#### **SUMMER 2023**

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Meeting Dates: 6:30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at the Township Hall.

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# RADNOR TOWNSHIP DELAWARE OHIO



## FROM THE CHAIR - TERESA WATKINS

As the Chairperson of the Radnor Board of Trustees for 2023, I am excited to share Township news with our residents. As you recall, in 2019 our voters passed a five-year, 2.9 mill road and bridge levy. The first of these funds were made available in 2021, and as a result we were able to complete work on Byers, Hedley and Hodges Roads totaling \$261,022. Prior to this, the Township was awarded a large grant, which funded the resurfacing of River Road.

In 2022, Gallant and Penry Roads were chipped and sealed, for a total of over \$297,000, and for this summer we have approved a bid to improve Buttermilk Hill, Hoskins, and Roberts Roads for over \$300,000. As you can see, road work, like everything else in our economy, has become more expensive. However, your board is determined to stay on schedule and have all 28 miles of our roads completed by 2025.

In addition to the road repairs, the township has built a new salt barn, and storage shed behind the maintenance building on Radnor Road.

This facility enables our snowplow crew to access salt quickly and resupply locally, to complete road treatment much faster. Todd Coonfare has always worked tirelessly to clear our roads, and we believe this will make the entire process more efficient.

Shorter term projects will focus on changes to the former Radnor School property, and new flooring, and windows in the community building.

#### **TOWNSHIP REORGANIZATION UPDATE**

At the 1st meeting in January, the Board of Trustees held their annual reorganization meeting, designed to set meeting times, elect officers, and committee representatives. The results for 2023 are:

Chair Teresa Watkins, and Vice Chair David Weber, Trustee at large Dan Boysel.

Township Fire Dependency Board Representatives; Trustee Watkins, Stanley Steed, Asst. Fire Chief Bob Fish.

Ohio Twp Assoc. Risk Management Representatives: Fiscal Officer Wheeland, Trustee Watkins.

Delaware County Regional Planning Rep: Trustee Boysel, Alternate- Dan Huffman.

The Trustees discussed cemetery lot fees, township resident and property owner prices raised from \$250 to \$300 and nonresident lot prices from \$2,000 to \$3,000. General openings and closings remain the same cost of \$655.

Employee and firefighter wages rose 5% to remain competitive with the wage increases in the county and surrounding areas.

Mileage reimbursement rate increased from \$0.585 to \$0.655 per mile.

Community room rental rate increased from \$50 to \$100 per use.

2023 Trustee meetings are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, 6:30 p.m. being held at the Radnor Township Community Hall.

Todd Coonfare updated the Board on cemetery business for 2022; reporting the cemetery had 25 funerals and sold 30 burial plots in 2022.

#### SALT BARN CONSTRUCTION



Wengerd Construction, Belleville, OH constructed behind the Maintenance constructed a new salt and storage facility for the Township on Radnor Road. The construction of the facility is funded by a \$175,000 ten-year loan through The First Citizen's National Bank in Delaware, OH.

The facility will allow for bulk purchase of salt as well as more timely and efficient access to salt during the snow and ice

season.

## NORTH SECTION LINE ROAD UPGRADE

Radnor and Troy Townships have been awarded an Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant to improve North Section Line Road with a full depth reclamation. This is a terrific opportunity to leverage grant monies as well as Delaware County matching funds to upgrade the shared road between Radnor and Troy Townships. The total project cost is slated to be \$416,000 and will begin in the fall of 2023.

#### RADNOR COMMUNITY PARK INPUT

Planning for updating the Radnor Community Park is moving forward! If you are interested in contributing either financially or through in-kind donations, please join us at the next planning and input meeting to be held at 6:30 pm Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday October 5th at the Township Hall. Joe Clase of Plan 4 Land of Ashley, Ohio will be leading the session to expand and refine the masterplan for the park. We will be searching for funding options as well as private donation opportunities to improve the park into a focal point for the community. Please join us as we finalize the next steps and funding to grow our community park!

#### PRIDE IN RADNOR

For many years, the Radnor/Radnor Area Buckeye Valley Alumni Association has been soliciting donations from local businesses and private citizens for our Pride-In-Radnor fund raising project. Attached is a memorandum outlining the purpose of the project, what the donations have been used to purchase thus far and some ideas for future projects.

Our "Corporate Level" donation is only \$100 although many organizations and individuals give more. We hope there is enough room in your budget to give at least to the corporate level, but any amount is appreciated. If you are able to donate this year, please make the check out to: Radnor/Radnor Area Buckeye Valley Alumni Association and mail it to me at 6124 Morris Rd, Springfield, OH 45502.

#### **FIRE LEVY RENEWAL**

Your Trustees have approved placing a renewal levy equaling the original 5-mil levy in support of operating the township fire department. The levy will be on the November ballot. This 3-year levy is a renewal of the current 5-year levy which expires at the end of 2023. The renewal levy is for the purpose of providing and maintaining the fire department including equipment and firefighters. Look forward to more information as we get closer to election day.

#### COMMUNITY CENTER RENOVATION

The Radnor Township Community Center has gone through some much-needed updates this year. New flooring has been placed throughout the community room, offices, and fire station rooms. The kitchen has been updated with new appliances, countertops, and sink as well as paint! These updates are funded through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 funds.

## **ELECTRIC AGGREGATION**

As of May 1, 2023, the Trustees selected Dynegy as the preferred electricity supplier for the aggregation program through June 2025. Township residents who receive their electric service through First Energy should have gotten a letter on behalf of the Township from Dynegy, explaining the program and how to "opt out" of the aggregation plan, as well as a confirmation. Currently the fixed price of 6.795 cents/kWh is a saving of close to 5 cents/kWh!

Questions on the aggregation program can be directed to: Trebel LLC 1-877-861-2772, enrollment in or opting out of the aggregation program contact Dynegy directly at 888-682-2170.

#### **TOWNSHIP HALL RENTAL**

The Township Hall is now open for rental. For additional information please contact Randy Butts at 740.272.1274 (cell), 740.595.3454 (home) or one of your Township Trustees.

### **ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER**

We are currently building an electronic mailing list for the newsletter. Thank you for your patience as you may also get a paper copy during the transition. To join the list, please send an email to dboysel@radnortwp.org.

## FISCAL OFFICER REPORT KATARINA WHEELAND

Office hours are by appointment only at the clerk's office in the Radnor Community Center located at 4061 State Route 203. You can reach Katarina at (614) 531-7755 or kwheeland@radnortwp.org. To see how the Township is spending your tax dollars visit ww.https://radnortownshipdelaware.ohiocheckbook.com

## **TOWNSHIP ZONING CONTACTS**

Should you need a permit or have a question regarding zoning in Radnor Township, the responsibility falls under the Delaware County Code Compliance Department, at 50 Channing Street, Delaware, Ohio 43015, phone (740) 833-2200. E-mail is building@co.delaware.oh.us.

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