



Haycock Township Report



New 2004 Freightliner replaces 1987 International



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The Board of Supervisors authorized the purchase of a 2004 Freightliner M2 Business Class six-wheel dump truck to replace the aging 1987 International. The truck is equipped with a stainless steel body, stainless steel cinder spreader and reversible power angle plow. The new Freightliner was delivered on December 24, 2003.

The International will be kept as a back-up truck for the time being. Last year's harsh winter gave us a stark realization as to the benefit of having a truck available in case one breaks down during a storm. During the "Blizzard of 2003" it became obvious that the International would not reliably make it through another difficult winter as our primary truck.

The \$89,000 purchase is being

funded with \$12,000 from the State Liquid Fuels Allocation, \$25,000 from a two-percent loan from the Department of Community and Economic Development and the remainder coming from savings.

The cab and chassis was or-

dered from Freightliner of Philadelphia and the outfitting was done by E.M. Kutz of Reading. This purchase is another phase in the long term equipment replacement plan, which will be completed with the purchase of a new boom mower around 2005-2006.



2004 Freightliner M2 Business Class six-wheel dump truck.

Special points of interest:

- Haycock Township turned **240** years old in 2003
- The Haycock Fire Company turns **50** years old in 2004
- The Haycock Historical Society turns **1** year old in 2004

New Statewide Building Code to be adopted in 2004

Pennsylvania is set to adopt the UCC (Uniform Construction Code) shortly. The UCC will replace all building codes currently in effect. While a municipality can choose to "opt-out" of the UCC, this would involve the State taking over all code-enforcement within the municipality. Haycock Township has decided to "opt-in" and has contracted with Keystone Municipal Services to provide code enforcement.

Our inspector, Jamie Boyle, is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Zoning and building permits are still obtained from the Zoning Officer, Kathy Stover. Anyone needing an inspection is asked to call at least 48 hours in advance.

All structures are required to have a zoning permit, and while some are exempt, most structures will be required to have a building permit and inspections.

Storm damaged salt storage shed replaced with new pole building



New salt storage building behind the Municipal building. Salt shown is twice as much as what would fit in the old storage building!

A severe wind storm in late 2002 caused considerable damage to the cinder block salt storage shed located behind the municipal building. Due to the nature of the damage, the costs to repair the building were quite high. The recommendation was to demolish it and construct a new building.

The Road Department drew up plans and the lowest bid received was just under \$25,000. The bid was rejected and the Road Department went back to the drawing board and came up

with a plan to have the road crew dig and pour the footers, and assist the contractor in constructing the building. The road crew then took care of the siding, soffit and fascia work and the reinforcing of the interior of the building.

The road crew initially estimated a cost of \$13,000, but due to loose ground conditions found when digging the footers, an engineer had to be hired to determine the best way to construct the foundation. The cost of the engineer report and the addi-

tional expense incurred for the large amount of concrete needed to satisfy the requirements of the engineer and code enforcement was approximately \$4,200. This came up to a final cost of just over \$17,000, still a savings of over \$7,000.

The new building is capable of storing about four times the amount of salt compared to the old shed. This is a major benefit in harsh winters when salt is more difficult to obtain, as happened several times in the last two years.

Road projects planned for 2004

Oil and chipping..... why must you do it?

Answer to the right.

The road department proposes to overlay the portion of West Sawmill Road from Woodbine Lane to Beck Road. This project will be funded with money saved in the capital road improvement fund.

Other projects are crack sealing and oil and chip seal coating on Haycock Run Road, Harrisburg School Road, Cedar Lane and

Roundhouse Road. This is a tentative list and may change due to changes in road conditions.

As we hear numerous comments about oil and chipping, we thought it would be a good idea to explain why we oil and chip.

Oil seals the road surface in the same way that driveway sealer seals a paved driveway.

The chips do two parts, they allow traffic to drive immediately on the road, and they provide a new wearing surface on the road.

Depending on weather conditions and scheduling, we try to have the sweeper sweep up the chips within a few days and have a new center line painted as soon as possible thereafter.

Household Hazardous Waste Program continued in 2004



Once again the Township and Bucks County are sponsoring the Household Hazardous Waste Program.

The dates for Upper Bucks are August 21 at the Upper Bucks Tech School and September 18 at the Quakertown Community Pool. Both are held rain or shine from 9:00am to 3:00pm.

Each household may bring as many as three old computers and up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous products.

Hazardous products include pesticides, flammables, caustic agents, toxic chemicals, lithium and rechargeable batteries and 20 pound or smaller propane tanks.

Do not bring latex paint, appliances, asbestos, biological waste, explosives, regular/alkaline batteries, PCB's, radioactive waste, tires, gas cylinders larger than 20 pounds or pressurized CFC's greater than one pound.

There is no charge to residents for this service.

2004 Budget passed unanimously—tax rates unchanged

The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the budget for 2004 at the December business meeting.

Shown to the right are graphs representing income and expenses for the general fund.

Included expenses are for a generator and other related supplies to be used at the Haycock Fire Company or other facility as an emergency shelter.

Other increases are due to the costs associated with implementing the statewide building code, a substantial increase in snow & ice removal, and insurance related increases.

Not included in the general fund budget are expenses for an overlay project on West Sawmill Road, funding coming from the capital road improvement fund, which is funded with fees-in-lieu of road improvements for sub-divisions.

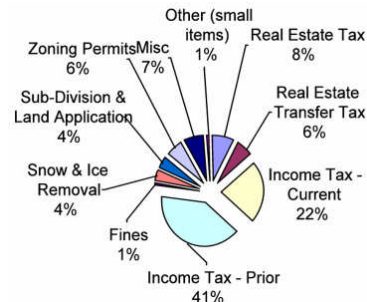
The State Liquid Fuels budget remained primarily the same, with small increases in crack sealing and savings for future equipment purchases.

The tax rates remain unchanged for the 32nd consecutive year. This can be attributed to planning for expenses without costly borrowing. The \$25,000 loan for the new dump truck was received from the Department of

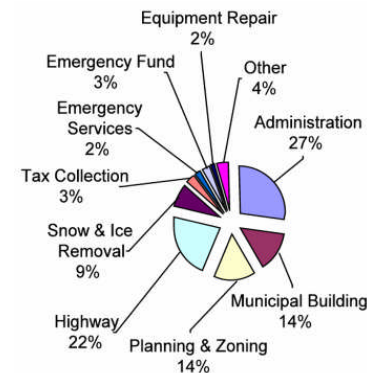
Community and Economic Development at a two-percent interest rate and a five-year repayment plan.

Income is derived primarily from a 5-mill property tax, one-half percent earned income tax (the remaining one percent goes to the school district) and a one-half percent real estate transfer tax (with another one-half percent going to the school district). Real estate transfer taxes are levied when a property is sold.

Other income sources are the snow and ice removal contract with Penn DOT, sub-division and zoning application fees.



Income Chart



Expenses Chart

Protected open space reaches nearly 300 acres

With the cooperation of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural resources and Bucks County, Haycock Township was able to purchase a conservation easement on approximately 70 acres of the Schoenfeld property.

Located at the corner of Route 563 and Top Rock Trail, the open fields were found to have rare

species of wildflowers. The purchase price was \$280,000 with DCNR paying \$130,500, Bucks County paying \$140,000 and the Township paid the remainder plus settlement costs.

Also recently protected was 28 acres of the Comb's estate at the corner of Route 563 and Harrisburg School Road. Bucks County and Haycock Township with the

help of the Heritage Conservancy purchased the conservation easement for \$75,000 with the Township paying the settlement costs.

Including State Game Lands, Nockamixon State Park and Lake Towhee, almost half of Haycock Township is protected from development.



Almost half of Haycock Township is protected from further development

New Safer Pressure Treated Lumber comes at a cost

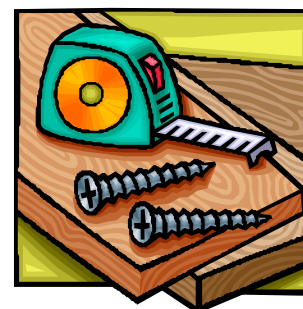
The statewide building code is not the only thing bringing major changes within the building industry in Pennsylvania. As of January 1, 2004, lumber pressure treaters are no longer allowed to use arsenic in their preservatives.

What this means to you as a homeowner is higher prices not only for the lumber itself, but

also for the hardware and fasteners needed. The new preservatives use higher concentrations of copper and other chemicals such as alkaline. The new formulations deteriorate the old standard galvanized and aluminum fasteners and hardware very quickly, therefore necessitating the use of triple galvanized or stainless steel fasteners and

stainless steel or copper flashing anywhere it contacts the new treated lumber. Currently there is an exception to this rule for 1/2" or larger steel bolts.

The use of improper metals with the new treated lumber will cause your project to fail its building inspection until the proper type is utilized.



Haycock Fire Company presents its annual report



The Haycock Fire Company will celebrate its 63th Anniversary this year!

A firefighter's banquet is being planned to celebrate the historic event.

The volunteers responded to over 160 emergency calls in 2003, down slightly from the record 175 in 2002 .

This year the Fire Company has plans to continue the renovations of the fire station, including the refinishing of the floor with a coating system designed specifically for fire station truck houses and repaving the parking lot. Other projects under consideration are the building of a storage building to replace the aging storage trailer. It is also planned to refurbish the 1969 Field truck with a new tank and rear skid unit.

Short term plans are to replace the 15 year old pumper because it is not being NFPA compliant. The current standards call for a completely enclosed cab for the safety of the volunteers. The current pumper has open seats in the rear of the cab that are obviously more dangerous in

the event of a crash. Current estimated cost to replace this truck are between \$250,000 and \$300,000. Replacing the 30 year old Dive Rescue truck may also become a high priority depending on the reliability of the truck. Estimated cost for a new Dive Rescue is between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

Longer term plans are to replace the 11 year old Tanker and a second floor addition to the rear part of the station.

Breakfasts have been doing very well, as have the Flower Sales and Basket Bingo. Bikefest became our biggest event ever last year. The Community Picnic (formerly the Pigoast) has been officially discontinued and has been replaced with a family style Mothers Day Dinner.

Please continue to support your volunteers, so they are there when you need them!

Calendar of Events

Breakfast

Last Sunday of:
January
February
March
April
June
July
August
October

Flower Sale

Easter and Mother's Day weekends

10K Race

Saturday before Mother's Day

Mothers Day Dinner

On Mother's Day

Basket Bingo

first Sunday in May

Bikefest

September 19

Officers for 2004

Chief—Harry Grim III
Deputy Chief—Eric Wightman
Battalion Chief—Darryl Cressman
Fire Captain—Dominic Facenda
1st Lieutenant—Kevin McCarty
2nd Lieutenant—Eric Babb
Marine Captain—Ed Kehs, Jr.
Marine Lieutenant—Rich Humber
QRS Captain—Gretchen Francis
QRS Lieutenant—Kristine Bauer
Chief Engineer—Drew Rosenberger
Safety Officer—Ron Bentley

President—Chris Bauer
Vice President—Drew Rosenberger
Secretary—Gretchen Francis
Treasurer—Janet Radcliffe
Head Trustee—Ed Kehs, Jr.
Trustee—Eric Babb
Trustee—Frank Savini
Relief Association President—Harry Grim III
Relief Association Vice President—Ron Bentley
Relief Association Secretary—Gretchen Francis
Relief Association Treasurer—Chris Bauer

Which ambulance service should I subscribe to?

That is a question that is asked throughout the year, so who does cover your house in the event of a medical emergency? While it is difficult to pinpoint exact addresses in such a small space, generally the Township is covered by Upper Bucks Regional EMS (station 141 & 142) unless you live on one of the following roads, which is covered by St. Luke's Ambulance (station 108):

West Thatcher Road
Cider Press Road
Union Road
Richlandtown Road
Mt Airy Drive
Covered Bridge Drive
Bridge Way
Dogwood Lane
Magnolia Drive
Black Walnut Drive
Camp Trail Road

Black Birch Lane

Old Bethlehem Road south of Cider Press Road
Creamery Road south of Applebachsville Road
Route 563 south of Deerwood Lane.

In the event that you are on a borderline area, both services honor each others subscriptions, so you

can be sure you are covered no matter which you subscribe to.

The Haycock Fire Company Quick Response Unit also responds when personnel are available to provide immediate assistance and to assist the ambulance.

A map of the approximate coverage area is available upon request.





How did Haycock get its two lakes? Read on to find out.

Lake Nockamixon was first proposed in 1958 by Dr. Maurice K. Goddard, Secretary of the Department of Forest and Waters. Plans were unveiled in 1960. Originally named Tohickon State Park, it was renamed Nockamixon in 1965 after the American Indian phrase "Nockamiska-ing" which is Lenni Lenape for "at the place of soft soil"

The first property acquisitions began in 1961 and was originally supposed to take 11,500 acres, but this was revised to 4,500 acres. A article from the Morning

Call in 1964 stated that over \$4 million dollars was allocated for these land acquisitions. A total of 290 properties were condemned in the process.

Construction of the dam began in October 1961 and was completed and closed for filling on December 7, 1973. Route 563 was relocated between September 1970 and 1972. The lake was completely filled on Easter Sunday, 1974, and was opened for boating in May, 1974. The Main Marina was opened to the public in April, 1977 and the day-use facilities opened in August,

1977. The rental cabins were built in 1986.

The park consists of 5,283 acres with the lake being 1,450 acres, eight miles long and about 2/3 mile wide. The dam is 112 feet high and the lake holds 13 billion gallons of water at normal elevation. The depth of the water at the dam exceeds 90 feet.

Lake Towhee was originally a 300 acre private hunting and



fishing retreat. It was purchased in the early '60's by Bucks County. It is now over 540 acres and includes a nature center and campgrounds.



Township preserves a part of its history

The Supervisors unanimously agreed to purchase a fraktur drawn by Abraham Stover in 1857. The fraktur was purchased from a local collector and was appraised at least twice the price paid. It will be on display at the municipal office along with a deed dated 1893 from the estate of Abraham Stover.

What is a fraktur anyway? A Pennsylvania German art form created in the 1700's and 1800's, made to honor a special event such as a marriage, birth, baptism or graduation. Most of these were done freehand, although some of the later ones were printed line drawings that were colored in.

The fraktur is available for viewing anytime the office is open, come take a look!

Who owns the Union Road Cemetery?

Unknown to most people, there is an old cemetery hidden along the Richland Township line at the intersection of Union and West Thatcher Roads.

With inscribed gravestones from the Leay family as old as 1841 and the most recent being 1862, since that time the grounds have not been maintained. There are also numerous unmarked gravesites and a few marked with just initials. It was reported in a Bucks County Traveler magazine from 1953 that one of these is the resting place for one of the Mofley family, who resided in the neighborhood.

Story has it that there was once a log Methodist church standing next to the cemetery until the congregation moved to Quakertown in 1858.

Since the landowners surrounding the cemetery do not claim ownership, we are currently researching to find out who previously has owned the cemetery.

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The Township open house, which is held every other year, is scheduled for October 17, 2004 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Supervisors and Township staff will be available, as well as members and equipment from the Haycock Fire Company.

Complimentary hot dogs and other light refreshments will be available.

Haycock Township launches new website

Although it was first thought of early in 2002, the official website of Haycock Township was fully launched in December 2003.

The site was built in house, and contains meeting schedules, community calendar of events, tax forms, telephone numbers as well as some history and information about the Township.

Please give it a look at www.haycocktwp.com and feel free to e-mail us any comments or ideas you may have.

Eventually it is planned to add the Zoning Ordinance as well as other publications to the site.

Haycock Senior Citizens Info

The Haycock Senior Citizens meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 12:00 Noon, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Applebachsville. Special events are scheduled occasionally.

The group also meets for breakfast on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 9:00am, at the Tohickon Campgrounds on Covered Bridge Road in East Rockhill Township.

For more information and to check on any changes to the schedule, please call Imogene Croman at 215-536-4425 or Anna Mae Krammes at 215-536-5021.

Important Contacts

EMERGENCY——DIAL 9-1-1

- State Police ————— 215-249-9191
- Haycock Fire Company——215-536-2224
- School Property Tax———215-529-2026
- Real Estate Tax Office ——610-346-6361
- Earned Income Tax Office --215-536-4253
- St. Luke's Ambulance———215-538-4540
- Upper Bucks Regional EMS—610-847-8801
- Penna. Game Commission—610-926-3136
- Penn DOT ————— 215-345-6060
- Service Electric Cable ——800-232-9100

