

Meetings:

Township Supervisors:

Business Meeting - 1st Mon. 8P.M.

Work Session - 4th Mon. 8 P.M.

Planning Commission:

Meeting - 2nd Mon. 7:30 P.M.

At the Township Municipal Building - 640 Harrisburg School Road.

Haycock Fire Co.

Meeting - 2nd Mon. 7:30 P.M.

At the Haycock Fire House;

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No Tax Increase In 1999 Budget

The Township Board of Supervisors approved a budget of \$492,077. for 1999 at their January business meeting. Board members were pleased to announce there will not be any tax increase in 1999, preserving a record of over 20 years of providing Township Services without raising taxes.

"Our goal is to spend tax dollars wisely on materials and services and save for anticipated future needs," Said Township Secretary / Treasurer Nancy M. Yodis.

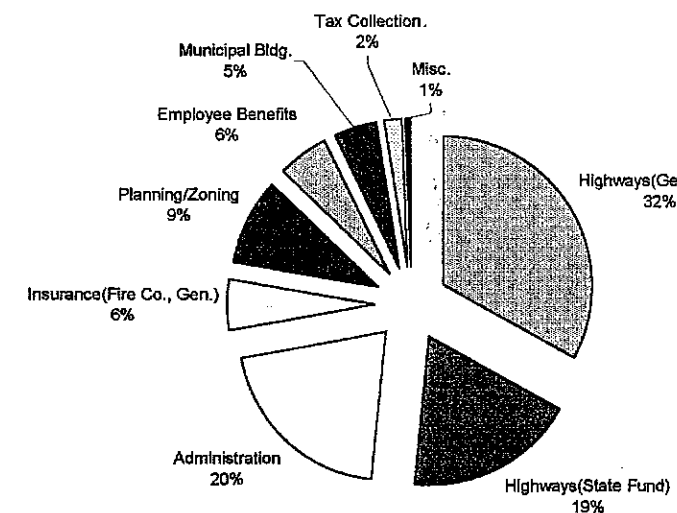
While road maintenance accounts for a major portion of expenditures, some other expenses and projects of note include:

- ◆ \$49,750. For planning and zoning, of which \$10,000 is earmarked for open space planning and \$3,500 toward updating the Land Use and Subdivision Ordinance.
- ◆ \$45,400. Toward future large equipment purchase.

- ◆ \$30,000. For future open Space Land Acquisition.
- ◆ \$30,000. For insurance policies for the Township and Haycock Fire Co.
- ◆ \$28,700. Of Community Development grant money for paving.
- ◆ \$9,800. For small equipment purchases including an emergency generator and switching gear.

Supervisor Kathleen M. Babb summed up the Boards philosophy on spending saying, "By planning for future needs we are able to gradually prepare for major expenditures, thereby avoiding costly borrowing whenever possible. That, coupled with prudent spending of tax dollars, has been our plan for providing services to residents and avoiding a local tax increase."

1999 Budget



Old Haycock Map Reveals The Past

The "Good Old Days"... is a phrase that means different things to each of us. As you go about your daily routine, rushing between home, jobs, school, meetings, childrens activities, appointments, shopping, and all the other things that fill our modern lives, did you ever wonder what life was like a hundred years ago? I recently examined a copy of an old map of Haycock Township that is presumed to date back to somewhere around a hundred years ago. Some of the features of the map are very similar to the map we use today. Most of the main roads in the township are on this map, although I'm sure most of them were much narrower and certainly not paved. Many of the roads at that time were not much more than gravel lanes, (or mud depending on the season). Some of the following features shown on the map may surprise you. For example; prior to the present day Haycock Elementary School and La-Hay Christian School, there were six one-room public schoolhouses and one Parochial school in Haycock Township. They were the Stover School, now Cappies Park Tavern, the Mount Airy School, the Applebachsville School, the New Harrisburg School, and the Dunlaps

School, which are all now private residences, and the Hickory Grove School which was demolished. The Parochial school was the St. Johns School near St. John The Baptist Church, later relocated outside the township.

If you lived in Haycock back then, you didn't have mail delivery from Quakertown or Kintnersville, instead, you picked your mail up at one of the four local combination store/post offices, which were Applebachsville, Thatcher, Tohickon, and Haycock Run.

Travelers could rest at The Mountain Hotel, now Sorrel Horse Restau-

rant, or The Whitehall Hotel, now Whitehall apartments in Applebachsville. I'm fairly sure the building that houses the Ravens Nest Bar and Restaurant was an Inn although it is not indicated as such on this particular map.

Other businesses included; one pottery, two creameries, three grist mills, and four sawmills.

And for all of you who think the present day 830 or so houses in Haycock is too many; there were about 148 homes.

Ah... the good old days.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- ◆ **Emergency Calls**
- ◆ **Police, Fire, Ambulance** _____ **911**
- ◆ **Non Emergency Police (215) 249-9191**
- ◆ **Non Emergency Firehouse (215) 536-2224**
- ◆ **Township Building (215) 536-3641**
- ◆ **Real Estate Tax Office (610) 346-6272**
- ◆ **Local Income Tax (215)536-4253**

School Hosts Frontier Festival

Haycock Elementary School will host a Frontiers Festival at the School, located at Old Bethlehem Road and East Sawmill Road, on Saturday May 15, 1999, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Haycock Elementary's year long theme of "New Frontiers" will be emphasized during the events of the day.

Presenters will have displays and provide information on such topics as; Aviation, Geology, Exploration, Body Systems, Space, and American History.

Other features of the event include the sale of crafts and baked goods. For more information call (215)-538-5110.

Hazardous Waste Drop Off Site

The Bucks County Commissioners and participating municipalities are sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.

You can bring hazardous waste from around your household for proper and safe disposal to the Upper Bucks Vo-Tech School **On August 21, 1999.**

You can bring up to 25 Gallons or 220 LBS. Of Hazardous products including: Pesticides, Toxics, Lead-acid batteries, Flammables, Caustics, Oil-based paint, and Household batteries. Look for more details on posters at the Parkway Drive-In, and the Township office.

For more information, call the Hazardous Waste Hotline, (215) 238-9991.

Township Initiates Open Space Planning

Like most Bucks County municipalities, Haycock Township is developing an Open Space Plan. A draft proposal is expected to be available for public hearings and Board action by the end of 1999.

In 1998, the Board of Supervisors selected the Heritage Conservancy of Doylestown to assemble the Plan under the guidance of the Haycock Planning Commission.

"By going through this process", Supervisor Earl Winters commented recently, "we expect to identify open space preservation projects that the community will want to try to implement." The tools available to preserve specific areas include acquiring land through purchase or as a gift, purchasing development rights, and obtaining conservation easements. Haycock is eligible for \$369,000 through Bucks County's Open Space Program if the Township

matches it with at least 25% of the project's cost. To receive these funds, the Township's Plan and the proposed projects must be approved by the County's Open Space Review Board. "We are obviously limited in what we can accomplish right now if this money becomes available to us", Winters stated. "But we expect the Plan to identify a set of goals and specific projects, both near and long term, that we can continue to work on as Resources become available."

New School Zone Flasher Installed

The Township Supervisors recently gained approval from the State to install an additional flashing school zone sign at Haycock Elementary School. The new sign was installed along East Sawmill Road approaching the vehicle entrance near the intersection of Old Bethlehem Road.

brought the matter before the board immediately, but it was some time before the permit to install the sign was issued by the State.

The sign is similar to the two on Old Bethlehem Road at either end of the school zone. The hours of operation, when the speed limit is reduced to 15 MPH, will be the same as the existing signs.

The Township Supervisors initiated action on the new sign when Supervisor Earl Winters noticed vehicles travelling faster on East Sawmill Road after it was paved last summer. Supervisor Winters

Work was performed by the township road crew except for the work that needed to be done by an electrical contractor.

Haycock Township Report

This newsletter is published by the Haycock Township Board of Supervisors to provide residents with important information about their township and local government. Correspondence concerning the newsletter should be addressed to:

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Community Development Funds Help With Special Projects

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Every three years, Federal tax dollars in the form of Community Development Funds become available to the Township for use in performing eligible projects. These projects must meet certain guidelines set forth by the Bucks County office of Community Development. The types of projects that meet the basic eligibility requirements are: Aiding low or moderate income persons,



preventing or eliminating blight, problems presenting a particular urgency, and planning. In 1999, the Township has gained approval to use the funds for open space planning (\$10,000.00), and paving in the designated low to moderate income area as defined by the County (\$ 28,700.00). In the past the Township has

used Community Development Funds for providing a handicapped restroom and parking area at the municipal building, and paving Roudenbush Road. If the Township fails to use the funds during any three year cycle, the money is returned to a pool and is distributed to other applicants. Haycock Township has always used their allocation.

PLEASE RECYCLE: Here are the rules !

The recycling drop off center at the municipal building continues to be a successful program. Unfortunately, people who drop off unacceptable items continue to be a problem.

The center is open 24 hours and is well lighted.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ You MAY Bring ✓ Newspaper ✓ Magazines ✓ Phone Books ✓ Paperback Books ✓ Aluminum Cans ✓ Clear, Green, Brown Glass 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ DO NOT BRING ✓ Hardcover Books ✓ Tin Cans ✓ Window Glass ✓ Light Bulbs ✓ Trash ✓ Plastic 	
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Did you know ??? Township residents dropped off **99.8 TONS** of recyclable material in 1998 !!!!!

Road Department Plans 1999 Paving Project

East Thatcher Road and a section of Mission Road will be paved in 1999 according to Township Roadmaster, Thomas Roeder.

"The areas to be paved include all of East Thatcher Road between Old Bethlehem Road and Mission Road, and a section of Mission Road between East Thatcher Road and Roudenbush Road", said

Roeder. Prior to paving, which will be done by a contractor, Township Road Department employees will prepare the road by improving drainage and cutting brush and trees that are too close to the cartway. Paving projects are usually done every two to three years allowing money to be saved for each project. The Town-

ship paved Haycock Run Road in 1998 and normally would not do another project so soon. "This project will be paid for with Community Development Funds. Roeder commented, "the availability of Community Development Funds enabled us to pursue a more aggressive paving schedule and insert this project a year or two sooner".



Haycock Volunteer Fire Company Events For 1999

The volunteers at the Haycock Fire Company invite you to attend their fundraising events in 1999. These events are very important because they provide necessary funds to continue operation of the many services offered by the fire company. In addition to fire protection, the volunteers provide a highly trained Medical First Response Unit, a Marine Rescue Unit, and a Underwater Dive Rescue and Recovery Unit. The volunteers give countless hours to training and emergency calls. These fundraising activities also require many additional volunteer hours. Watch the notice board in front of the firehouse for upcoming events, and please support your fire company.

*Your Fire Company
needs your support.
Please make an effort
to attend these fun
and worthwhile
events!!!*

Upcoming Events

- January 31 – Breakfast
- February 28 – Roast Beef Dinner
11 AM- 5 PM (new for '99)
- March 28 – Breakfast
- April 2-4 – Easter Flower sale
(Parkway Drive-In O.Beth. Rd.)
- May 2- Longaberger Basket Bingo
- May 7-9 Mothers Day Flower Sale
(Parkway Drive-In O.Beth. Rd.)
- May 30 – Breakfast
- June 27 – Breakfast
- July 25 – Breakfast
- August 14 – Annual Pig Roast
- September 26 – Breakfast
- October 31 – Breakfast

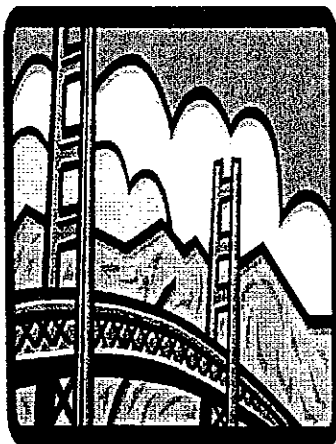
For more information call:
(215) 536-6303



CENSUS WORKERS NEEDED

The United States Census Bureau is looking for people throughout the area to work in their own Communities as enumerators and crew chiefs. Anyone who can work between 20-40 hours weekly is encouraged to apply. The pay range is from \$12.-\$13.50 / hr.

A 30 min. skills test is required. There is a test in Quakertown most Tuesdays. Call: 1-888-325-7733.



PennDOT Bridge Replacement Update

Plans to replace the Old Bethlehem Road bridge crossing Kimples Creek are still on, but the starting date has been moved to the year 2000 while planners address problems with environmental and design concerns. The main factor delaying construction is wetlands. PennDOT is pursuing permits from the

Dept. Of Environmental Protection to build the bridge with a minimum of disturbance to the environment. Township Roadmaster Thomas Roeder said, "We worked hard with PennDOT and local legislators to relocate the bridge downstream. This location provides maximum safety for motorists and will allow traffic to

use the old bridge during construction. Keeping the road open during construction of the new bridge is especially important for emergency crews and school buses."

The new bridge will be two lanes wide with no weight limit and will feature a textured facade to blend with the rural surroundings.

Haycock Planning Commission Membership Expanded

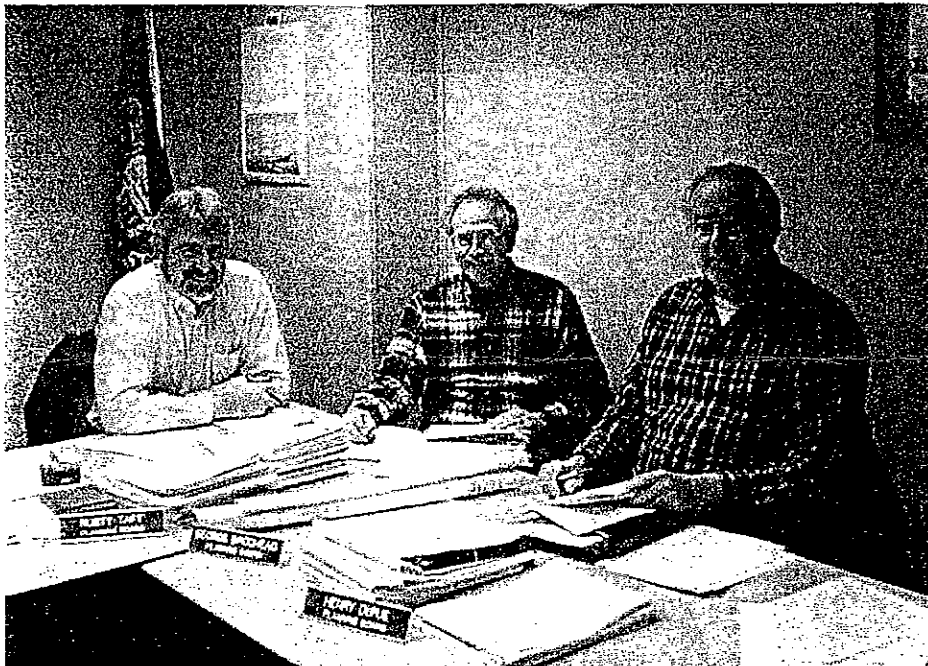
During 1998, Haycock residents Rusty Taft, Henry DePue Jr., and George Brodhead became new members of the Township's Planning Commission. They joined long-time members Steve Ripper, Mary Hanisch, and Eric Sontheimer, together with 1997 appointee Ed Leffingwell, to make up the recently expanded seven member commission.

In June, 1998, the Supervisors increased the membership of the commission from five to seven. Supervisor Kathy Babb, who also serves as Planning Commission Secretary, explained the reasons for the increase. "In the last couple

of years, we've seen an increase in the number of subdivision plans coming to the planning commission for their review and recommendations. In addition, the whole process has gotten a lot more complicated. With more members, they can spread the work load, and there's less chance that important flaws in the plans will be missed." "We were lucky to have a number of very qualified people who were willing to apply to fill the vacancies", said Supervisor Mike Lennard. "The new members are good examples of this, but we had other highly qualified

candidates as well. Filling these spots wasn't an easy choice."

Supervisor Earl Winters is also pleased with the new make-up of the Commission. "We've asked the commission to work with the Heritage Conservancy this year to come up with an Open Space Plan for the township", Winters said, "and we're probably going to ask them to review a new Land Use and Subdivision Ordinance. All this is in addition to reviewing subdivision plans. That's a lot of work. But we have a lot of confidence in our present commission. The experience of our veteran members and the energy of the new people have given us a strong team."



New Planning Commission members

(from left) Rusty Taft, George Brodhead, and Henry DePue Jr.

Zoning:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Do I need a permit for a storage shed even if it is moveable?

A. YES. All structures, including moveable sheds need a permit.

Q. I'm planning to pave my driveway, do I need a permit for that?

A. Yes. To avoid drainage problems on the road, an inexpensive permit is required and the roadmaster will inspect

the site prior to paving.

Q. How many animals can I have on my property?

A. It varies. Depending on the type of animals and the size of your parcel and your zoning district. It is best to check with the Zoning Officer.

Q. Does the Township have a Burning Ordinance?

A. No. However, D.E.P. prohibits burning of trash or material that creates noxious fumes. Report problems to the Zoning Officer.

Q. How do I find out more?

A. Call the Zoning Officer Kathy Stover at 536-3641 M,W,Th, 9 AM-1PM. It is always wise to call her before starting any project.