

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Do not plow snow across the road or in the road.

The goal of the Township is to keep the roads safe for travel. Any snow removed from driveways must be placed on your property and must not be pushed across the road. Piles of snow along the roadside freeze and make it difficult and unsafe for the Crew. It also creates a hazard for other motorists. During early winter, push snow back far enough on your land to save space for future snow piles.

Violation notices may be filed with the District Justice and fines may be imposed.

Winter safety tips

- Listen to weather and travel advisories,
- Follow at least six car lengths behind an operating plow truck,
- Turn on headlights whenever wipers are in use,
- Allow for extra driving time as weather and road conditions can change quickly,
- Be prepared to drive slowly and increase following distance when necessary,
- Carry a phone but don't use it while driving,
- Clear ice and snow from vehicles,
- Carry an emergency travel kit,
- Never drive impaired, and
- Always wear a seat belt.

No Parking on the Road

In previous years, there were many vehicles parked in the roads during hunting, even though there were no vehicles parked in the game lands parking lots along those roads. Where available, please use the parking lots so that the crews can get through to cinder and plow the roads.

A Township Ordinance prohibits parking on Township roads whenever there is snow on the road. This law was enacted to protect township residents, employees and township equipment. Any vehicle parked on Township roads will be towed at the owner's expense.

Plowing

The Township operates three plow trucks, which take approximately three hours to clear the roads. On weekdays, the crew is sent home after the first round of plowing if plowing will be necessary later that day. The crew is called out as needed during the evening hours and on the weekends.

Although it may seem like it, the plow truck drivers do not intentionally fill driveways with snow. By clearing a path to the left of your driveway and mailbox, you create a place for the snow riding along the plow blades to drop into - instead of in your driveway! They cannot lift the plow in front of your driveway.

Marking mailboxes so they are visible will help the crew avoid hitting them. Please contact the Township for mailbox installation directions if you have had problems with your mailbox in prior winters.

Ditching and drainage

Ditches provide drainage of the base of the road, which is needed to keep the roads from going soft in the Spring. It is the property owners' responsibility to keep their driveway pipe clear of leaves and other debris. If the pipe is plugged, the water may wash out your driveway and the road. If your pipe is in need of replacement, please contact the Municipal Shop at 725-2044.

Road Posting

Every spring, the Township roads are posted with a 10-ton weight limit. This is done to protect the roads during the thaw cycle.

All Township residents are hereby notified that the Township roads in Greenfield Township will be posted with a 10-ton weight limit, as set by a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors at one of their meetings in February, March or April of 2023. Exceptions to the posting are listed in the Ordinance (agricultural, buses, emergency). A section of Wilson Road has also been exempted in the past to accommodate deliveries to the businesses in Little Hope. During the time the roads are posted, any restricted vehicle owner will be required to post a security and obtain a permit from the Township.

Recent state legislation has made a change which allows for local deliveries. Please consider the condition of the roads when scheduling deliveries with heavy trucks. This type of traffic prolongs the thawing and firming up of the roads.

Armstrong installations continue

Armstrong Utilities is installing fiber optic cable in a majority of Township. They will be contacting residents directly to sign up for services. Spectrum has requested a franchise agreement, which is being reviewed by the Township Solicitor.

Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company

The Fire Company is still experiencing an increase in call volumes.

The Fire Company Volunteers spend a lot of time training for and responding to emergency calls. It is much easier to attract and retain volunteers if they don't have to spend more of their time trying to raise funds **to provide protection for you and your property**. Fund drive mailers will be mailed soon, so please send in your fund drive donation! Donations can be made electronically.

If you are able to donate any time helping with fundraising, building maintenance or general business operations, please leave a message at the Fire Station at 725-9109 or on facebook at Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Greenfield Community Park

The road into the park is not maintained in the winter. The restrooms have been closed for the season. When the weather permits access, residents may still use the trail system. The park is closed after midnight. Please take all garbage with you when you leave the park, as this prevents wild animals making a habit of coming to the park looking for food.

Pavilion reservations can be made by calling the office.

Dog Licenses

The 2023 Dog Licenses will be available the beginning of December. Licenses are required for dogs three months or older. Vaccinations must be up to date.

2022 completed projects

- Dougan Road, from Station Road to Prindle Road, had pipes replaced, tile dug in, and the road was prepared for topping with 2RC (aggregate) and Driving Surface Aggregate in 2023. This project will be paid for by the Dirt & Gravel Roads Program.
- Rich Hill Road, from the existing surfaced area, east to Ashton Road, and Ashton Road from the North East Township Line south to Station Road had millings placed on them and the area was seal coated.
- The crew performed grading, ditching and mowing. Tiling was installed in areas that are problems during the spring thaw.

2023 Budget and Projects

The 2023 Budget is balanced at \$ 734,441.00. The Board of Supervisors will resolve to set the tax millage at 2.340 mills, with all mills dedicated for General Fund purposes. The tax rate has been the same since 2014.

The road projects for 2023 will focus on maintenance. General road maintenance involving ditching, grading, graveling, and adding material to the roads will be done. A Dirt & Gravel was awarded in late 2021 for the replacement of cross pipes and addition of material on a section of Dougan Road, through Erie County Conservation's Dirt & Gravel Roads Program. The first part of that two-year project was completed. Seal coating will be done on sections of Wildman Road. Seal coat is planned for the sections of Rich Hill Road and Ashton Road that had millings applied in 2022.

General maintenance will be performed at the park. An application has been submitted to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for construction of a multi-use court. The court will be lined for a basketball court, a pickle ball court and a volley ball court. This grant award will not be announced until January 2023.

A reduced amount of financial assistance will be provided to the Greenfield Township Volunteer Fire Company. The Municipality is low on funds due to the over budgeted amount spent for Ashton Road and Rich Hill Road millings and seal coat project. Financial assistance will be reconsidered in the 2024 budget.

Financial assistance will be provided to the Hornby School Museum in the form of paying for lawn maintenance. This Historical Museum is operated by volunteers from Greenfield Township and surrounding areas.

Loan payments will be made for the purchase of the 2020 International tri-axle dump truck. The last of the payments for the truck will be made in early 2024.

Office hours and meetings

Currently the office is open to foot traffic, but check to make sure there are no changes due to the Coronavirus. Applications for zoning permits, driveway pipe replacements, ditch dirt release forms, pavilion rentals and dog licenses can all be handled through the mail. Call during office hours of Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for more information.

As of the date of this newsletter, all meetings are being held in person. Call the office the day of the meeting to find out if there is a change. If the meeting is being held by Zoom, information to login to attend the meeting will be on the message. All agendas and minutes are posted on the Township website greenfieldtownship.info.

The Organizational meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, January 3rd at 7:00 p.m. The Auditors will meet on Wednesday, January 4th at 7:00 p.m. The 2023 meeting dates will be advertised in January. All meetings are open to the Public.