

# PIKE TOWNSHIP NEWS

On the **May 6th election ballot** will be an issue for Pike Township. This issue does not include residents inside the village of North Hampton. It is a 1.5 mill property tax levy. The money will be used for maintaining the township roads, including materials equipment and labor.

The Ohio Revised Code does not permit the township to persuade you how to vote but we can share information with you so you can make an informed decision.

The Road Department in Pike Township has not requested any new money to operate on since 1988. Reductions in the amount of money received from the State of Ohio along with costs continuing to increase have brought us to this decision.

In the last 10 years salt and gravel have doubled in price, asphalt is up 120% and chip and seal have increased 400%. Vehicles and labor have continued to increase in cost as well.

The current income for the Road Department comes from a 1 mil property tax levy (voted on in 1978) a 2 mil property tax levy (voted on in 1988), some money from gasoline taxes and motor vehicle license plates. The income from the gasoline tax is slowly declining each year because the average car is becoming more fuel-efficient and less gas is being sold.

The new levy will generate \$114,870 annually. The estimated annual cost for a \$100,000 property is \$53.00. In 2013 the Road Department spent \$1800 more than it received in income and no monies were set back to replace equipment.

## Tire Collection

The April 5th tire collection resulted in a total of 954 tires. We took in 852 car and small truck tires, 78 large truck tires and 24 farm tractor tires. The total was only down 200 tires from our collection in September.

We were able to have this second event because the grant we received from the Ohio EPA was good until June and we used slightly less than half of the \$15,000 grant in September.

Thanks to everyone who participated. We removed a total of 2106 tires from our township in the two collection events.



## Election Day is May 6

All Pike Township registered voters will vote at:

**Donnels Creek Church of the Brethren**

6562 Detrick-Jordan Pike (the NW corner of Detrick-Jordan and Folk Ream Rd)



## Donate a Vehicle

The Fire Department is in need of old cars and trucks that can be used for extrication training. If you have a vehicle with a title and you would like to donate, call the fire house at 964-8958.

## Road Re-Surfacing

We are frequently asked why we don't put asphalt down on all the township roads instead of chip & seal. We have an annual road re-surfacing budget of \$90,000.

It costs \$80,000 to asphalt one mile of road. It costs \$19,000 to put chip and seal on one mile of road. There are 26.5 miles of roads to take care of. Asphalt roads last 8 to 10 years. Chip and seal roads last 5 to 6 years.

We are not keeping up with the roads by only having \$90,000 to spend per year. Consulting with the county engineer's office we have identified over a \$500,000 of road resurfacing and road base work that needs to be done in the next 2 to 3 years. Two years ago we were fortunate to receive a grant that permitted us to place asphalt on a few miles of roads but we cannot rely on grant money being awarded to us on a regular basis.

## Fire Department Numbers

<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>
409	EMS Runs	489
97	Fire Runs	119

What time of day did the EMS runs happen?

Midnight to 6:00 am	11%
6:00 am to Noon	23%
Noon to 6:00 pm	34%
6:00 pm to Midnight	32%

Remember that you have volunteers covering the Midnight to 6:00 am shift who respond from their homes, and paid staff the other three shifts who respond from the firehouse.

## Roundabout Update

Our last update from ODOT was that the plans to construct the roundabout at the intersection of State Route 41 & State Route 235 have been finalized. The bid is to be awarded in mid April. The actual construction dates will not be established until after the bid is awarded, but the estimated construction period will start in June with completion by mid to late September.

The closure of 235 during the last week in March was for Vectren Gas to work on their natural gas line in preparation for the roundabout.



## Memorial Day Weekend

In addition to the annual Saturday parade and ice cream social there is a special Friday evening event. 25 years ago, a time capsule was sealed and buried at the Pike Township Fire Department. This time capsule will be retrieved and opened on May 23 at 7:00 PM. The public is invited.

## Rumor Control

We heard there was a rumor in the township that the trustees had voted themselves a raise. The salaries for the trustees and the fiscal officer are set by the State of Ohio and are based on the size of the township's overall budget.

The last salary increase was in 2007.



### Road Department Equipment

Following is the current list of equipment that the township owns for use in the road department.

1995 Case Backhoe	2200 hours
2003 John Deere 6120 (Road mowing tractor)	1100 hours
2003 Ford F250 Pickup Truck miles	118,000
2000 International Truck miles (Snow Plow )	43,000
2009 International Truck miles (Snow Plow)	13,000

The Case backhoe and John Deere mowing tractor are both still in good condition and there is no plan to replace them in the near future.

The 2003 pickup truck is on top of the list for replacement. The service body bed has developed some major rust areas in the past year. Our plan is to get 10 years of service from our pickup truck, which we have passed. Estimated replacement cost is \$55,000.

Our plan for snow plow trucks is to get 20 years of service. These trucks rust out before they wear out because of the environment they work in. We had the dump bed of the 2000 truck painted last fall trying to extend it's life. The cost to replace one of those trucks today is \$110,000.

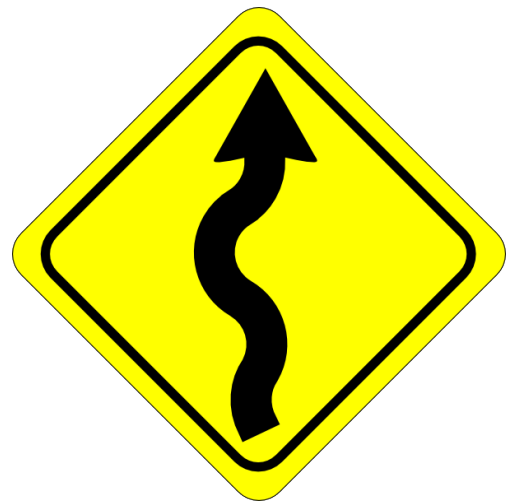
If we replaced one unit every 5 years, all we do is replace the three trucks and never update the mowing tractor or backhoe. In the past we have used money received from

*(Road Dept. Equipment, Cont.)*

the estate tax to purchase these large ticket items. The State of Ohio eliminated the estate tax in 2013. This elimination of the estate tax is one of the reasons why we are asking for additional monies to operate the road department.

You may have also seen the township using a wood chipper when we are removing tree limbs and brush along the side of the roads. The township does not own the chipper. We borrow that from one of our township residents.

Another piece of equipment we use is the trailer that has the kettle for melting tar that is used to fill cracks in the road. That is provided at no cost by the company that we purchase the crack filling material from. We started doing our own crack filling four years ago as a cost savings.



### Road Department Numbers

26.5 Miles of Township Roads

280 Tons of salt used this past winter

150 Tons of salt used in an average winter

58 Cost of one ton of salt

1 Full-time Road Dept. employee



Trustees

Greg Kaffenbarger	765-0964
James Davidson	765-0916
Adam Steele	215-7714

Fiscal Officer

Cheryl Sigler	845-1600
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Fire Chief

Jerry Donnelly	964-8958
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EMS Chief

Cliff Christy	964-8958
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Road Superintendent

Alex Turner	964-8186
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Zoning Inspector

Alex Turner	964-8186
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**Fire / EMS Emergency ..... 911**

**Non-Emergency Fire House ..... 964-8958**

**Fire House Fax..... 964-3103**

**Pike Township Office ..... 964-8186**

**Pike Township Fax ..... 964-8328**

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**Meeting Information  
For the Pike Township Trustees**

Date: First Tuesday of each month

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: 83 Church Street, North Hampton  
(Cement block building next to the water tower)

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New Carlisle, Oh 45344

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