

# Haycock Township Report

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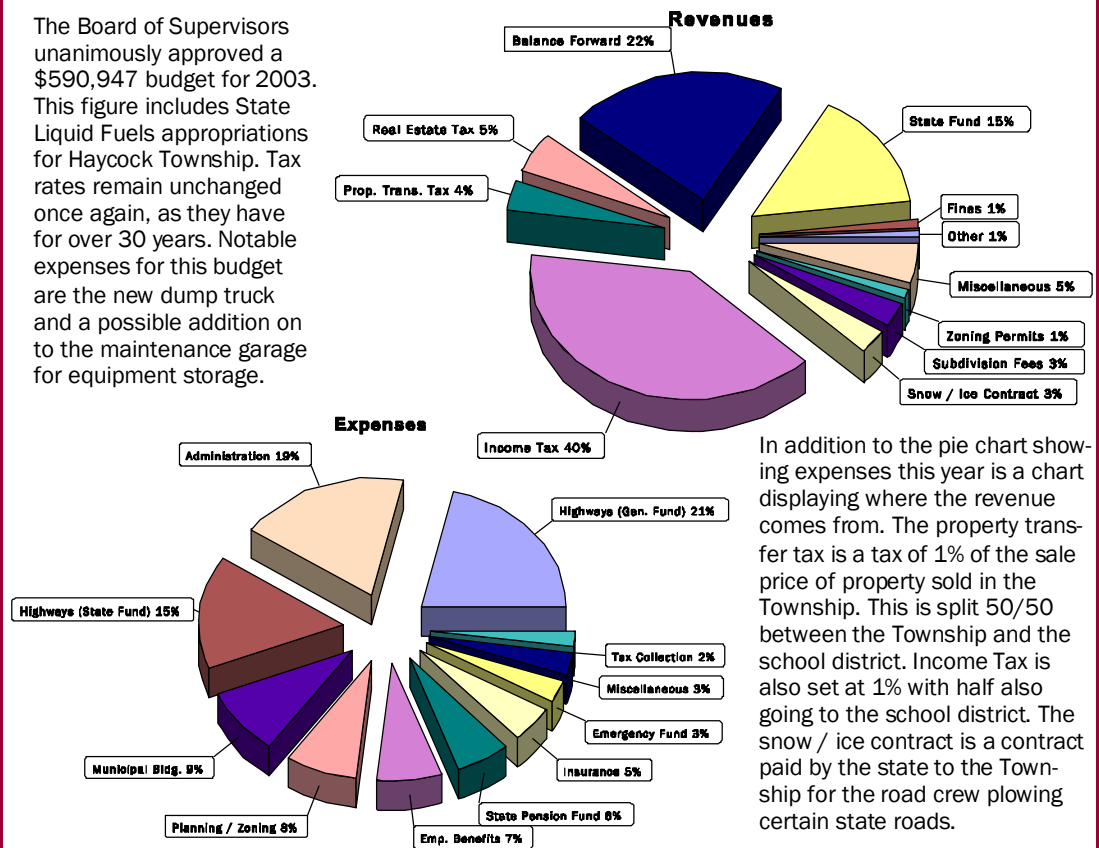
**Special points of interest:**

- Business meeting of the Township Supervisors is held on the 1st Monday at 8:00 PM
- Work session for the Township Supervisors is held on the 4th Monday at 8:00 PM
- Planning Commission meeting is held on the 2nd Monday at 7:30 PM.
- Meetings are held at the Township Municipal Building at 640 Harrisburg School Road.
- Office phone 215-536-3641
- Office open Mon, Wed, & Thurs. from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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## 2003 Budget unveiled

The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a \$590,947 budget for 2003. This figure includes State Liquid Fuels appropriations for Haycock Township. Tax rates remain unchanged once again, as they have for over 30 years. Notable expenses for this budget are the new dump truck and a possible addition on to the maintenance garage for equipment storage.



In addition to the pie chart showing expenses this year is a chart displaying where the revenue comes from. The property transfer tax is a tax of 1% of the sale price of property sold in the Township. This is split 50/50 between the Township and the school district. Income Tax is also set at 1% with half also going to the school district. The snow / ice contract is a contract paid by the state to the Township for the road crew plowing certain state roads.

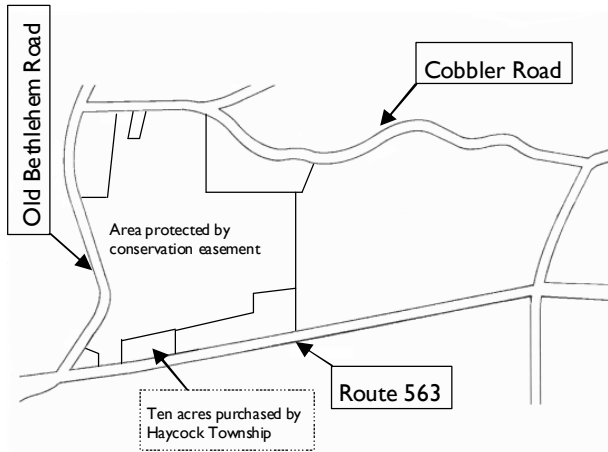
## Second open space purchase made

Haycock Township purchased the development rights to one hundred seven acres from the North Penn Beagle Club in the area of Old Bethlehem Road, Cobbler Road and Route 563. The purchase price of \$271,050 was paid for with \$90,558 of county funds, \$49,992 of Township funds and a no interest loan of \$130,500 payable over twelve

years. This is the second property protected by Haycock Township using the Bucks County Open Space Program. The first was the Kinzler property located at East Sawmill Road and Kinzler Lane, protected last year. The Open Space program was introduced by the county to aid townships in preserving large areas of land from development. The

program has since expired but was a great success and may be offered again in the future. Other programs are available through the county to protect land from future development. Through the generosity of Albert Kinzler and the North Penn Beagle Club, the Township was able to protect 174 acres, considerably more than was originally anticipated.

## Township purchases land for future use



In conjunction with the one hundred seven acre easement on the North Penn Beagle Club property, the township also purchased ten acres outright along Route 563 for future municipal use at a cost of \$75,000. This was purchased with township land acquisition funds in conjunction with the purchase of the conservation easement. Although no plans are currently in place at this time, some ideas for this property are: a marine rescue substation for the fire company, a public picnic pavilion and a

future new municipal office and maintenance building. Even though these ideas may be many years away from reality, everyone involved is very excited to have the property available for the future. This property seems to be an excellent location for the marine rescue substation with the close proximity to Lake Nockamixon, and an equally great location for a municipal office being located close to two major roads in the township, Route 563 and Old Bethlehem Road.

### Did you know...

**That all waste haulers operating in Haycock Township must be licensed annually?**

#### Waste Haulers

All waste haulers operating within Haycock Township must obtain an annual license from Haycock Township. This ensures that the hauler's trucks are of the proper type and that the company carries an appropriate amount of liability insurance to adequately protect our residents and the environment. The only haulers currently licensed are BFI, Waste Management, Meadows and L. Kenneth Hinkle.

#### Litter Pick-up

We would like to thank all the residents who have helped keep Haycock beautiful by cleaning up litter along their properties. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Day was held in April and was a worthwhile event. For anyone interested in the coming year, watch for advertisements in March, 2003. Bags are provided by PennDOT and the collected litter is picked up by the Township Road Crew.

#### Haycock Recycles!

The recycling center located at the municipal building is open 24 hours a day every day. We accept bundled newspaper, aluminum cans and brown, green and clear glass. We **do not** accept steel or tin cans, window glass, ceramics, light bulbs, cardboard or plastics. Also, inquire with your trash hauler to see if they provide curbside collection along with your regular trash pickup. Recycling helps everyone!

## Haycock Senior Citizens



The Haycock Senior Citizens have announced their 2003 schedule:

First Wednesday of January through June at 12:30 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (January and February are weather permitting).

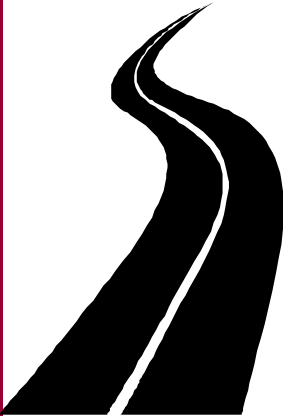
First Wednesday of July through September and November at 12:00 Noon at the pavilion of Lake Towhee Park with September being the annual picnic lunch.

First Wednesday of October is a lunch at the Upper Bucks Tech School (pay as you go)

December is their annual Christmas party, with time and place to be announced.

They are always looking for new members and speakers. For more information call Imogene Croman at 215-536-4425 or Anna Mae Krammes at 215-536-5021

## Road Department Projects



One major road project for this year is the complete resurfacing of Cider Press Lane with an asphalt overlay. This, along with the 2002 replacement of four cross pipes, crack sealing and sealcoating with oil and chip, will make this scenic roadway much more enjoyable for all who travel it. The paving project is expected to cost around \$42,000. More crack sealing and sealcoating will be performed this coming year also. Roads scheduled for

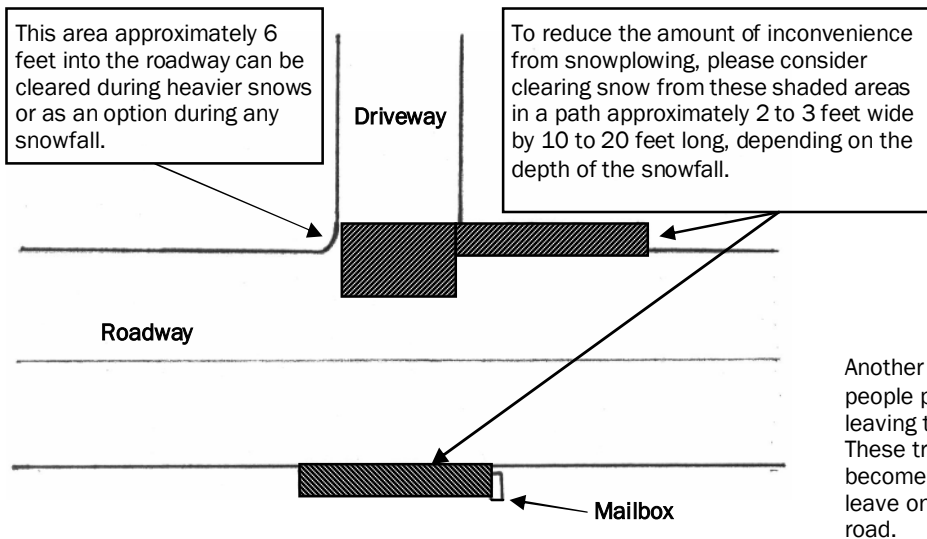
oil and chipping are Mission Road, Roudenbush Road, East Thatcher Road and Cobbler Road. Roads scheduled for crack sealing are Cobbler Road and Dogwood Lane.

Once again we ask for you to call and report any potholes, trees down or missing road signs to the Township office.

As stated in last years newsletter, we sometimes have complaints about the snowplows damaging mailboxes and plowing freshly cleared driveways shut. Unfortunately

there is nothing we can do to prevent this from occurring, but there are some things you can do to help reduce it:

1. Wait until all plowing is completed before shoveling your driveway.
2. When clearing the end of your driveway, clear an area as shown below to give the plow an area to unload before your driveway.
3. Leave the last six feet uncleared until plowing is completed.



Another problem we encounter after a snow is people plowing their driveways across the road, leaving trails of snow on the freshly plowed road. These trails are then compacted by traffic and become ice. Please clean up all snow that you leave on the road if you must plow across the road.

## Township purchases new dump truck

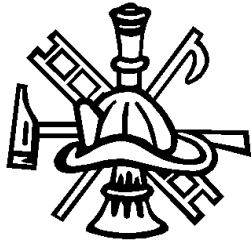
The Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of a 2003 Ford F 550 dump truck which was delivered in January 2003. This truck replaced our 1993 Ford F 350 dump truck. The new truck has a larger payload capacity and is equipped with a snowplow, stainless-steel body and stainless-steel cinder spreader.

Total cost of the truck is \$54,000 and is being paid for in part with state liquid fuels

money, with a small portion coming out of the general fund. The 1993 Ford has been sold to Greene Township, Beaver County, Pennsylvania for \$9000.



Short range plans include the purchase of a new larger truck to allow the current 1987 International dump truck to be retired into backup duty. The 1987 International was recently outfitted with a new plow, new dump body and hoist. This will give us a few years of regular duty service and many years as a backup vehicle.



## Haycock Fire Company Update

The Haycock Fire Company closed out 2002 with a record 175 emergency calls, consisting of 79 medical related calls, 81 fire calls, 4 fire police calls and 11 marine / dive rescue calls.

Sunday Breakfasts have been very successful as was the Bikefest. The Community Picnic, formerly the Annual Pigroast did not do as well as hoped. Next year we may continue the Picnic and focus on the Chicken BBQ as the main course. The firehouse was completely painted inside, and hopefully the floor is going to

be professionally coated once some repairs are made. If funds are available, the company would like to repave the existing parking area, and possibly pave around the sides and part of the rear of the building.

The Fire Company also replaced its 1987 F-350 Special Service and 1972 Utility van with a 2002 F-550 Crew Cab Special Service. This truck allows all of our personnel to ride in a proper seat, instead of riding in the rear box as before. Cost was kept at around \$80,000 by purchas-

ing the cab and chassis directly and having the body built using our own specifications, instead of purchasing the completed truck through a fire apparatus dealer. This truck will be used for EMS, fire and marine rescue and the two trucks it replaced have been sold.

As always, we are looking for active members, but just as important are people to help out with administrative duties, fundraising or help out with maintenance and repairs. Please contact us if you would like to help us.

**Don't forget...**

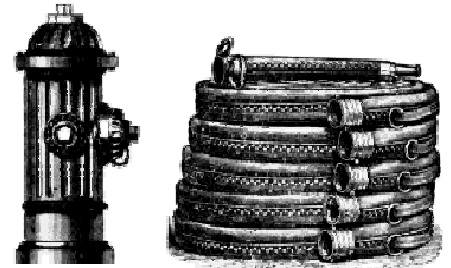
**We are here to help you!**

## Fire Company Officers for 2003

Chief—Harry Grim III  
Deputy Chief—Todd Rummel  
Battalion Chief—Eric Wightman  
Fire Captain—Dominic Facenda  
Fire Lieutenant—Darryl Cressman  
Fire Lieutenant—Randy White  
Chief Engineer—Drew Rosenberger  
Assistant Engineer—Randy White  
Assistant Engineer—Chris Bauer  
Fire Police Captain—Hans Heinrich  
Marine Captain—Ed Kehs, Jr.  
Marine Lieutenant—Rich Humber  
QRS Captain—Gretchen Francis  
QRS Lieutenant—Kevin McCarty

President—Chris Bauer  
Vice President—Drew Rosenberger  
Secretary—Gretchen Francis  
Treasurer—Janet Radcliffe  
Trustee—Ed Kehs, Jr  
Trustee—Chris Hendricks  
Trustee—Adam Magargal

Relief Association President—Harry Grim III  
Relief Association Vice President—Ron Bentley  
Relief Association Secretary—Gretchen Francis  
Relief Association Treasurer—Chris Bauer



## Calendar of Events

February 23—Sunday Breakfast  
March 23—Sunday Breakfast  
April 18, 19, 20—Easter Flower Sale  
April 27—Sunday Breakfast  
May 9, 10, 11—Mother's Day Flower Sale  
May 4—Basket Bingo  
May 25—Sunday Breakfast  
June 29—Sunday Breakfast  
July 27—Sunday Breakfast  
August 9—Community Picnic/Chicken BBQ  
September 21—Bikefest  
October 26—Sunday Breakfast



## Emergency Medical Services

Most of Haycock Township is covered by two stations from Upper Bucks Regional EMS, one on Route 611 in Ferndale, one on Township Road in Springfield Township. A small area in the southwestern section is covered by St. Lukes Emergency and Transport Service based out of Quakertown Hospital. Both companies offer annual subscription services which covers any costs that insurance does not cover. Both also have contracts between them so that they will respond to cover each other in case the primary unit is busy. It does not matter which you subscribe to if you live in an overlapping area and happen to get subscription notices from both companies. Also keep in mind that the Haycock Fire Company responds to all calls for medical assistance to provide immediate medical care until the ambulance arrives.

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**Official Address Number placards available for purchase**

Enclosed within this newsletter is an order form for officially authorized address number placards and mounting systems. All profits benefit the Haycock Fire Company, but most of all you will profit by emergency vehicles being able to find your residence in an emergency. This has been a problem for the emergency services in the Township for many years, and there is an Ordinance requiring a minimum of 3" high numbers. This program is another example of Haycock Township working hand in hand with the Haycock Fire Company to benefit the residents of our Township. Please give this matter some serious consideration as it may save a life!

**Give us your opinion on Cable Television Service**

Enclosed is a questionnaire on how you feel about Service Electric Cable Television's service in our Township, and whether or not you would be interested in some of the other services, such as telephone and two-way high speed internet service if they were to complete the upgrades needed in the Township. Your opinions will be forwarded to the Service Manager at Service Electric and will be followed up on by Township staff periodically. It is very important to us that our residents are getting the quality of service that they deserve from the companies providing service in our Township. Please mail or drop off the form, or visit [www.haycocktwp.com](http://www.haycocktwp.com) and download the form to e-mail to us.

**Test your knowledge of Haycock History (answers below)**

1. Old Bethlehem Road was once known to the local Indians and settlers as \_\_\_\_\_
2. What Indian Tribe inhabited the Haycock Area before European settlers took over the land? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What German potter settled and made pottery in Haycock? \_\_\_\_\_
4. How many one-room schoolhouses were in Haycock until 1940? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which of the original one-room schools is now Cappies Restaurant? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What church has the oldest recorded baptism in the 13 colonies? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Name the Carding Mill that was dismantled to make way for Lake Nockamixon? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the name of the village that stood where Lake Nockamixon is now? \_\_\_\_\_
9. True or False: Scenes from the award winning movie, "Beloved" were filmed on Lake Nockamixon. \_\_\_\_\_
10. The land around Applebachsville was known as \_\_\_\_\_ for 100 years before General Applebach bought it.
11. What is the name of the lost town in Haycock? \_\_\_\_\_

Special thanks to Chris Handschin and the Haycock Historical Society for the above questions.

**New Haycock Historical Society forms**

Submitted by Chris Handschin

We held our second meeting last Thursday and had over 50 people attend! Can you imagine that for an Historical Society? We outlined the direction of the society. We will be comprised of 4 loose subcommittees: (1) **Government**, (2) **Communications** (Newsletter, Oral History, Videography, Photography, etc.), (3) **Historic Research** (Historic Preservation, Building Research,

Archiving, Artifacts, Grants, Gov. Programs), and (4) **Social/Family Committee** (Group Trips, Jr. & Sr. Historic Clubs, Tours, Gallery Showings, Plays, Reenactments, Foundation Events. We put names on our ballot for government officials but will leave the ballot open until our next meeting in case some people who attended decide they would like to run or elect other officers. Our

election will then be on **March 20, at the Haycock Fire House on Old Bethlehem Road, at 7:30 pm. during our next general meeting.** The plan is to have general meetings on the third Thursday of every other month (breaking for July, possibly), with the committees meeting at their mutual convenience on opposite months to organize and present plans at the upcoming general meeting.



Answers to questions: 1. Minsi Trail, 2. Lenni Lenape, 3. Singer, 4. Six, 5. Stover, 6. St. John the Baptist, 7. Stover, 8. Tohickon, 9. True, 10. Stoke's Meadow, 11. Danneltown.

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## Other useful Telephone numbers:

<u>EMERGENCY</u>	<u>DIAL 9-1-1</u>
State Police	215-249-9191
Haycock Fire Co	215-536-2224
School Property Tax	215-529-2026
Real Estate Tax	215-346-6361
Earned Income Tax	215-536-4253
St. Lukes Ambulance	215-538-4540
Upper Bucks Regional EMS	610-847-8801
Pennsylvania Game Commission	610-926-3136
PennDOT	215-345-6060
Service Electric Cable	800-232-9100
P. P. & L. Electric	800-DIAL PPL

### Household Hazardous Waste Program

All are open 9:00am to 3:00 pm  
April 12—GROWWS Landfill,  
Falls Township  
**June 28**—Bucks County Tech School  
Bristol Township  
**July 26**—Middle Bucks Institute of Tech,  
Warwick Township  
August 23—Upper Bucks Vo-Tech  
Bedminster Township  
September 20—Quakertown Area Pool  
Quakertown Borough  
Dates in **Bold** are also accepting old  
computer hardware. Call the Municipal  
Building for more information.

## Important Changes to Services

We regret to announce changes in two services provided by Haycock Township. First, due to changes in our recycling contract, we can no longer accept any **cardboard** in the newspaper recycling bin. This includes all types of cardboard including cereal boxes.

Another service that will be discontinued effective immediately is the sale of **dog licenses** at the Township Building. This is due to Bucks County changing the regulations that govern the sale of dog licenses, making it impossible for the Township to continue to provide this service and still break even. Applications will still be available at the Township Office, which can then be mailed to the County. Licenses can also be purchased at some veterinarian offices and the Nockamixon Township Office.

## Community Alert Network

In the event of an emergency that requires the residents to evacuate or shelter-in-place, the Township and Bucks County have instituted the Community Alert Network, or "CAN" system. This system allows our emergency management coordinator and emergency services officials to notify all of our residents with one phone call. If you have an **unlisted** phone number and have not notified us to have your number added to the system, you **will not** be called. Please contact us at the Township Building or contact Richard Babb at 267-718-3423 to have your number added. This listing is strictly confidential and will never be sold. Also available are a video and brochures containing information on sheltering-in-place and family disaster planning.

## Earned Income Tax rate to change

The Earned Income Tax will increase to one and a half percent on July 1, 2003. This is due to the elimination of the Occupation Tax as decided on the referendum on the November ballot. The Township will continue to receive the same half percent as before, with one percent going to the school district.