

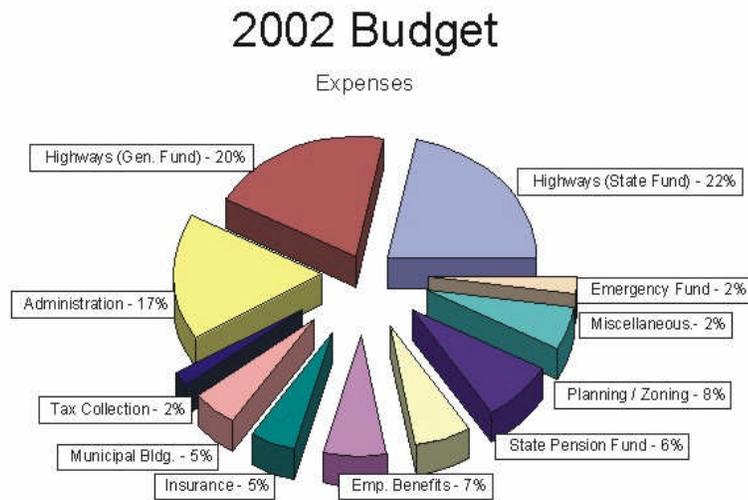
Haycock Township Report

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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.

Tax Rates Unchanged For 2002



The Township Board of Supervisors approved a budget of \$579,688 including state highway appropriations. Once again the property tax rate remains unchanged at 5 mills. The budget allows for savings for future large purchases and other projects avoiding costly borrowing.

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Township Open House announcement

Open House is scheduled for Sunday, October. 13, 2002 from 1:00PM to 4:00 PM. Representatives and equipment from the Haycock Fire Company will be here as will the Township officials and staff. Make plans to come and grab a bite to eat! Call for more information.

First Open-Space Program acquisition takes place

Haycock Township approved its first purchase under the open-space program by acquiring the conservation easement for 67 acres of property owned by Albert Kinzler on East Sawmill Road at Kinzler Road. This assures the community that the property will never be subdivided and developed but remains the property of Mr. Kinzler. The Township committed 1.5% or \$6,562 and Bucks County committed 67.5% or \$278,437 towards the purchase. Mr. Kinzler offered to make the remaining 31% or \$127,500 a charitable contribution to the Township's open-space program. The Township is pursuing other properties under the program and Mr. Kinzler's generosity allows for more funds to be available.



Haycock Fire Company History 1954-1958

On July 11, 1954 a group of interested citizens gathered at the old Haycock School to discuss the idea of forming a fire company. On November 10, 1954, the charter meeting was held at Stover School. This was the start of something great, something which is still present in our community today. These men met monthly at the Stover School until January 15, 1955, when the meetings were moved to the Old Church.

Money was raised by selling advertisements that would be placed on card tables. This money was used towards the purchase of our first fire truck. In the fall we bought Plum-

steadville's 1930 Hahn pumper for \$500. It came equipped with a 165 gal. tank, a 500 GPM pump, 100 feet of 2-inch cotton hose and 200 feet of 1-1/2 inch booster line. The truck was housed in Ezra Barndt's barn and was the fire station for almost 3 years. A special meeting was held on March 26, 1955, to elect the first officers:

Fire Chief- Herbert Graham

President- William Schmell

Treasurer- L. Drarbaugh

Secretary- Karl Marx

Trustees- Robert Pope, Carl Nice, and Mike Knapp.

In July 1955, a second piece of equipment was purchased, a 1947 Dodge tanker with a

1000 gallon tank for the price of \$275, but this truck needed much repair and was put into service in August 1958.

In 1956 a lot was found that was to be used for the present fire house. Work started in March 1957, and on November 19, 1957, the first meeting was held in the newly completed building, most of which was built by the volunteers. The fire house was officially dedicated on March 18, 1958 at 3 PM.

For more visit
www.haycockfire.com!

Hazardous Waste Program Update

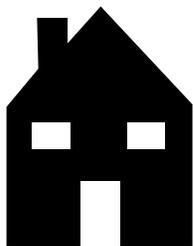


In 2001, twenty-seven Haycock Township residents participated in the Bucks County Hazardous Waste Program, up from eighteen residents in 2000. This year's program will be held on August 10, 2002 at the Upper Bucks Vo-Tech School, and September 21, 2002 at the Quakertown Community Pool. Both are open from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. All residents are eligible to bring up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds at no charge. The

program is paid for by Bucks County and the Townships involved. Some examples of what **can NOT be taken** are: appliances, asbestos, biological waste, explosives, gas cylinders over 20 pounds, regular and alkaline batteries, PCB's, pressurized CFC's over 1 pound, radioactive waste and tires. Dispose of used anti-freeze, motor oil and filters at any service stations that accept it; look in the front of the phone book

for such service centers in our area. Latex paints are not considered hazardous and can be disposed of in regular trash collection provided it is allowed to dry up in the can. Contact a major tire retailer or see recycling info pages in the yellow pages to dispose of used tires. Call or stop by the Township Building for more details.

Zoning Department



Sixty-six zoning permits were issued in 2001. One of the questions asked the most is whether a permit is needed for small sheds. Permits and building inspections are needed for any building, reconstruction or relocation of a building. Permits and inspections are also required for hot tubs and swim-

ming pools. A permit is also required when changing the use of a building. Fees for permits vary based on the type and size of the proposed structure, as do the fees for inspections. Buildings cannot be occupied until all building inspections and a final zoning inspection are completed and a Certificate of Occu-

pancy is issued. Feel free to call and speak to Kathy Stover with any questions you may have. She is in from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Road Department

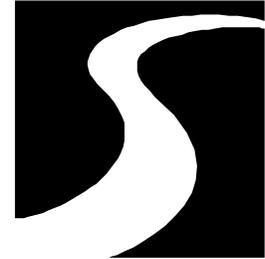
Major road projects for 2002 will include the oil & chipping of the surfaces of Old School Road, Cider Press Lane, Oak Lane, Woodcock Lane, the portion of West Sawmill Road from Woodbine Lane to the township line and Boulder Lane sometime this summer. Another large project is the road improvements scheduled for parts of Church View Drive and Creamery Road from Apple Road to the dead end.

Please report any road problems such as potholes, tree

limbs down or missing signs to the township office via the Township phone number.

Two of the biggest problems we have during snow removal are damage to mailboxes when plowing heavy, wet snow and plowing driveways shut during widening. One way to prevent this is to solidly mount your mailbox to the post and to clear the snow upstream from your box and driveway for several feet before plow come back and widen the road. These small things can minimize any extra

clean-up you may have to do after we are finished. Although municipalities are not responsible for damage to mailboxes since they are located in the right-of-way, we make every effort to minimize damage and inconvenience.



Waste Haulers, Recycling and Litter Control

The recycling program is working well. We would just like to remind residents what can be brought to the recycling center:

Newspapers, magazines and cardboard should be bundled, boxed or bagged. Brown, green and clear glass are accepted, although light bulbs, window glass and ceramics are **NOT** accepted. Aluminum cans are accepted and do not have to be crushed, but can be if you wish

to. Steel or tin cans are **NOT** accepted.

The Road Department has instituted a litter control program and would like to ask residents to pick up litter from in front of their properties. We also thank the people who already pick up trash on their property. The road crew will make every attempt to patrol each road in the Township once a month. The Township has been divided in

four quadrants, one being done each week when time allows.

Please keep in mind that the only waste haulers licensed at this time to operate in Haycock are BFI, Waste Management, Meadows, and Kenneth Hinkle. Any questions feel free to call the Township building and speak to Kathy Stover.



Haycock Senior Citizens

Haycock Senior Citizens is a community organization for residents over the age of 55. They meet once a month on the following schedule:

First Wednesday of January through June at 12:30 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

First Wednesday of July through September at 12:00 Noon at the Lake Towhee Park Pavilion. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish.

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

First Wednesday of November is back at St. Paul's at 12:30 PM.

December is the annual Christmas Party with more info to be announced later in the year.

Members and speakers are needed, for more info call Imogene Croman at 215-536-4425 or Anna Mae Krammes at 215-536-5021.



A little about Applebachsville

Many of us know that Bucks County was established in 1682 by William Penn and named after his ancestral home Buckinghamshire, England. Haycock Township was established in 1762 made up of the “leftovers” after our surrounding townships were formed. The Township was named after the resemblance of Haycock Mountain to two stacks of hay, called “haycocks”. But how did Applebachsville come to be? Well, here is some of the history of Applebachsville:

About 1743, John Stokes bought about 400 acres of land, which was passed down to his son John II in September, 1806 who used the land for raising large herds of cattle. About 380 acres of this land was inherited by his two sons, John III and Stodgell Stokes in August, 1813. Stodgell deeded his half to his brother in April, 1817. In January, 1837, the administrators of the estate of John Stokes III, William Stokes and Timothy Smith, sold the land to Wilson Dennis for \$9,200 who, on the same day, sold it to William Stokes for the same amount of money. The Stoke’s ownership of what had come to be called “Stoke’s Meadow” ended in March, 1837 when William Stokes sold it to George Dutch for \$11,000.

Mr. Dutch, a wealthy man who owned much real estate, decided to build a mansion for his son, George F. Dutch. This mansion was modeled after an old English home about 100 feet square, one story high, surrounded on all sides by large pillars. It was built by Samuel Kachline of Doylestown with all the very best materials available at the time. In March, 1842 the mansion and all the land was given to George F. Dutch for one dollar, he then lived there for several years but soon became tired of it and sold it in March, 1847 for \$10,500 which was notably less than his father paid for it! The new owners of the property were Paul and Henry Applebach.

The Applebachs saw a prime area for real estate development, since Old Bethlehem Road was a major route between Philadelphia and the Lehigh Valley. The stagecoaches traveled this road, stopping every four to five miles to exchange mail, drop off and pick up passengers, and give the horses a break for water. The stops from Philadelphia at the time were: Rising Sun or Sumerville, Nicetown, Germantown, Mt. Airy, Chestnut Hill, Flourtown, Ft. Washington, Springtown, Montgomery Square, Montgomeryville, Line Lexington, Seidytown, Mt. Pleasant, Blooming Glen, Hagersville, Keelersville, Strawtown, Applebachsville, Pleasant Valley, Hellertown, Iron Hill, and Bethlehem. The trip from Doylestown to Applebachsville took about three hours.

Paul Applebach supposedly moved into the stone mansion, then built the first house of Applebachsville in 1848. This house is the red brick house now at 905 Old Bethlehem Road, on the corner of Apple Road. No one really knows if he actually lived in this house, but he owned it until his death in 1872. It was left to his brother, William, who lived in it with his family.

The village grew slowly, with the brothers building a hotel, now known as the White Hall Hotel, a store and a distillery, as well as numerous houses along Old Bethlehem Road. The nearest Post Office and General Store were at Strawtown in a small log building. William Stokes was the postmaster until the office moved to Nicholas Roudenbush’s hotel when he became the postmaster. In March, 1852 the Post Office again was moved, this time to Applebachsville and Josiah Stover was named postmaster. Josiah Stover died less than three months later and in June, 1852 Henry Applebach was appointed postmaster. Two weeks later Theodore M. Large MD set up the first medical practice in Applebachsville.

In August, 1852 Daniel Applebach, the father of Paul, William and Henry, died at 64 years old. He left the 64 acre farm to William and the stone house to his unmarried daughter Hannah, but she moved in with Paul. In August, 1854 Paul was commissioned as Major-General of the Second Division Pennsylvania Uniformed Militia.

In May, 1855 General Applebach sold his mail stage line to a Doylestown company, Mann & Kinsey. The following year the stagecoach line over Old Bethlehem Road was discontinued in favor of the North Pennsylvania Railroad.



Whitehall Hotel circa 1908

We Need Your Help!

We are looking for more information on the old stone mansion, as we are looking for any deeds, documents, or any other historical items that you are willing to loan or donate for us to display in our securely locked display case in the entry of the Township Building. All loaned items are cataloged so that the item is returned to the rightful owner. Even if you are not willing to part with an item for any period of time, please consider bringing it to us so we can take a picture and some information about it for future issues of the newsletter. Thank You in advance for any help you can give us.

Haycock Fire Company Report

The Haycock Fire Company has been in service since 1954 and has seen many changes since then. Most recently the Fire Company authorized the complete renovation of the front of the station, including replacing the three overhead doors with one large and one smaller door. This allows the larger equipment of today to be moved easier. Also included was new electrical wiring and fresh paint for the inside of the firehouse. The Fire Company responded to a total of 141 calls for 2001, consisting of approximately 60 percent fire and marine/diver related calls and 40 percent medical QRS calls. This does not

include fund-raisers or other administrative tasks. Changes will be made this year to the two major fund-raisers, the Pigoast will be changed to a Community Picnic with more choices of food, and the Bikefest will come with some food included in the price. Check out the fire company website at www.haycockfire.com for more info on all fire company events or call the firehouse at 215-536-2224 and leave a message. The volunteers need your support, please consider attending the events or make a contribution either

by giving some time to help out. Volunteers are needed to raise money as well as Firefighters and Fire Police and even clerical or maintenance work. If you are a tradesman, such as a plumber or electrician, we are always looking for someone to help us save money on repairs. Any help is greatly appreciated. Take the time to thank the members when you see them! Something else to consider for the Fire Company is letting them use any large water sources, such as ponds or swimming pools in the event of a fire near you.



Calendar of Events

April 28 – Sunday Breakfast
 May 10, 11 & 12 – Mother's Day Flower Sale
 May 26 – Sunday Breakfast
 June 30 – Sunday Breakfast
 July 28 – Sunday Breakfast
 August 10 – Community Picnic
 September 22– Bikefest
 October 27 – To Be Announced

More info will be posted at the official website, www.haycockfire.com and on the informational signs. Any questions, please call the firehouse at 215-536-2224 and leave a message.

Dry Hydrant Update

A new dry hydrant was installed on the bridge on West Thatcher Road in the Tohickon Creek. Dry hydrants greatly improve the speed at which Fire Companies can get water to fight a major fire. If you have a pond that has reasonable access to any part of it, please consider having a dry hydrant installed. In most cases a hydrant can be installed at no cost to the homeowner with only minimal inconvenience. If you would be interested in having your water source looked at, call the Firehouse or Township Building.

Special Thanks

The Haycock Fire Company would like to gratefully acknowledge the generous contribution to them by the late William and Margaret Ahlum. They were always supporters of the Fire Company and will be greatly missed by all.

Fire Company Officers for 2002

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

President – Harry Grim III
 Vice President – Drew Rosenberger
 Secretary – Janet Radcliffe
 Treasurer – Gretchen Francis
 Trustee – Chris Hendricks
 Trustee – Ed Kehs, Jr.
 Trustee – Chris Bauer

Relief Assoc. President – Harry Grim III
 Relief Assoc. Vice Pres – Ronald Bentley
 Relief Assoc. Secretary – Gretchen Francis
 Relief Assoc. Treasurer – Thad Brzezicki





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Other useful Telephone numbers

Emergency call --- 911

State Police ----- 215-249-9191
Haycock Fire Co ----- 215-536-2224
Real Estate Tax Office --- 610-346-6272
Local Income Tax ----- 215-536-4253
Lifestar Ambulance ----- 215-538-4540
Riegelsville-Palisades EMS--610-847-8801

Emergency Vehicles need your number!

To be in accordance with Township Ordinance 58, your address number must be displayed in a conspicuous location. Numbers must be at least 3" high in a color contrasting with the background. Properly displayed numbers will enable Emergency Personnel to quickly respond to your call for help. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kathy Stover at the Township Building.

New faces at the Township Building for 2002 and beyond!

After over 22 years as a Supervisor of Haycock Township, Earl Winters has decided it is time to hang up his gavel. Earl's final mission for the Township was to take care of setting up the new office computer network and set up the Township on the Internet. He has agreed to remain on as a "consultant" for a few months in case of trouble with the system. Earl's newly elected replacement is Henry DePue, a resident of Haycock for quite a few years. Henry retired from the Air Force after 26 years of active duty residing for many years in California. Henry also oversees the road maintenance department and assists in snow removal with the new pick-up truck. In other personnel news, former Roadmaster of 22 years, Thom Roeder decided to move on to be Roadmaster of Richland Township. A replacement Roadmaster will not be named for the time being, but Chris Bauer has been hired as a new road maintenance worker to assist Dave Long. Chris has been a resident of Haycock for over 28 years and has been an active member of the Haycock Fire Company for over 14 years. He also will take over for Earl as the resident computer guru! Previously he worked at Shelly's Lumber in Perkasio for over 13 years, the last 5 years being the assistant foreman of the lumber yard.



Chairman Earl Winters being presented long term service award by Supervisor-elect Henry Depue and Supervisor Kathy Babb. Absent from the picture is Vice-Chairman Mike Lennard.