

The Coitsville Reader

Spring 2019

Dear Coitsville Residents:

Our residents have many questions regarding the activity that is occurring on US Route 422 with the injection well that sits adjacent to the Purple Cat. **Clearly the injection well is being prepared for production much to the concern of many of us!** Your township officials have been in touch with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) and the new owner of the well site, BobCat Energy Resources LLC, in an effort to get answers to our questions. In this newsletter we will share with you what we have learned thus far.

Most of you will remember back in 2011 the State of Ohio banned injection wells within five miles of the Youngstown Northstar brine-injection well, which was suspected of causing 11 earthquakes, including a 4.0 magnitude earthquake on New Year's Eve. This ban included the Coitsville well which is in the 5-mile radius. Owners of BobCat Energy Resources have since purchased the Coitsville well site and are working with ODNR to provide plans that may lead to the operation of Coitsville's injection well that was once banned by the state. **At this time BobCat Energy has no permit or authorization allowing for the reopening of the well site but are working towards this goal!**

This is what we have learned. BobCat Energy must first comply with the following: They have submitted a plan to ODNR for the construction of a surface facility. A panel made up of geologists, engineers, and inspectors from ODNR have reviewed the construction plan. Once the plan for the surface facility construction is approved, construction can begin. The surface facility would involve either a drive-through facility or a pad where trucks can connect to the injection lines and inject *out of state brine*. Bobcat Energy must next apply for a permit to construct the injection line. According to Adam Schroeder, ODNR Public Information Officer, the time for completion of these steps is unknown. ODNR Inspectors will oversee each step. And if changes are needed



and areas found to be out of compliance this would delay the process. Schroeder stated that there is an abundance of tests that have to be successfully completed each step of the way before the company is permitted to move forward. An important part of the permit conditions will be 24-hour monitoring at the site for seismic activity by ODNR Inspectors. On September 24, 2018 a system for measuring seismic activity was installed and presently ODNR inspectors are monitoring the site for any seismic activity.

There will be an opportunity for public comments prior to the construction of the injection line. Residents seeking more information regarding Ohio laws and injection wells can go to Ohio Administrative Code 1501 or can visit the ODNR website "oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov". These sites speak to who has authority over injection wells. Despite objections and concerns voiced by the public the authority to approve injection wells rests solely with ODNR officials and ultimately with Governor Michael DeWine.

As township officials we plan to influence all parties and bring our concerns and your concerns to those who have power over these matters. We will speak to the Health and Safety issues of our community. However, we **do not have any authority** over the plans to reopen the injection well. In the meantime, we are making sure we are in the loop and being kept abreast as to each step taken. We encourage our residents to share their concerns when given the opportunity through public comments and to consider writing letters to our legislators and to Governor DeWine. **Clearly, our laws governing such matters are antiquated and are in need of revision.**

Respectfully, Serving Our Community,
Your Township Administration,
Jerry, Phyllis, Bob, and Christeen



Ohio Township Association-WINTER CONFERENCE
Robert Lisko, Jerry Backo,
Matthew J. DeTemple
(Executive Director of OTA),
Phyllis Johnson



Spring Cleanup

APRIL 28 THRU MAY 6, 2019

8:00 AM TILL 4:00 PM

BEHIND TOWNSHIP ADMIN BLDG

**WE WILL BE TAKING
APPLIANCES, SCRAP
METAL, ALONG WITH ANY
JUNK.**

THERE WILL BE A CHARGE OF \$3.00 PER TIRE
We do not accept paint, oil, anti-freeze or
hazardous materials
Please call 330-536-6420 for more
information

Police Department

Fire Department



Chief Michael Morris

Police Chief Michael Morris and Fire Chief George Brown are cautioning residents when using their cell phones to report an emergency. Due to the fact that when using your cell phone, the phone selects the cell tower with the strongest signal and in Coitsville that could end up sending you to the wrong 9-1-1 Dispatching Center. Emergency calls could erroneously go to a 9-1-1 dispatch center in Trumbull County or a dispatch center in Lawrence County, PA.

Chief Michael Morris explains that currently the Coitsville Police Department is dispatched through the Boardman 9-1-1 Center, known as the ABMC Joint Communications District. Fire Chief Brown states that calls to the fire department are



Chief George Brown

dispatched by Life Fleet Ambulance in North Lima. When a call goes to the wrong dispatch center it is transferred to Boardman 9-1-1, who then would transfer it to Life Fleet. This could cause a delay that can mean the difference between life and death.

Until Mahoning County takes positive action and creates a central dispatch center that would include our fire, it is being recommended that residents program the 10-digit emergency numbers into their cell phones, so they are assured their calls get to the proper dispatch location.

The 10-digit number for the Fire Department Dispatch is: 330-755-3400

The 10-digit, non-emergency number, for the Police Department is: 330-744-0404.

To dispatch a Coitsville Police officer, dial 330-744-0404, then press 0.

For emergency Police calls dial 9-1-1 and state you reside in Coitsville Township.

Residents and Businesses who have land lines who call 9-1-1, these calls will go to the Boardman 9-1-1 Center. Cell phones pose the greatest risk of calls getting to the wrong dispatch center.

If you have any questions, please contact the Township Administration Building at 330-536-6420

Retired Firefighters Breakfast

On March 2, 2019, Coitsville Firefighters invited past members of the department to return to the fire station for breakfast. In what Chief George D. Brown stated was a training in "Pride and Ownership" our Active Firefighters cooked and served seventeen past members and some guest to a fresh cooked breakfast of eggs, pancakes, sausage gravy, bacon, sausage, coffee and juice.

It was a chance for the current members to show their appreciation to those past members for their dedication and hard work to get the department on a strong foundation. Chief Brown said that it is important to know where the department came from in order to guide the department into the future.

Firefighter, Ed Sutak, commented that he learned a lot about the department that he never knew. It was great to see those members reminiscing about the old days and discussing how they built certain pieces of equipment.

Sonja Gilliam, Township Administrative Assistant created a power point of the History of the Coitsville Fire Department, which was well received by all in attendance. This is something we will add to keep the history of the department going forward. The breakfast was a huge success and the department plans on having it become an annual event.



From the desk of Chief Michael Morris

A grant for \$13,000 with a 25% match from the Coitsville Police budget was awarded to the Coitsville Police Department from The Ohio Attorney General Office for the purchase of Ohio Law Enforcement Body Armor. A total of 14 bullet proof vest were purchased for our police officers. Our officers are required to wear body armor according to Department Policy and Procedures. This ensures that they will have the most current and updated body armor that is available for the safety and well-being of our officers.

Two new part-time police officers have recently been hired; Nathan White and Kenneth Romo. Both have attended YSU Police academy. Nathan White also works for Mill Creek Police Department, and Kenneth Romo also works for Hubbard Township Police Department.



Officer
Kenneth Romo



Officer
Nathan White



Road Department

Update on Paving Projects

You may recall plans to repave two township roads, John White and Galluppi. Work on these roads had to be delayed last year due to the unusual amount of rain and early winter weather we experienced in the fall of 2018. These projects are now earmarked for completion this year by early fall. Grant monies from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) that were awarded to the Township will be used to help cover the cost of the projects, as well as monies from the Township road fund. The township is responsible for the maintenance of 14 township roads and a comprehensive plan is in place to secure grant monies to help cover the maintenance cost of those roads in need.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

Coitsville Township Road Dept - 330-536-6420

Begala	Kish	Overlook
Blaine	Lawnview	Shuttleworth
Galluppi	Ludwick	Torolo
Houston	Milligan	University
John White	Oakview	Wilson
Kimmel		

Mahoning County Engineer Roads - 330-799-1581

Bedford	Johnson	Oak
Coit	McGuffey	South Hubbard
Cooper	North Hubbard	South Stateline
County Line	North Stateline	Villa Marie

Ohio Dept of Transportation Roads - 330-533-4351

McCartney (US 422)	Upland (616)	
Struthers Coitsville (616)	(East) Coitsville Hubbard (616)	

Zoning Department



Seasonal, part time workers are needed to work on the Coitsville Township Road Department, to help with liter clean up alongside of our roadways. Please call 330-536-6420 for more information.

From the Desk of Michael Kurilla

As the Annual Township Spring Cleanup 2019 approaches, the Zoning Department is reminding residents that a property owner has a responsibility to keep their property neat and clean in appearance.

Any unused, dismantled or inoperable motor vehicles should not be stored in an exposed manner in any yard area; but properly stored in a garage. Additionally, any junk items and materials - tires, motor vehicle parts, scrap metal, appliances, furniture, pallets - should not be stored in a yard area. But must be stored in a shed or garage.

If every resident pitches in and does their part in maintaining a clean yard and residence, it will make Coitsville Township a better community.



Mike Kurilla, Zoning Inspector

Residents,

If you notice a street light that has burned out in the township, please notify administration at 330-536-6420. Retrieving the pole number off the pole is helpful when contacting Ohio Edison. Arrangements will be made to have the light replace.



Governor Dewine signs HB 62 - 2-year Transportation Budget

The State of Ohio legislature has passed the first increase in the state gas tax in over 15 years. This much needed 10.5 cent per gallon increase will be used to keep up with the rising costs of maintaining our roads and infrastructure. This increase, by formula, will be spread out between the state, counties, and local governments.

Specific to Coitsville it is estimated that we will receive approximately \$40,000 annually. These monies will be used as matching dollars with other sources such as Community Development Block grants or Ohio Public Works Commission grants. These grant monies will be deposited into our Road Fund for any township owned infrastructure needs. With most of our roads maintained by the County Engineer, they too will see a significant increase, nearly \$1,500,000 annually. This will help them, and the township, maintain safer driving conditions for all our township residents and visitors. This increase was supported by all state and local governing associations. Thanks to all that made it happen.

Submitted by Christeen Partika, Fiscal Officer





Resident 's Corner



Officer Louie Marino

Former Coitsville Resident Receives the Gold Medal of Valor

Police officer 1st class Lou Marino, son of Lou and Geri Marino of Coitsville, who now lives in Berryville, VA., with his two sons, Louie and Vinnie, was honored with the Gold Medal of Valor from the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

Officer Marino works for the Fairfax County Police Department as a field training

officer. Recently, Officer Marino and six other officers were called to an active shooter scenario where the life of a female employee was being threatened. The officers responded, secured the building, located the shooter, who had died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, and were able to calm and reassure the frightened employees who were in the building.

This award has only been given out five times in the last 20 years. Twelve years ago, Officer Marino also received a Bronze Medal of Valor. Lou grew up in Coitsville and graduated from Ursuline High School and attended the YSU Police Academy. Officer Marino worked for the Coitsville Police Department before moving to Virginia.

If you have not already visited the Coitsville Township Website, please check the township website at www.coitsvilletwp.org. The Coitsville Reader is "going green". Residents can find our newsletter on the website and can receive the newsletter by email. To receive The Coitsville Reader by email, send us your e-mail address, along with your name and address to coitsvilletwp@gmail.com. Call our office if you have any questions. (330-536-6420)

PLEASE INCLUDE ANY SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS
YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ABOUT THE TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER
WHICH IS PUBLISHED BI-ANNUALLY

The Coitsville Ladies Auxiliary Update

This year, The Coitsville Ladies Auxiliary donated \$2,500 to the Coitsville Fire Department for the purchase of radios. This money came from various fundraisers held by the ladies throughout the year.

The Ladies will hold their annual bake and soup sale on election day, November 5, at the voting site located at Victory Christian Center.

Contact President, Geri Marino at 330-536-6420, if interested in being a part of this group. All are welcome!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Senior Friends - *Every 3rd Thursday*
Bedford Trails at Noon
Card Bingo and 50/50 Raffle
ALL SENIORS ARE WELCOME!

Invitation to the Mahoning County Commissioners

The Board of Trustees have approached the Mahoning County Commissioners to request that they once again hold their monthly meeting at the Coitsville Town Hall. Unfortunately, the meeting we had set up with them for fall of 2018 was cancelled at their request. No definite date has been scheduled as of yet, but we are hoping for early fall this year. All the Mahoning county department heads attend these meetings, so this is an excellent time for residents to address the needs of our community to the commissions and welcome our county leaders to Coitsville Township. **We will be announcing a date, in the near future.** Township information and events are posted on the Coitsville LED sign, our Facebook page and at our website <https://Coitsvilletwp.org>.



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