York Township NEWSLETTER Medina County, Ohio

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FROM THE TOWNSHIP

Welcome to our newly appointed Trustee Todd Zieja, who was appointed effective September 1st to fill the vacant position after the resignation of Colene Conley. Trustee Zieja will serve as Trustee through December 31st, 2023. We thank Colene for her dedication to the township during her service of 20+ years.

In March of 2022, Dorothy Crouch and her husband William retired after over 30 years each of employment with the township. Dorothy wore many hats including Zoning Inspector, Cemetery Sexton, and Town Hall Coordinator, all while keeping the office running. William did light maintenance and cleaning around the office and township buildings. With their retirement we have hired several employees to fill these positions, all of whom are township residents and take great pride in our community. Our Zoning Inspector has taken on the position of Township Administrator as well to assist with the coordination of township employees and additional jobs and tasks around the township.

We invite you to visit www.yorktwp.org to learn more about our township, elected officials, services and more. You will also find a form to sign up for email updates and notifications or you can quickly find this form at www.tinyurl.com/yorktwpsignup. We hope this will assist us in enhancing future communication to our community members.

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ERHART-YORK FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Jason Creamer

The fire department has seen a steady increase in call volume over the last three years: 305 in 2020, 385 in 2021, 469 in 2022, and this year has been off to a busy start as well. We began staffing the station for half the day in 2022, and after the passing of our additional levy in May of 2022 these staffed hours were financially secured. During these staffing times our response drops from a 16-minute average response to under 7 minutes. When we are not staffed in station, we have a designated crew ready to respond. As we continue to build our roster, we look forward to improving coverage.

October is Fire Prevention Month, we encourage everyone to take time this month to check smoke alarms, review having two ways out of your home, and complete a home fire safety check. This can include checking for overloaded outlets, cleaning dryer vents, and having your home heating system or fireplace serviced by a professional. We appreciate your continued support and please stay safe!

Upcoming Events

October

- 05 Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm
- 09 Township Office Closed
- 12 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30pm
- 14 EYFD Swiss Steak Dinner, 4-8pm
- 26 Trustee Meeting, 6:30pm

November

- 02 Zoning Commission Meeting, 7:00pm
- 07 General Election Voting, 6:30a-7:30p
- 09 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, 6:30pm
- 15 Rumpke in-person opt out, 4-7pm
- 22 Trustee Meeting, 6:30pm
- 23 Township Office Closed

View the full calendar of meetings, events, and details on our website!

TOWNSHIP OFFICE

6609 Norwalk Rd. Medina, Ohio 44256

Phone: 330-722-0185 www.yorktwp.org

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm Are you planning to build a new structure, put on an addition, install an above or inground pool, or conduct business from your home? These are just a few things that require a Zoning Permit in York Township. Find the Zoning Resolution, permit and home occupation information and permit application on the website, www.yorktwp.org/zoning.

We are in the process of updating our Township Comprehensive Plan and it is currently with the Zoning Commission for review and updates. As soon as a draft is completed, it will be reviewed by Trustees and then will be available for public viewing and comment prior to the final approval. The current Comprehensive Plan can be viewed on the website.

For any questions on Zoning, the Comprehensive Plan, Violations, or other general questions, please call the township office at 330-722-0185.

ROADS AND PROJECTS

Maintenance

On Branch Rd. and Stone Rd., the culvert repairs and replacements and resurfacing between Columbia Rd. and Erhart Rd. are completed. Stone Rd. between Columbia Rd. and Norwalk Rd. has been chip and sealed. Thank you for your patience during the road work.

We will be completing our third and final roadside mowing this month. Throughout the township we will continue to clear branches that are in the right-of-way and impede traffic.

Wolff Rd. is being evaluated for future resurfacing.

TOWN HALL

Town Hall Coordinator

Several Town Hall projects have been completed over the past year and more are in progress. This Spring we closed the hall for a deep cleaning both inside and outside, the exterior of the building was painted, and some general maintenance was completed by township employees. Most recently the west wall of the basement was waterproofed.

You can find pictures, rental information, and fees on the township website, <u>www.yorktwp.org/townhall</u>.

Township Revenue - where does the money come from? To date for 2023 we have received \$638,000 from property tax, zoning fees, intergovernmental transfers, and investment earnings applied to the General Fund; \$66,880 from Motor Vehicle License Taxes; \$98,500 from Gas Tax; \$274,000 from property taxes allocated to the Road and Bridge Fund; \$85,000 from Park Levy; \$867,000 from Fire Levies; \$55,000 from Ambulance service charges; and \$104,000 of special revenue from grants and the sale of out of service vehicles.

Township Expenses - where does the money go? View Trustee meeting minutes online for a monthly payment listing and check out www.checkbook.ohio.gov for full spending transparency of previous fiscal years.

For a breakdown of where your property taxes go you can visit www.medinacountyauditor.org/property-search.

OTHER TOWNSHIP NEWS

Office Staff

If you haven't already, be sure to visit our website regularly for updates! Our Administrative Assistant has been working hard to keep information such as township meetings, events, road closures, meeting minutes, community information and much more current and easily accessible.

Gold Star Memorial engraved pavers are available for ordering. Orders received August through January will be installed the following Spring and orders received February through July will be installed the following Fall. Order forms can be found on our website or by contacting the office.

CEMETERY

Cemetery Sexton

Over the past year, York Cemetery has been undergoing a surveying project to update the cemetery maps. This project is set to be completed at the end of this year.

General maintenance and mowing of the cemeteries are now being completed by township employees instead of being contracted out. We recently applied for and were awarded a grant which will help with some footer repairs and improvements.

The most up-to-date Cemetery Policy can be found on the website, www.yorktwp.org/cemetery or by scanning the QR code on the sign at the cemetery storage garage. Awareness and understanding of the policy by cemetery visitors are greatly appreciated.

YORK TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historical Society Members

A dedicated page for the Historical Society will be coming soon to the website. Visitors are welcome on Tuesdays from 10am-12pm, 6547 Spellman St., Medina. Regular meetings are open to the public and are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm in the York Township Town Hall, 6609 Norwalk Rd., Medina.

