

### New Zoning Officer Kathy Stover Joins Township Staff

Kathy Stover is the newest addition to the township office staff. A long-time Haycock resident, Kathy is certainly no stranger to many folks around the township. Prior to joining the township staff, Kathy worked as a receptionist at The Upper Bucks Womens Center. Many parents and young people will remember Kathy from her 7 years of service in the office at Haycock Elementary School. Kathy describes her position at the Municipal Office as "interesting", and says she enjoys meeting people from the community. Meeting the challenges of her new job has kept Kathy very busy during her first months as Zoning Officer. It is her

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responsibility to assist residents in many ways. Issuing zoning permits, and the resulting inspections that follow, occupy a large percentage of her time. She also keeps record of vital information related to the Zoning Ordinance such as, permitted business and residential uses in the various Zoning Districts within the township as well as home occupation permits. Other duties of the Zoning Officer include; licensing of trash haulers, permits for peddling and soliciting within the township, and keeping record of Landlord/Tenant information.

When someone applies for a permit, Kathy must see that all conditions are met under the Haycock Zoning Ordinance, County Health Department requirements, and Conservation District rules

prior to issuing the permit. She is of great assistance to residents that have questions regarding what they are permitted to build and how they may use their property. She is also involved with many tasks related to planning and subdivisions of land within the township. Kathy's pleasant personality is invaluable when conflicts arise and residents contact her with complaints that may involve intervention by municipal officials.

Kathy would like residents to know that a permit is required whenever building takes place in the township. She notes, "I am often told that people are unaware they need a permit to build a small structure like a storage shed or to install a swimming pool. People need to know this to avoid the problems they may face if they build even a small structure without a permit. For example, if an above ground pool is installed without a permit and it is too close to an adjoining neighbors property, the owner may have to move the pool or seek a Variance from the Zoning Ordinance. This can become inconvenient and costly, and can be avoided by applying for a permit prior to beginning construction of any type." Kathy's advice is to call her as part of your planning prior to building anything and she will be happy to assist you.

Kathy is now preparing to construct a database to compile and organize all of the information needed in her job. All records and permit information as well as resident addresses will be on a comprehensive computer database for the first time in township history.

Much of Kathy's free time is devoted to her family. Her son Jeffrey was recently married, and her daughter Corie recently graduated from Elizabethtown College. In the future, Kathy is looking forward to traveling with her husband Elmer.

### New Paving Brings New Concerns

Most residents have surely noticed the newly paved roads in Haycock Township. The paving was done as part of an aggressive road improvement program by PENNDOT. At a recent Haycock Township Board of Supervisors meeting, the Board discussed the new roads.

The Board members individually expressed pleasure with the results of the new paving. "These improvements are something we have all supported and have been requesting for some time," said Chairman Kathleen Babb.

There was also a discussion regarding public safety issues the new roads may present. Earl Winters said that he witnessed young people skateboarding on the new, smoother roads, and expressed his hope that parents would warn against this unsafe practice.

All of the Board members ask that residents be aware that the new roads are likely to produce faster traffic. They urge you to use caution when driving, walking, or biking.

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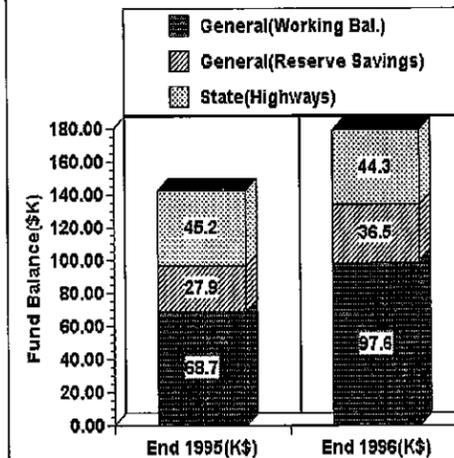
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### Fiscal Planning Pays Off

When the Supervisors and Twp. Sec./Treas. Nancy Yodis sat down to design the 1997 budget, they were confident it could be done without any increase in tax rates. That confidence was bolstered by the recognition that 1996 had been a good financial year for Haycock. In spite of record snowfalls and higher than normal weather-related road maintenance requirements, 1996 was ending with an increase in the working balance of the townships general fund.



**YEAR-END BALANCES IN THE GENERAL AND STATE FUNDS FOR 1995 AND 1996.**

Like other townships of our size in Pennsylvania, Haycock's financial activity is centered in two principle accounts - The General Fund and The State Fund. The State Fund, which must be administered separately, is based on receipts passed along by PENNDOT from liquid fuels tax

funds. Spending from this fund must be for road maintenance and PENNDOT - approved highway construction projects. All other financial obligations of the township must be met with revenue available in the general fund. This includes additional highway related expenses not covered by the State Fund. Starting each new year with adequate balances in each of these funds is important to meet first quarter expenses and avoid costly short term borrowing.

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### Lennard Joins Supervisors

The newest member of the Township Board of Supervisors is Michael Lennard. His appointment filled the vacancy left by long time Supervisor Nat Ostroff who resigned in 1996.



**TWP. SUPERVISOR MICHAEL LENNARD**

Community service comes naturally to Lennard who has served in various capacities in the Haycock Fire Company. He served previously

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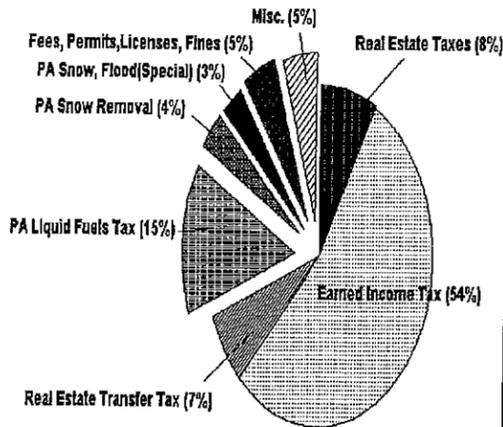
Michael A. Lennard  
Supervisor

**Budget**

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Most of Haycock's expendable revenue is derived from local taxes. In 1996, local taxes accounted for 69% of total expendable receipts. Of this, the largest source is the Earned Income Tax. This tax, collected at a rate of 1% of earned income, is shared equally by Haycock Township and Quakertown Area School District. The other local tax sources are the Real Estate Tax and the Real Estate Transfer Tax. Since the last county-wide reassessment in the mid-70s, the Real Estate Tax rate has remained the same (5 mils). The Real Estate Transfer Tax rate is set at 1% of sale price, again shared equally with the school district. In 1996, this source accounted for \$24,500. In revenue.

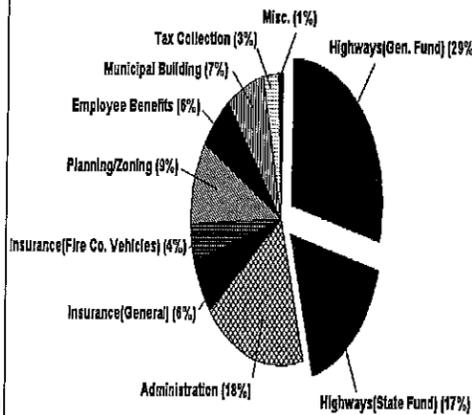
While Real Estate Tax revenue is predictable from year to year, the income generated by the Real Estate Transfer and Earned Income Taxes are less so. The former is strongly dependent upon the level of property ownership exchange within the township for any given year, and both are sensitive to economic conditions. In 1993, for example, the total revenue generated by these two sources was \$172,000. In 1996 it was \$218,500.



The major sources of expendable revenue received during 1996. Of the total, 54% was derived from the Earned Income Tax. The special 1996 emergency snow removal and flood damage reimbursement was a one-time receipt. The other categories are year-to-year revenue sources.

15% , or about \$50,000, of the years receipts was Haycock's share of the Pa. Liquid Fuels Tax administered through our State Fund. Haycock also received, under terms of its ongoing contract with PENNDOT, \$12,500 for snow removal on several sections of state roads in the township. Miscellaneous receipts included interest earned on accounts, cable TV franchise fees, and recycling receipts.

About 46% of Haycocks total expenditures in 1996 were highway related. Included in Administration expenses were the cost of legal services (\$11,300) and the purchase of new computer equipment (\$4,500). This category also includes advertising costs, office supplies, and costs associated with the office's communications systems.



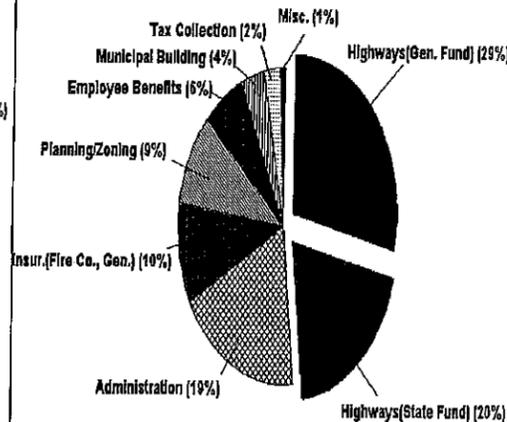
Expenditures in 1996 totaled \$310,000. Highway related expenditures, including snow removal, accounted for 46% of the total

Each year, insurance costs are a major township expenditure, this year amounting to 10% of the budget or \$32,106. Of this, \$13,000 was spent for insurance coverage of Haycock Fire Co. Vehicles. A \$3000 donation was also made to the Fire Co. (Misc. in the chart).

Included in the costs associated with the Township Building was the final \$7,880 payment to retire the loan obtained to construct the office wing in 1991. The township is now entirely debt-free with no present or planned loan obligations.

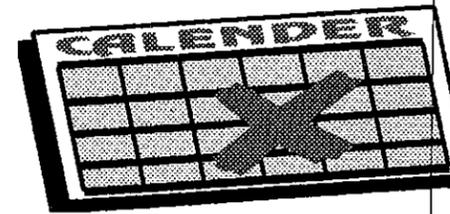
To address the township's needs in 1997, a budget similar in spending pattern to 1996's

results was devised. Although there is a lack of outstanding debt at present, the Supervisors were concerned about the possibility of having to make emergency major equipment purchases not anticipated at budget preparation time. Handling the demands of several very harsh winters no doubt took a toll on some of our road equipment. In addition, the township continues to accumulate and to be increasingly dependant upon such things as computers, copiers, fax machines, and other costly communications equipment. To help ensure our ability to replace essential equipment on an emergency basis, a \$12,000 Emergency Fund was included in the Administration portion of the 1997 General Fund budget. In addition, \$15,000 was budgeted for equipment purchase/repair under the Highways portion of the General Fund. \$15,000 in the State Fund was earmarked for Equipment Purchase as well. Hopefully, this spending will not be immediately required, and the funds can be retained and added to in subsequent years. If unanticipated equipment purchases are required, the presence of these funds will enable them to be made with a minimum or absence of debt.



The 1997 budget plans for possible expenditures of \$369,600. The total includes \$42,000 for major equipment replacement, if required.

The General and State Funds are continuously-active accounts by which the township addresses its general business and highway-related needs. In addition, the township maintains or continues to build several other funds which are either



**MARK THIS DATE**

**Board of Supervisors Meetings**

Board of Supervisors Meetings are held at The Haycock Township Municipal Building, 640 Harrisburg School Road.

**BUSINESS MEETINGS:** Are held on the first Monday of each month at 8:00 P.M.

**WORK SESSIONS:** Are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 8:00 P.M.

All Board of Supervisors meetings are open to the public.

**Planning Commission Meetings**

Planning Commission Meetings are held at the Haycock Township Municipal Building, 640 Harrisburg School Road.

**BUSINESS MEETINGS:** Are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

All Planning Commission meetings are open to the public.

**Haycock Fire Co. #1 Meetings**

Fire Co. Meetings are held at the Haycock Fire House, 850 Old Bethlehem Road.

**BUSINESS MEETINGS:** Are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

Fire Co. Business Meetings are open to the public.

**Fire Company Fund Raisers**

The Haycock Fire Company members are all volunteers that give their time and hard work to provide valuable community services. The Fire Company depends on your donations.

You may have already received an **annual fund drive letter** from the Fire Company requesting a donation. When you receive your letter, please consider making a donation. Every donation counts and is greatly appreciated by the Fire Company members.

**FIRE CO. BREAKFASTS:** Are held at the Fire House the last Sunday of every month except November and December.

**FIRE CO. FLOWER SALES:** Are held three times a year; Easter, Mothers Day, and Autumn, at the Parkway Drive-In, corner of Old Bethlehem Road and W. Thatcher Road.

**ANNUAL FIRE CO. PIG ROAST:** Is held every August at the Silver Creek Athletic Association in Springtown. See any Fire Co. member for tickets to this **must attend event**.

**Haycock Senior Citizens Meetings**

The Haycock Senior Citizens Group meets the first Wednesday of Every month at 1:00 P.M. at St. Pauls Church, Applebachsville. Summer meetings, (July, August, Sept.) Are held at the Lake Towhee Park picnic pavilion at 12:00 Noon.

**Anyone age 55 or older is welcome and encouraged to attend.**



**Notes And News briefs Driveway Permits**

Permits are now required when you construct a driveway on a Township road. The fee for a new driveway is \$25. and the fee for reconstruction of an existing driveway is \$10. Permits are issued to ensure that driveways are constructed properly with regard to public safety, and good road drainage practices.

Reconstruction includes: paving, pipe replacement, widening or otherwise altering the driveway in any way that might affect drainage along the road. If you need a permit, see Kathy Stover at the Township Building.

**Dog Licenses**

Dog license fees have increased to \$8.00, but the fee is only \$6.00 if your pet is spayed or neutered. Persons with a disability or senior citizens can purchase licenses at an additional \$2.00 discount. Verna North, State Dog Law Enforcement Officer, warns it is a good idea to have your pet properly licensed because fines for unlicensed pets have also increased this year. Licenses are available at the Township Building.

**EMERGENCY!!!!**

If you have a disability that would require special assistance in a state of emergency, **PLEASE** call Nancy Yodis at the Township Office so she can update the emergency operations file. **ALSO...** Emergency crews need to see your house number. Please post it in a conspicuous place. If your number is on your mailbox, put it on **both sides**

mandated by law or for a specific long-range purpose. These are included in the following table, which gives the status of all funds as of the end of 1996.

FUND	BALANCE (\$K)
General (working Balance)	97.6
General (Reserve Savings)	36.5
State	44.3
Land Acquisition	70.5
Community Center	20.2
Pension	20.1
Unemployment Comp.	9.9

The Land Acquisition Fund was started as a long term savings plan to acquire property for expansion of township facilities if required. To provide for upkeep and development of the Stover House within Nockamixon State Park as a facility for eventual community use, the Township maintains a Community Center Fund. The last two funds, the Pension and Unemployment Compensation Funds, are mandated by law.

## Haycock's Historic Heritage

According to Jeffrey Marshall, Director of Historic Preservation for the Bucks County Conservancy, "Haycock Township has a wonderfully rich collection of historic resources worthy of preservation". In 1993, Jeff, together with Joseph Schuchman of the Conservancy, completed a survey of all the pre-1941 structures in Haycock.

During the survey, a total of 187 sites were identified, photographed, and evaluated for their architectural and historical significance. Of these, over 75% were judged to be of historical and architectural interest to some degree.

In Jeff's final report, he identified 22 structures which, in his view, are eligible for

## Haycock Fire Co. Adds New Dive Unit

According to Harold Rupell, Chief of Haycock Volunteer Fire Co., the idea of a Fire Co. based dive unit had been considered for the last few years. The catalyst for action came when a young boy drowned at Lake Nockamixon about 1-1/2 years ago. The circumstances surrounding that incident helped to make Fire Co. members aware of the value of a locally based dive unit.

On that day, Rupell recalls, Fire Co. members responded to a call at Lake Nockamixon with the marine rescue unit. Witnesses reported a boy had been last seen about 15 feet offshore prior to disappearing under the water. With the Fire Co. boat on the lake, medical personnel standing by, and the medivac helicopter on scene, all the volunteers could do was wait for S.C.U.B.A. divers to arrive from the Telford Diving Unit. While Rupell maintained radio contact with the en route dive unit, Fire Co. members asked him to allow them to go in the water to look for the drowning boy.

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## Lennard

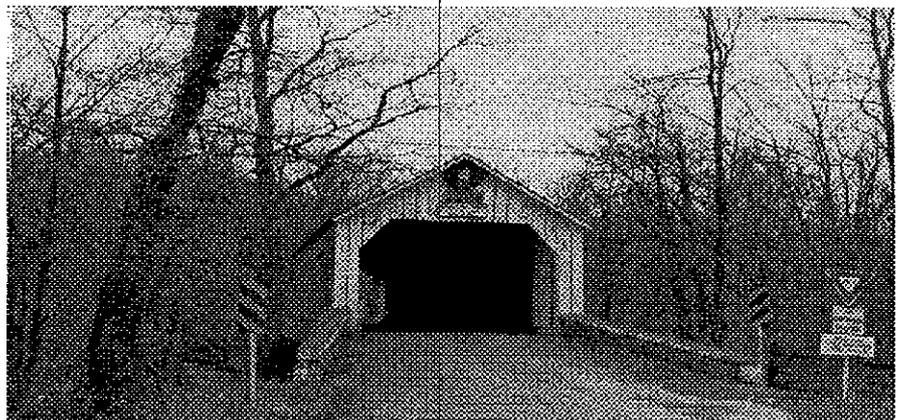
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on the Haycock Zoning Hearing Board, first as an alternate, and later as a member of the board.

Lennard is co-owner of Willies Plumbing & Mechanical Incorporated in Quakertown. His familiarity with, and experience in, the various building trades is a valuable asset to the Board of Supervisors.

Lennard says he is looking forward to serving on the Board of Supervisors because it will allow him to play an active role in our community, where he has been a resident since birth. He feels his close ties to the community will help him to perform the challenging task of striving to preserve the integrity and rural nature of Haycock as the township grows. He feels the Board of Supervisors has been doing a good job of managing township business.

Mike, who resides on Roudenbush Road with his wife Lynne and daughters Sarah and Meghan, enjoys gardening, travel, and family activities and is an avid golfer.



**Sheards Mill Covered Bridge is currently the only Haycock structure on the National Register of Historic Places.**

Listing in the National Register of Historic Places. At present, only one property is listed: The Sheards Mill covered Bridge.

At the conclusion of his report, Jeff states "Haycock has not undergone the residential subdivision pressure found elsewhere in the county. As the township continues to

develop, the survey will hopefully be used in conjunction with future planning and subdivision decisions so that significant properties will be preserved."

If you'd like to take a look at the survey and the properties documented in his report, stop by the Township Building.

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Knowing that the boy had only been underwater a short time, and that finding him sooner could increase his chance of survival, Rupell made a decision to allow a selected few volunteers with water rescue experience to free dive and search for the boy. Limited by their ability to stay under water for long without S.C.U.B.A. gear, their valiant efforts were unsuccessful. When the dive unit arrived, they recovered the boy within 10 minutes. He had been under water too long and efforts to revive him were unsuccessful.

Many times when the Haycock Fire Co. is summoned for a water rescue, they assist boaters that have capsized by pulling the victims from the water and helping to refloat the capsized boat, or tow it to shore. Often, the Water Rescue Unit is called out during flood conditions to rescue stranded motorists that are trapped by rising water. Occasionally, the team arrives on a scene where a victim has disappeared in the water. It is on these calls that the water rescuers could do more if divers were immediately available. Recognition of this fact, and spurred on by the circumstances previously related, Haycock Fire Co. decided to form the new Dive Unit.

12 Fire Co. members are currently undergoing rigorous training to be certified to serve on the Dive Unit. The training consists of 4 phases, the first being the longest to complete. Training should be completed by September, and divers must be re-certified periodically.

The Fire Co. is currently equipped with 5 sets of dive equipment. Although it is doubtful there would be 5 divers down at a given time, divers can work in shifts during rescue or recovery efforts. Some equipment, such as masks and fins, is purchased by individual divers with their own money.

The Fire Co. has bought a used vehicle suitable for transporting marine rescue and dive gear. Members are busy adapting it for that use. In addition to Lake Nockamixon, the Company may be called to other large

bodies of water such as the Delaware River or Green Lane Reservoir. Nockamixon State Park management also plans to allow recreational diving in the lake. This may contribute to a greater need for rescue divers.

Chief Rupell is very proud of the volunteers that comprise the membership of the Haycock Fire Co. "For a fire company of our size and limited available funds, we are fortunate to have a very active membership that is willing to do what is necessary to provide the community with a broad range of services."

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## Recycling Notes

The Haycock Recycling Drop Off Center continues to be a great success. However, "we are having problems with people dropping off items that we do not accept" says Township Roadmaster Thomas Roeder. "Light bulbs, tin cans, diapers, window glass, and other trash causes a real problem. Other townships restrict drop off hours at their centers. I would hate to see that happen here. I think most people enjoy having the convenience of being able to drop off recycling anytime."

For those wishing to recycle, please bring **ONLY** the following:

Aluminum cans

Clear, green, and brown food and beverage jars and bottles.

Newspaper, phone books, catalogs, and magazines.

Please **DO NOT** bring:

Tin cans (if it has any steel in it, or if a refrigerator magnet sticks to it, it is a tin can)

Window glass or light bulbs.

Garbage or trash, including diapers.

Hardbound books.

Plastics of any kind.

## Fire Co. Medical Quick Response Unit Adds A.E.D. Equipment

If you call 911 with a medical emergency, chances are the Haycock Fire Co. Quick Response Service will be first on the scene. This medical unit is comprised of individuals that are trained in emergency care and life support.

When asked to describe the Q.R.S. Unit, Fire Chief Harold Rupell had this to say: "If you live in Haycock and call for an ambulance, both the ambulance and the Haycock Quick Response Unit are dispatched. 99% of the time the Q.R.S. unit is the first to arrive. We can provide the same level of treatment as a basic life support ambulance except we do not transport patients. We have the same personnel and the same training, the advantage is that we get on the scene quickly because we are closer."

When the Q.R.S. unit arrives, E.M.T.'s and/or paramedics assess the condition of the patient, maintain contact with the ambulance, and begin treatment.

A new A.E.D. unit, which is a device to be used when a cardiac arrest patient has not responded to C.P.R., has been purchased by the Fire Company. It will allow them to provide more acute care and treatment than has been previously available. This unit is similar to those used by ambulance crews and hospitals, but has been somewhat simplified for use by trained E.M.T.'s on the Fire Co. Squad.

Says Rupell, "This is just another example of the willingness of the Fire Co. to wisely spend funds to expand the services that we offer to the community".

