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Larry Dost
Vice-Chairman



Dan Worley
Chairman



Woody Myers
Supervisor

A Promise Kept



Twelve years ago a promise was made that your Latimore Township municipal taxes would not increase. To this day, that promise has been kept and will continue to remain unbroken under the current board of supervisors. We have no control over school taxes.

The current Adams County reassessment may cause your taxes to increase, stay the same, or be lower, but the amount of taxes going to Latimore Township will remain the same as before the county reassessment. We have lowered our millage rate from 2.8 mills to .62 mills to make this happen. We feel that the timing of the county reassessment could not have come at a worse time, when people struggle to pay their bills, put food on the table, and heat their homes. One must consider our senior citizens who are on a fixed income and our families in general who are struggling to make ends meet.

We also promised to protect our open spaces and, through proper zoning, this has been accomplished. Nothing is set in stone, however, and this continues to be an ongoing process. As supervisors, we continue to work on your behalf in dealing with a variety of zoning issues. We have a thorough knowledge of the township ordinances and their applications and apply this knowledge to protect your home, your water quality, or any other issues that may arise.

Every year, we've completed extensive road improvements. Even with the current economic situation, we are able to control costs with proper budgeting and aggressive bidding. We constantly keep informed on the latest road procedures and materials so that your tax dollars are spent wisely.

Another promise was to support our fire companies and provide quality police services. We have top quality fire protection with dedicated volunteers who protect our homes and a police department that has one of the finest reputations in Adams County. We have a park that has modern playground equipment, athletic fields, and an outstanding walking trail. Our park board and athletic associations have made all this happen.

Many individuals who run for political office make promises and, once in office, forget why they were elected. A public servant should always remember that they represent their constituents and that they have an obligation to the people, a motto that your Latimore Township supervisors have always followed.

As always, if you have any questions about your local government, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Latimore Township Municipal Building at 528-4614.

Sincerely,
Dan Worley, Chairman
Larry Dost, Vice-Chairman
Woody Myers, Supervisor

Historical Notes

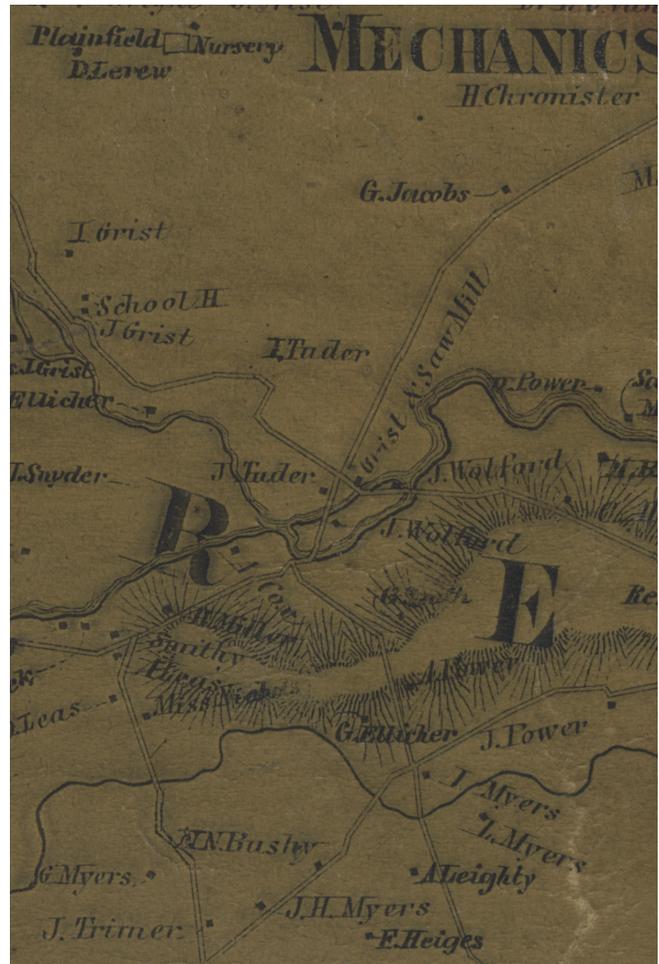
Pondtown Mill Bridge

The Pondtown Mill Bridge is located on L.R. 01009, at the junction of Quaker Church Road and Latimore Valley Road, in Latimore Township. The three span camelback arch bridge crosses the Bermudian Creek. It is built of coursed rubble, with arches accented by the use of squared stones for the voussoirs. The bridge spans a total of 91 feet, with the center arch spanning 22 feet and each flanking arch measuring 18 feet. The exact date of the bridge's construction is not known, but it is typical of multi-span, camelback arch bridges built in Pennsylvania in the 1800's. The bridge has been somewhat altered and repaired over time.

This structure gets its name from the mill that once stood nearby. A large millpond was located near the mill, thus the supposed origins of the name Pondtown. Never incorporated or boasting a post office, Pondtown was simply a cluster of four or five homes located around the mill, on the north side of the Bermudian Creek.

The stone mill is listed on an 1872 map as a saw and gristmill. As with other mills, it saw several owners & operators during its lifetime including Tudor, Wilt, Masemer and Weaver. It was dismantled after its purchase by Max Anderson. Stones from the mill were ground up and used in road construction. Anderson then built a barn on the mill's foundation, which still stands today.

Provided by Ye Olde Sulphur Spa Historical Society
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Latimore Township Police Department

Calls have leveled off over the last two years. In 2009 and 2010, we answered over 2,400 calls for service. We will continue to focus on active patrols, answering calls for service, investigating crimes, traffic enforcement, and community service activities.

The police department has three officers that serve on the US Marshal Fugitive Task Force which is funded through the US Marshal's Service. We actively serve on the task force to apprehend wanted felons and have performed Megan's Law compliance checks in Adams County and surrounding areas.

We, and other police agencies, continue to receive grant money for a program along US Route 15 called "Drive Safe US 15" sponsored by The Center for Traffic Safety. In addition we received grant funding through the "PA Buckle Up Program". We also continue our participation in the DUI Checkpoints and Roving DUI patrols and have continued enforcement for traffic violations.

With the spring season and the onset of summer, we remind you to prepare and use caution in watching for walkers, runners, and children playing on or near the highways. The police department wishes you a safe spring and happy summer.

Sincerely,
Mike Weigand - Chief of Police



Remember that PA Law requires you to move over to an open adjacent lane if an emergency service provider or tow truck operator is on the scene of an emergency, traffic stop, or a disabled vehicle. If you cannot move over, you must slow to a cautious speed. This is best measured at 15 miles below the posted speed limit. Also, turn on your head lights when it is raining, foggy, or your vehicle cannot be seen from 1,000 feet.



The Community Crime Watch Committee is very active and meets once a month at the Latimore Township Municipal Building. The Crime Watch Committee will be sponsoring "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 2, 2011.



D.A.R.E.
TO RESIST DRUGS
AND VIOLENCE.
DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION

The police department continues to serve the Bermudan Springs School District for the 2010-2011 school year. In December, 175 5th grade students graduated from the D.A.R.E. program. Due to the state budget, we do not receive any state funding to support the D.A.R.E. program, but have had support from businesses and residents to keep the program in existence. Thank you to all who have donated.

Road Department

York Springs High School Campus Day Parade (1935)

The road department has been busy keeping the roads plowed and salted. This year has been especially difficult with all the freezing rain and icy conditions. Fortunately, we were spared from the big storms that were in the mid west. With the arrival of Spring, we will be repairing pot holes and broken surfaces that were caused by freezing and thawing conditions.

Our road improvement projects this summer will be the following: seal coating Bateman Road, Leathery Road, Bushey School Road, Brough Road, Cloverdale Road, Plank Road, and part of Myers Road. In addition we will be resurfacing a portion of Townhill Road (from Hilltop to Peakview) and Ridge Road (from Baltimore Road to US 15).

We are always looking for new ways to improve the quality of our roads at the best price. This year we will be using blue dolomite stone which produces less dust and provides a harder surface.

Please feel free to call the maintenance department if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Woody Myers



Latimore Township Park

Residents are using the new playground equipment and walking trail at the Latimore Township Park. These recent additions have been a success and we have gotten many comments from the community on how much they enjoy using the park.

The athletic associations and the park board are working together to keep the grounds mowed and looking great. We have a very attractive pavilion with electricity and grills. The pavilion is also available for special events such as parties and family outings. Just call the Latimore Township office to make reservations.

We have been able to make these fine improvements with grant money and dedicated service from our volunteers. It is great to see so many youth organizations playing sports on the fields during the summer months. We have a large area and can accommodate a number of groups. There are park benches for your convenience to enjoy the activities or just sit and relax. The park is surrounded by lots of open spaces which add to its attractiveness. Handicap parking and a map of the walking trail are located close to the entrance, with handicap parking also provided next to the pavilion.

Sincerely,
The Latimore Township Park Board



Communication Awards Presented To Latimore Township

Each year The Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, (PSATS), sponsors a statewide newsletter contest for the 1,455 townships that it represents. Townships who submitted newsletters were judged on usefulness of information presented and how well the information was communicated to township residents. Publications were also judged on their overall attractiveness and readability. Latimore Township was competing with all 3rd class townships in the state of Pennsylvania. In 2009, we won second place and, in 2010, we won the 1st place award. Two framed certificates presented to Latimore Township from PSATS are located at the township municipal building. We are very proud of the volunteers who have donated their time and effort giving Latimore Township this distinguished recognition.

Latimore Township Supervisors & Staff



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Meeting Dates

*All meetings are held at the
Latimore Township Municipal Building
unless otherwise specified.*

Board of Supervisors

Second Monday of each month starting at
6:00 P.M.

Planning Commission

Fourth Tuesday of each month starting at
8:00 P.M.

Park Board

First Wednesday of each month starting
at 7:00 P.M. Meetings held at the Lati-
more Township Park pavilion April -
September. All other months are held
at the Latimore Township Municipal
Building.

Community Crime Watch Committee

Fourth Thursday of each month starting
at 7:00 P.M.

Zoning Hearing Board

Held at the discretion of the Board

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