Reporting Numbers

Met-Ed - 888-544-4877

PPL - 800-432-5775

Report odors of gas to the responsible public utility, police or fire company for investigation

Reporting Number

UGI - 800-276-2722

Streetlight outages should be reported to the responsible public utility

Reporting Numbers

PPL - 888-220-9991, Option 4

Met-Ed - 888-544-4877

Water main breaks should be reported to the responsible water company

Reporting Numbers

Aqua PA - 877-987-2782

Suez Water - 888-299-8972

WHEN IN DOUBT, 911 CAN HELP

TAX COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Julia G. Weller, Tax Collector

Email: monroetwptax@gmail.com

Requests for Tax Certifications per year/per parcel:

Send written request with
fee of \$20.00 to:

Julia Weller
1220 Boiling Springs Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Please indicate return preference: email,
fax or USPS (include
stamped self-addressed
envelope).

Office Hours:

Mar, Apr, Jul & Aug
Tues & Thurs 9 AM-Noon

All other months
Tues 9AM-Noon

April 28 & 30 4 PM-7 PM
August 27 & 31 4 PM- 7 PM

All other times by appt.

Office located at the Twp. Bldg.

Phone: 717-550-2923

Fax: 717-458-5775

January 1—December 14: Payment accepted via personal check, cash, bank check, money order, or credit card. If paying by credit card, there is a 2.65% processing fee, minimum fee \$3.00. Credit card payments may be made during normal Tax Office hours in person at the Tax Office or over the phone at 717-550-2923.

December 14—December 31: To allow time for end of year accounting, payments made after December 14 must be made via Cashier's Check, Cash or Money Order.

After December 31, 2020, any unpaid tax bills are turned over to Cumberland County Tax Claim.

MEAL OF THE MONTH

DO GOOD WITH BURRITOS



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Community CARES. Just come in to the Chipotle at **40 Noble Blvd. Suite 32** in Carlisle on **Monday, February 3rd** from **4:00pm to 8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Community CARES.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.



MS4 ILLICIT DISCHARGES REPORTING

Illicit Discharges are any direct or indirect non-stormwater discharges to the storm sewer systems or streams.

There are many things that do not belong in our storm drains and streams, such as oil (cooking or motor), grease, grass clippings, leaves, paint, chemicals, and solvents.

If something seems **not** right, report it to the Township at 717-258-6642 / 717-697-4613 or by email to monroetwp@monroetwp.net (subject: Illicit Discharge) for investigation.



MONROE FIRE COMPANY

Upcoming Events

January 26—Cash Bingo
February 23—Cash Bingo
March 22 or 29 (TBD) - Cash Bingo

(all above dates subject to change)

Like us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/MonroeFire/
or check out Monroefire.net for more information

**Helping Your Neighbors When
They Need it Most!**

Scout Me In With Pack 333!

Thinking about joining Cub Scouts? Pack 333 is for you!

Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6:30-8:00 at Monroe Fire Company.

Open to all children in grades K-5.

Our upcoming events include a Pinewood Derby, service projects, a trip to the Dickinson College Planetarium, and summer camp at Camp Tuckahoe!

Were you a member of Pack 333? We are looking to build our history. We think our pack dates back as far as 1963, so if you were ever a member and could share some information about your time with the pack please contact us! mypack333@gmail.com

EXERCISE CLASS OFFERING

WINTER YOGA

Held from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on Tuesday at the
Monroe Township Hall

January 28; February 4, 11 & 25;
March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31; April 7 & 14



Instructor—Alison Martinek of the West Shore YMCA

Yoga is a practice based on a harmonizing system of development of the body, mind and spirit. It blends balance, strength, flexibility and breathing techniques to improve health and performance. Connect with your body, mind and spirit; as well as build stamina, flexibility and concentration.

No yoga experience is needed.

Modifications will be given for the more difficult poses.

Participants should bring their own yoga mat.

\$7.00 per class drop-in rate

WINTER PILATES/BARRE BLENDED CLASSES

Held from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on Thursday at the
Monroe Township Hall

January 30; February 6, 13 & 27;
March 5, 12, 19 & 26; April 2 & 9



Instructor – Janet Kinamore of the West Shore YMCA

Pilates focuses on core stabilization, coordination and flexibility.
Barre combines core conditioning and flexibility improvements.

Participants should bring their own mat,
light weights and bender balls

\$7.00 per class drop-in rate

Need someone to talk to? Need resources?

CONTACT Helpline can help.

Get connected.

Call our 24/7 listening and
information and referral service today!

Dial: 1 (800) 932-4616 or 211.



NEW DIGS MINISTRY, INC.

New Digs Ministry, Inc is a registered 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization committed to helping people who are rebuilding their lives after they have experienced some troubles or loss.

New Digs provide furnishings and household goods so they can live in comfortable, safe homes.

The Ministry is prepared to receive, store, and issue materials that are required to "move in." We collect items that are new or in good condition.

These items are then used to help people on limited incomes, who have been referred to us. Everything is donated to the client at no cost or obligation.

Located at Mission Central
5 Pleasant View Drive
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

717-620-9735

info@newdigsministry.org

www.NewDigsMinistry.org

2020 Census FAQ

What is the census?

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. In early 2020, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of April 1. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future.

What's in it for me?



Your responses inform where over \$675 billion is distributed each year to communities nationwide for clinics, schools, roads, and more.



Census data gives community leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses, and planning for the future.



Responding also fulfills your civic duty because it's mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.



Your responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Is my information safe?

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, not by the CIA, not by the DHS, and not by ICE.

When can I respond to the census?

In early 2020, every household in America will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that have yet to respond.

What will I be asked?

You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home, including children.

What won't be asked?

The census will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.

For more information, visit:

2020CENSUS.GOV

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Every town is an important part of the American story.

Make sure your town's story is told by responding to the 2020 Census—the count of everyone living in the United States. When you do, you'll also help your town get the most out of the American dream.

Responding Is Important for Your Community

Census responses provide data that can attract new businesses and the jobs that come with them. The data also informs where over \$675 billion in federal funding is spent each year in states and communities. That includes money for things like:

- Medicare Part B
- Special education
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Cooperative Extension Service
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
- Water and waste disposal systems for rural communities

Responding Is Safe

Your personal information is kept confidential by law.

Responding Is Easy

To complete the census, answer a handful of questions online, by phone, or by mail. Choose the option that works best for you.

Every Person Counts

Whether it's funding in communities across your state or helping determine the number of seats your state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives—every count makes an equal impact.

For more information, visit:

2020CENSUS.GOV

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TROOPER'S TIME

- With snow and ice prevalent in the harsh Pennsylvania winter, please use caution when driving in these conditions. Please allow extra time to get to work in these conditions, as crews work as quickly as they can to clear the road or snow and clear crashes. While you may be driving the speed limit in a wintery condition, it may still be too fast to be safe and is still a citable offense under the Vehicle Code.
- Wet leaves and gravel on the roadway can also be problematic for traction of your vehicle.
- As a reminder, if you see an emergency vehicle approaching towards you or from behind you, you are required to yield. Pull over as far as is safely possible and allow them ample room to pass. Do not stop at the crest of a hill. While you may be able to see over the hill, the emergency vehicle which is passing, likely cannot. This means that any approaching traffic also can not see the oncoming emergency vehicle, making it much more dangerous for first responders.
- If there is a significant backlog (traffic) on the interstate from a crash or roadwork and your vehicle is going to run out of fuel or overheat, please pull as far from the travel lanes as you can and request help.
- In snow storms, please do not abandon your vehicles on the roads and interstates. Your vehicle will be towed at your expense in order to clear the snow, including the possibility of a citation under the Vehicle Code.
- With the advent of online shopping, please be mindful of package theft and be vigilant for suspicious activity in your neighborhood.
- As tax season approaches, keep in mind that the I.R.S. will not call you demanding payment in the form of gift cards. Please be aware of such scams and do not allow yourself to become a victim.
- Do not leave unattended vehicles running to warm up. This allows a potential car thief easy access to steal your vehicle.
- Remember to update your addresses on your PA identification cards, driver's license, and vehicle registrations.

From Your Emergency Management Coordinator:

Monroe Township is beginning to develop a Functional Needs Registry (FNR). An FNR is a voluntary database which will assist township emergency management officials and emergency responders to obtain important information on the foreseeable needs of residents living in the township for disaster planning purposes.

Some examples of functional needs may include:

- Mobility difficulties
- Intellectual or developmental disabilities
- Vision or hearing impairments
- Special medical equipment (oxygen, medication refrigeration, etc.)
- No transportation for evacuation
- No access to emergency information (television, radio, internet, etc.)

An FNR will ensure emergency management and public safety (fire, police, ambulance, etc.) personnel have access to important information during an emergency or disaster situation.

Additional information regarding the registry will be available in the next issue of the township newsletter.

WHO IS WORKING FOR YOU IN 2020

The **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** is the governing board of the township and is made up of 3 elected officials. The Board of Supervisors meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month (except in January, then 1st Monday after the new year) and is responsible for the supervision of the daily operations of the township, as well as hearing and acting on recommendation from other boards. The current Board of Supervisors includes: A. W Castle, III, Philip Kehoe and Carl Kuhl

The **ZONING HEARING BOARD** are a deciding board made up of volunteers appointed to 3 year terms by the Board of Supervisors. The Zoning Hearing Board meets on an as needed basis to discuss and act on zoning issues outside of the norm. The current Zoning Hearing Board includes: Rich Moore, Greg Sheffer, and Paul Rast. Cass Gibson is the current board alternate, and Philip Murren serves as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor.

The **MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY BOARD** is a recommending board made up of volunteers appointed to 5 year terms by the Board of Supervisors. The Municipal Authority Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Township Building to discuss, plan, and work through current and future sewer issues prior to making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and action. The Authority Board currently includes: Kevin Miller, Sue Sunday, Bill Beck and Andrew Clancy

Randy Jackson and Rick Line serve as Monroe's representatives on the **Dillsburg Area Authority**, which provides sewer services to the residents in the Monroe Acres area.

The **PLANNING COMMISSION** is a recommending board made up of volunteers appointed to 5 year terms by the Board of Supervisors. The Planning Commission meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at the Township Building to discuss and make suggestions on new development and planning issues within the township. The Planning Commission's recommendations are then sent to the Board of Supervisors for action or approval. The Planning Commission members for 2020 include: Dave DeNicholas, Sharon Nelson, Sheldon Brymesser, Mark Swartz and Michael Mira

The **RECREATION BOARD** is a recommending board made up of volunteers appointed to 5 year terms by the Board of Supervisors. The Recreation Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Township Building to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on new and existing recreation areas and programs in the township. Members of the Recreation Board plan and host exercise classes, the Pumpkin Fest and the Township Children's Christmas Party. Members of the Recreation Board also work as volunteers at the Annual Community Day event held in June. This year's Recreation Board includes: Eric Long, Kathy Mulvey, Cathie Fartely, and Donna Ricketts

Karen Lowery & Holly Wood are in the administrative office on a daily basis to assist residents and maintain the daily operations of the Township.

Greg Hertzler, John Stamy, IV, Lee Leinaweaver, Adam Chronister & Damon Nailor are your Department of Public Works maintaining the roads, buildings and parks owned and operated by the Township.

Julie Weller serves as your elected tax collector.

Greg Rogalski and Bill Rudy of Pennoni Associates serve as the Township and Municipal Authority Engineers, respectively. Mr. Rogalski is also employed as the Zoning Officer with Bob Hollabaugh of Pennoni, serving as the Building & Codes Official. Tim Wargo of Hoover Engineering is employed as the Sewage Enforcement officer monitoring and enforcing the on-lot septic programs.

Michael Pykosh & Chris Gleason of Dethlefs-Pykosh Law Group serve as the Township Solicitors.

Jeremy Zeigler is your Fire Marshall & Mike Mixell is the Assistant Fire Marshall. Justin Eberly & Scott Schminky serve as your Emergency Management Coordinator and Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, respectively.

MT. ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Small Church with a Giving Heart"

On the square in Churchtown

Pastor Debbie Brumbaugh

Email: mtzionluth@verizon.net

Website: www.mtzionluth.org Office: (717) 258-3039

WORSHIP SERVICES: Everyone is Welcome!

Sunday Services at 10:15 am - Mt. Zion's weekly worship service with holy communion.

MT. ZION IS CELEBRATING 225TH ANNIVERSARY

May 16—17, 2020! Please celebrate with us on:

May 16th (1 - 4 pm) Open house: contemporary live band; food; artifacts; stained glass window tour & more!

May 17th: Bishop Dunlop leads Bible Study 9 - 10 am and preaches at 10:15 am service (with special music)!

FIRST SATURDAY FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS: from **5 to 6:30 pm**. This is an opportunity for good food, fellowship, and fun - people of all faiths/backgrounds are welcome!

Feb 1 - Pennsylvania Dutch Hog Maw

Mar 7 - Ham, Green Beans and Potatoes

AND REMEMBER.....

OUR COMMUNITY PEACE GARDEN! The Peace Garden is a place where everyone in the community can sit quietly to praise God, meditate, or just take a break. The community is welcome to come and enjoy it!



FUNDRAISING EVENTS TO BENEFIT MONROE SCHOOL FAMILIES

100% of the proceeds goes toward purchasing complete Thanksgiving & Christmas holiday meals for Monroe Elementary School families in need. In 2019, there were 34 families!

All Soup/Easter egg orders must be preordered by calling/ emailing the church office (717-258-3039).

- * Please remember to include your name, phone number and order.
- * A church member will return your call/email to confirm your order.
- * Please pay at the time of order pick up - by cash or check (payable to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church).

Soup Sale Begins January 10th:

Homemade Ham & Bean or Beef Vegetable Soup (\$7.50/quart)

February 8th: Last day to order soup.

February 14th: Pick up orders from 2 to 6 pm.

Easter Egg Sale Begins January 12th:

Homemade Peanut Butter and Coconut Eggs (\$10/dozen; \$1/each)

April 1st: Last day to order eggs.

Remember, Easter is April 12th!

You will receive a day/time to pick up your egg order when a member calls to confirm your order.

NEED A ROOM FOR A MEETING - PARTY - OR DINNER?

Rent our Fellowship Hall (\$50) for meetings, birthday parties, baby showers, etc. Contact the church office to reserve your date and time.

THE FREE STORE! We help families in need with food, personal care items, clothing, etc. on the first Saturday of the month from 5 to 6:30 pm or by appointment (call the church office).

Crossroads Bible Church

John 14:6

1022 York Road, Dillsburg, PA 17019

717-432-4099

www.crossroadsbiblechurch.com

Gregory Sheffer, Pastor 717-448-1920

Join us each Sunday and Wednesday for our Family Services and Ministries!

Sunday Services:

10:30 AM - Morning Worship Service with Sunday School during the Pastor's Sermon for ages 4 to 12

5:30 PM - The First Sunday of Every Month

Join us every month for the viewing of a Family Christian Movie

Bring a Dessert with you and enjoy the evening with us!

*Fellowship Hall - Lower Level - Back door of Crossroads Bible
Please call 717-701-2631 - Debi Sheffer for Movie Information

2nd Sunday of the Month - 12:00 PM to 12:45 PM

Following the 10:30 AM Morning Worship Service - "Heaven"

Come and learn about The Final Heaven!

3rd Sunday Evening of the Month

Family Bible Study at **5:30 PM** (and the 4th Sunday Evening during a 5 Sunday month)

Community Events:

Free Monthly Community Dinners - 5:30 to 6:30 PM

Back Door of the Church - Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 5—Chicken & Waffle

Wednesday, March 8—Salisbury Steak & Mashed Potatoes

Wednesday, April 1—Lasagna, Salad & Garlic Bread

4th Sunday of the Month

A 20 Minute Family Mini Service at **12:00 PM - 12:45 PM**

**Various interesting topics concerning
God's creation and Current Events!

Following at 12:30 PM is the Monthly Covered Dish Dinner
"Everyone is Welcome!"

Wednesdays:

7:00 to 8:15 PM - Prayer Meeting and the Pastors
Bible Study On Bible Doctrines

7:00 to 8:15 PM - Elementary Age - Olympian Club
Teen Club - Word of Life "Lions"

**Dinner is provided from 5:30 to 6:30 PM every Wednesday
Evening for those attending the
Wednesday Prayer Meeting/Bible Studies and
Children/Teen Ministries

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1220 Boiling Springs Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-9794

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Winter Weather Reminders

As winter weather impacts get rolling at full steam, please remember to:

- ◆ Clear mailboxes of snow & ice for uninterrupted mail service
- ◆ Clear sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours of the end of the weather event (Ord. 2014-01)
- ◆ Do not throw snow into any street
- ◆ Be patient and courteous when encountering snow-plows and other snow moving equipment
- ◆ Check on neighbors that may need assistance with snow removal

Contact Us
The Township Office Is Open
Monday-Friday
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Phone: 717-258-6642
717-697-4613

Fax: 717-258-9311

Email us at:
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www.monroetwp.net

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please contact the township office.