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On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to present the 2017 Tredyffrin Township Annual Report.

You will find in the following pages information about each department and highlights that took place this past year. Whether it is enjoying one of our parks, visiting our libraries, or attending one of our meetings, you get to see the results of your investment in the Township.

The Township remained on excellent financial footing in 2017 and we continue to ensure fiscal stability with excellent services. The management team and staff remain committed to following the prudent budget standards provided by the Board of Supervisors while always looking to innovate.

The effort put forth in 2017 will continue to pay dividends in 2018. We continue to focus our efforts each year on infrastructure improvements, whether roads, bridges, or parks, which help us remain competitive in attracting new residents and businesses.

We could not be one of the best places on the Main Line without our numerous and dedicated volunteers. The members of the community give their time to serve on boards, commissions, and other groups to enhance our overall quality of life. Their service to all of us each year is greatly appreciated.

Tredyffrin Township continues to be a great place to live, work, and play and our team remains dedicated to keeping it that way for future generations. Please continue to visit us either in person or via our website at www.tredyffrin.org, or social media to keep up on what 2018 has to offer.

William F. Martin
Township Manager

2017 Board of Supervisors

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A great deal of the Department’s responsibilities include administering, preparing, and maintaining the provisions of the Zoning and Subdivision & Land Development Ordinances. Following these codes, which are adopted by the Board of Supervisors, will ensure orderly, attractive development with the goal of preserving a great quality of life for our residents and workers alike. Another key component to this Department is the reviewing, issuing, and inspecting of building permits for both residential and commercial properties keeping in mind long-term safety.

In addition to our daily responsibilities, there have been many new projects developed in the Township. Below are some recent examples.

**Life Time Fitness** opened in June of 2017 to great fanfare. This world-class fitness facility was built on 15 acres. Conveniently located near Route 202, the 422 Expressway, and Swedesford Road, this facility has both an indoor and outdoor pool, classes, spas, cardio equipment, and a restaurant, as well as other amenities.

**Chesterbrook Development** When Chesterbrook was first planned as a master community in the early to mid-1980's, the thought process was to have over 100,000 square feet of retail space to provide goods and services to the surrounding community. As time moved on, however, the businesses struggled and the site fell into disrepair. Thanks to a zoning change from C-2 to TCD (Town Center District), there will be 123 new townhomes with 30,000 square feet of retail when finalized in 2018. The project has been a success with these homes selling quickly and the retail fully occupied.
Permits  Since the economic recession ended in 2010, the Township has seen tremendous financial investment in the community with a particular focus on the commercial side. Projects such as CrossPoint and Bay Colony, have suggested that property owners have a strong desire to build in and improve these buildings in Tredyffrin Township. In 2017 alone, construction dollars totaled more than $100 million. The bottom line is that combined with great schools, a low tax-base, and a tremendous transportation network, Tredyffrin Township is well-poised economic development-wise.

Source: Chester County
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

Our responsibilities include providing engineering technical knowledge, expertise, and assistance to all Township departments, the Township Manager, and the Board of Supervisors. The Department manages and oversees a variety of Township functions from permitting/inspections (stormwater and grading, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), sanitary sewer planning, land development project inspections, etc.), to capital infrastructure projects, as well as ordinance development (stormwater, floodplain, etc.), grant procurement, attendance at public meetings, resident inquiry/complaint investigation/follow-up, expert testimony, and other various Township related engineering efforts.

In addition to daily responsibilities, the Engineering Department started and/or completed several capital infrastructure projects in 2017:

**East Central Avenue Multi-Modal Improvements** – a project that included a number of pedestrian improvements including new sidewalks and ADA ramps (south side), raised crosswalks, pavement markings, signage and bike lanes (north and south sides) along East Central Avenue in Paoli. The Township also resurfaced East Central Avenue in the fall. The project was funded with a TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) Grant from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) and Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PADOT), as well as Tredyffrin Township. The project was constructed in 2017, and is scheduled to have final punch list items completed in the spring of 2018. These improvements provide enhanced pedestrian and bicycle mobility and safety for the residents living, commuting and enjoying recreational activities in this area of Paoli in Tredyffrin Township.

**Howellville Road Bridge Replacement** - a project that includes removal and replacement of the existing roadway bridge over the Norfolk-Southern railroad tracks near the Field of Dreams and Berwyn PECO complex along Howellville Road in Tredyffrin Township. Preliminary design was completed in 2017, and the Township estimates that final design and approvals from PADOT, Norfolk-Southern, and the Pennsylvania Utility Commission (PUC) will occur in 2018. Construction is dependent on final third party approvals. The project is funded by the Municipal Bridge Retro-Reimbursement Program (MBRP) from the DVRPC and PADOT; as well as funds from Tredyffrin Township and Norfolk-Southern. Once completed, the new bridge will provide a wider bridge deck with two minimum 10-ft lanes, and two 5-ft shoulders (30-ft in total) versus the existing 19.5-ft width which will allow for safer movement of motorist, bicyclist, and other users.

**Strafford Park Stormwater Basin** – a project that included the removal and replacement of the existing basin outlet structure with a modern concrete structure with modified orifice openings to better manage and reduce stormwater flows from the upper drainage area which feed into Gulph Creek. In addition, grading and stabilization was done to the berm and emergency spillway, and several sections of deteriorated stormwater pipe were removed and replaced coming into the basin in Strafford Park, as well as at the outlet of the basin. This project will provide increased stormwater controls and reduce runoff rates to Gulph Creek during storm events.
**Paoli Corridor Adaptive Traffic Signals** – a project that included upgrades to the existing traffic signals on State Route 30 in downtown Paoli between Darby Road and Plank Avenue, as well as pedestrian crosswalks, push buttons, and sidewalks in Paoli and/or West Valley Roads at Swedesford Road. The project will help improve signal timing, reduce congestion, and deal with the changing motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic along the Route 30 corridor.

**Crabby Creek Stormwater Retrofit Project** – a project which will collect and infiltrate stormwater runoff from sections of Friendship Drive, Hilltop Road, and Daylesview Lane in upper portions of the Crabby Creek watershed. Runoff entering Crabby Creek ultimately flows into Little Valley and then Valley Creek and through Valley Forge National Historic Park on its way to its eventual confluence with the Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers. Reducing runoff volume and rate of flow downstream into Crabby Creek will help slow down erosion of the stream bed and banks, as well as reduce downstream flooding, and help with supplying the stream with baseflow during dry weather periods. This project was funded from a number of third party grants, from the Valley Creek Trustee Council (VCTC), Schuylkill River Heritage Area (SRHA), as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Growing Greener Program. Design and bidding was completed in 2017 with construction to start in spring 2018.

**Stormwater Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)** – a new and upgraded permit application and plan was submitted to PADEP in December 2017. This PADEP required permit and plan will replace an existing permit and add new requirements to what Tredyffrin Township and numerous other local municipalities will be required to do over the next 5-years (2018-2023) to manage stormwater runoff and reduce pollutant loading into the various streams and watersheds within the Tredyffrin Township municipal boundaries. Tredyffrin has the following watersheds which will require PRP pollution reduction measures: Crum Creek, Darby Creek, Little Valley/Valley Creek, Trout Creek, and Gulph Creek. The Township will be planning and implementing a variety of stormwater measures, such as street sweeping and inlet cleaning, stormwater ordinance compliance, retrofitting existing stormwater basins, streambank stabilization, and implementing green infrastructure to help manage and reduce sediment pollution from existing MS4 drainage areas in Tredyffrin Township.
Mission
The mission of the Finance Department is to lead the Township’s financial management efforts to best serve the public, Board of Supervisors, and all Departments of the Township. We serve as a central hub for financial information involving Township business in a timely, efficient, and effective manner. The Finance Department provides reports, maintains documentation, and ensures the integrity and accuracy of the Township’s financial transactions in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), Township ordinances, state statutes, and federal laws.

Responsibilities
The Finance Department oversees several functions relative to Township revenues, including the billing and collection of Real Estate Taxes, Local Service Tax, and the Sewer Utility Fee. We are responsible for Financial and Cash Management, Accounting, Purchasing, Benefits, and Risk Management. The Human Resources Department is also a function of the Finance Department.

Bond Rating
The Township continues to maintain a Moody’s Aaa Bond Rating, which is the highest possible rating and speaks to the Township’s historic track record of sound financial management. Tredyffrin Township is one of only eleven Pennsylvania municipalities with this rating. As a result of our high bond rating, the Township is able to obtain the most favorable interest rates available on any debt issued.

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Budget Preparation
The Finance Director worked closely with the Township Manager and Board of Supervisors to prepare the 2018 Operating Budget and the 2018-2022 Capital Plan. The budget serves as the guide for the Township’s overall operations and delivers transparency and accountability to our residents and businesses. The General Fund Operating Budget for fiscal year 2018 is $20,544,330. When considering the entire property tax bill, the Township’s portion (at 2.380 mils) represents only 8% of the total tax burden.

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Pensions
During 2017, at the recommendation of the Pension Trustees, the Board of Supervisors voted to reduce the assumed interest rate of return on the Police Pension. Although this change can be directly linked to the increase in the 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO), this will help ensure financial stability in the Police Pension for years to come. The 2017 MMO was $1,224,485 and the 2018 MMO is increasing to $1,604,771. These numbers do not include any State Aid that will be received to offset the Township’s overall cost. This demonstrates the Township’s commitment to proactive financial management and long-term planning.

Current Projects
The Finance Department is currently working to deploy a new Sewer Utility Billing Module within our General Ledger Software (MUNIS). In addition to previous software improvements for permit billing, this new software will greatly increase the efficiency of staff while also increasing the integrity and timeliness of reporting. The Finance Department is always looking to deploy better software to best serve the Township’s residents and businesses. In addition, residents can pay their real estate taxes online.

Goals
In addition to continuous process improvements, it is the goal of the Finance Department to prepare a Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to present to the Board of Supervisors and GFOA. Preparing a CAFR represents the highest level of financial reporting for municipalities and we are hopeful to accomplish this goal within the next few years.

OPEB
One of the Township’s largest liabilities is the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). As of January 1, 2017, the unfunded liability was $31,059,319. The Board of Supervisors recognized the importance of funding this liability which is why they established the OPEB Trust and initially funded it with two million dollars. As of December 31, 2017, the OPEB Trust had a balance over $5.3mm. Funds are invested at the discretion of the Pension Trustees. Since 2015, it has been the Township policy to increase funding by $25,000 for every new Police officer hired to offset the additional liability. Funding for 2017 was $650,000 and will increase to $725,000 in 2018.
The Department’s responsibilities include maintaining the network infrastructure, which consists of multiple servers and client workstations. In addition to this, we maintain the VOIP system, police MDVR system, AV equipment, security system, and anything technology related. This would include rendering support to the end users when it comes to their software and printer needs.

In addition to daily responsibilities, we completed various projects in 2017. Here’s a brief look at two of them.

Our first project is the one with the farthest reach and which benefitted residents, contractors, and employees alike. This was the overhaul and facelift of our website. We went through a lengthy review process of our website and content. We then selected a wireframe, color scheme, and verified content before going live with the newly designed website. The menus are much easier to navigate and the buttons get users to desired pages rapidly.

One of the nicest features is that the site is more mobile and tablet friendly. This is important since our analytics show that these devices comprise over 40 percent of our audience as shown here.

Below is a screenshot of the top pages visited in the past 30 days.
The second project we worked on touched every department - migrating all employees email accounts from a local exchange server to the Microsoft O365 cloud service. This was prudent on the Township’s part since email communication is an integral part of day-to-day operations and a major component during an emergency event and we cannot afford to be without it. Previously, hosting an exchange server in house, we had to worry about hardware components failing and potential database issues. Previously, if there were a server issue, we could have been impacted for days trying to recover. Whereas Microsoft has redundancies built in so the O365 service level agreement (SLA) is for 99.9 percent uptime, and calls for Microsoft to compensate customers financially if that guarantee isn’t met.

TELEVISION STUDIO

Tredyffrin Township Television (TTTV) operates our own PEG (Public/Education/Government Access) Television facilities. This includes equipment and programming for Comcast and Verizon TV channels, as well as a video-on-demand website. The studio exists to provide Tredyffrin Township residents with the tools and training needed to communicate with their neighbors via television and video-on-demand, available online. The franchise agreements in place with local cable providers fund TTTV. Comcast contributes $65,000.00 a year and Verizon contributes $40,000.00 a year.

TTTV’s first project was purchasing the UltraNEXUS-HD X2 Hi-Definition Video Server. The Leightronix unit is our video server that records and sends our programming signal upstream to Comcast channels 15 & 964, Verizon channel 24, and to our video-on-demand website that is accessible at www.tredyffrin.org. Its software provides program import, recording, export, management, backup and scheduling. The RAID storage (where the media lives) and backup drives needed to be replaced.

TTTV’s second project affords us the opportunity to broadcast meetings in high definition. Comcast notified us that they could upgrade TTTV’s signal to high-definition. We used grant funds to purchase the hardware needed to pay for the Head-end equipment, fiber, and labor for this project. The next step will be the purchase of the HD capable cameras to complete the build out.
Tredyffrin Township Libraries serve as centers of knowledge, creation, and engagement for more than 29,000 township residents as well as visitors from beyond the township borders. The Libraries provide people of all ages with resources and services that encourage lifelong learning and provide experiences that shape and transform their lives. Tredyffrin Township Libraries are open to the public a total of 63 hours per week and in 2017 visits to the Libraries totaled 230,357 (an increase of 7,552 compared to 2016).

As we develop our collections of print, audio, and video, we also pursue ways to meet the increasing demand for electronic materials while balance our purchases to create a robust and relevant collection. Last year, circulation of library materials totaled 371,133, an increase of 5,093 transactions compared to 2016.

Our program offerings are designed to meet the social, economic, technological, and cultural interests of the community. Children’s program options promote literacy, social interaction, and practical skill-building. Teen programs allow young adults the opportunity to engage socially, give back to the community, expand cultural horizons, and participate in musical theater. Our adult programs feature local author talks, workshops by local business leaders, presentations by local experts and scholars, and health and wellness seminars for individuals to learn or improve life skills, meet like-minded individuals, achieve personal goals, and lead more enriched lives. Last year, the Libraries offered 1,387 programs and recorded 23,969 attendees. Compared to 2016, this is an increase of 152 program offerings and an increase of 1,004 recorded program attendees.

Our programs were so well received in 2017 that Tredyffrin Library’s Young Adult Librarian, Laurie Doan, was nominated for and received the American Library Association’s “I Love my Librarian Award”. This national award is given to only 10 librarians each year in recognition of “leadership in transforming lives and communities through education and lifelong learning.” Laurie is only the second individual in the State of Pennsylvania to receive this prestigious award.

Library requests for information assistance and one-on-one tutorials have also increased. The Libraries professional staff assist individuals with recommendations for materials, personal investment resources, tax forms and filing information, online research, technology resources, and much more. Last year, information assistance interactions totaled 28,817, an increase of 2,211 transactions compared to 2016.

**Notable 2017 Achievements**

**Children’s Resources and Programming**
- Focused collection development on STEAM inspired books and learning resources;
- Developed programs and workshops designed to get young children ready for Pre-K and school;
- Partnered with Lingo Language Learning in Wayne to offer bilingual Spanish story times to preschool families;
- Improved programming content by identifying “gaps” in available programming by local schools;
- Enhanced quality of programming by offering more coordinated programs catering to community interests.

**Young Adult Resources and Programming**
- Hosted a number of theatrical and musical performances for teens, including a summer theater workshop and a student-run benefit concert;
- Continued our annual college search and a college-essay writing and application workshop for teens and parents;
Held various social and fundraising events for high school students.

Adult Resources and Programming
- Developed book collections on maintaining a healthy lifestyle;
- Continued and expanded health and wellness programs such as yoga and meditation taught by local instructors at little or no cost to participants;
- Continued our partnership with Chester County SCORE to offer a variety of programs, workshops, and general assistance to small business owners and entrepreneurs.

Comments from Our Patrons

“As a student, I personally enjoy the quiet and peaceful environment at the Library. It helps me relax my thoughts and concentrate on my work. The Library is very important to me, not only because it provides me with a huge amount of useful sources, but also because it establishes a social network in which I get to share empathy with other like-minded people on our exploration of knowledge. I feel connected to people at the library and am grateful for this opportunity to enrich myself mentally and socially.”

- Jenny Sun, Library Patron and Student

“I couldn’t imagine what I would have done without these wonderful Libraries. I moved to this area to watch my two-year-old granddaughter. We have enjoyed so much of what the Library offers. My favorite is Paoli. The Chinese music time with PengFei is a treasure. I went from feeling lonely to experiencing friendship and play time for my [granddaughter] Lily. I wish I was a millionaire so I could support the Library.”

- Annmarie Lynam, Library Patron

“I have a food vending business and when I need to get paperwork together, I come to the Strafford Library. I do a lot of events and I print up applications all of the time and when I need assistance with technology, people are always helpful, and that is why I always return to the Strafford Library to get things done on my days off. Other libraries are not nearly as helpful so even though it’s not always the closest library, it still remains more reliable for me.”

- David Lopez, Owner of Race to the Taste Curbside Grill
The Tredyffrin Township Police Department is comprised of 42 sworn officers and 6 civilian staff members who are all dedicated professionals, providing quality law enforcement services to the citizens of our community while adhering to the highest ethical and professional standards.

In 2017, the Department handled over 22,000 documented calls for service, including 931 traffic crashes. The daily interactions with community members and diligent enforcement efforts are a testament to the quality and caliber of the talented individuals that make up the Tredyffrin Township Police Department.

2017 was a year of change for the Tredyffrin Township Police. Several long serving key leaders of the department retired. On January 31, 2017, Sergeant Timothy Barrar retired after serving the Tredyffrin Township community for 30 years. A month later, on February 28th, Lieutenant Taro Landis retired to become the Chief of Police in Carlisle, PA; and effective August 1st, Superintendent Anthony Giaimo retired after an impressive 27 years of dedicated service. On December 29th, Sergeant Edward Spiller retired, wrapping up a remarkable 30 years of service to the residents of Tredyffrin. The men and women that make up the Department wish them all well in their future endeavors and thank them for their leadership over the years.

In July, the Police Department welcomed in Mike Beaty as the new Superintendent of Police. Lieutenant Joseph Glatts was appointed Captian, and Sergeant Tim Brown was promoted to Patrol Lieutenant to fill in the new command ranks of the Department. Working together, the new management team seeks to further improve service to the residents and visitors to the Township.

Community partnerships are extremely important to us as we work to enhance safety measures, identify crime trends, and work with all of our first responders in the region to make Tredyffrin safe, secure and enjoyable.


Crime Watch and Social Media

The Department utilizes a variety of means to communicate with the residents, keeping them informed of crime trends to include Crime Watch, Twitter, and Facebook. Please follow us for information and updates.

Community Policing Programs

- Police Summer Camp Kids Camp was a huge success in July. This popular program will take place again this year from June 18-22, 2018.
Race for Peace – The Department remains active with the Race for Peace organization, a multi-jurisdictional group of clergy, law enforcement, and members of the community geared toward building understanding, communication, and trust between police and the community. The Township Community Policing Unit was invited to participate in a panel discussion at Girard College to discuss current policing practices and to field student questions in September.

Main Line Ministerium – We are honored to be part of the Main Line Ministerium, a multi-denominational group of dedicated leaders in the community that include a variety of houses of worship, as well as community organizations such as T&E Care and Daemion Counseling Center. The group’s main purpose is service to the community. Meetings take place monthly to discuss the needs of our residents and the ways we can join together to assist them. Past events have included food collections and fundraising activities for those in need.

17th Annual Citizens Police Academy took place from September to December, culminating with graduation in December. The Citizens Police Academy is a program designed to promote community involvement and understanding. The class learns valuable information on topics that include DUI, Criminal and Accident Investigations, Domestic Violence, and Personal Safety. Excellent presentations are provided by the Department, as well as the District Attorney’s Office, Fire Companies, and the Department of Emergency Services. The students are also taken on a ride-along with an officer for first-hand experience with the police officer’s job. Residents are highly encouraged to take part in this valuable program. Please watch for upcoming details for fall 2018 enrollment.
The Public Works Department is responsible for all facilities in the Township including buildings, roads, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, street lights, traffic lights, and parks.

Responsibilities include repairing, cleaning, and replacing storm pipes and inlets. This year we cleaned or repaired 350 inlets, as well as swept all roads in the Township. Our major storm sewer repairs were on Avonwood and Bradford Roads.

Winter maintenance included all 102 miles of Township roads along with approximately 20 miles of State roads. Last year, we paved 15 Township roads, as well as the tennis courts at Strafford Park and part of the Administration Building.

The Township has 17 parks and open spaces for which Public Works is responsible. All parks are mowed weekly and the playing fields are maintained by grooming and mowing them twice a week. The Department also ran 30 recreational programs with 3,175 participants and also coordinates the Fourth of July Celebration and the Community Day activities at Wilson Farm Park.

Two major accomplishments this year were the replacement of the surface of the All Abilities area at Wilson Farm Park, as well as beginning to clear around the pond at Wilson Farm Park.
The Township operates 9 sanitary sewer stations and approximately 170 miles of underground sanitary sewer pipe. Township personnel inspect all pump stations on a daily basis. Crews inspected or serviced 219,476 feet of sanitary sewer pipe, responded to 3,174 PAOne calls and 161 emergency one calls.

The Township owns approximately 2,000 street lights and 45 traffic lights. This year 155 street lights were repaired and all traffic signals were inspected by our vendor. There was a major sewer pipe break on Beechtree Road that was repaired.