RICHMOND TWP BUILDING 30348 St. Hwy 408 Townville, PA 16360 Phone: 814-967-3822 Fax: 814-967-2942 Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month, 6 pm at the

SUPERVISORS
Bryan Morton, Chairman
Glenn Sharpe, Vice Chair
Don James

**Township Office Building** 

SECRETARY/TREASURER Rhonda Phillips

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Mary Worley

TAX COLLECTOR
Kathleen Wheelock
814-967-4319
Call for office hours.

AUDITORS

Laura Morton – Chairman

Patti Capron

Tammy Turner

PLANNING COMMISSION
John Lawrence - Chairman
Gary Coburn
Luigi DeFrancesco
Mike Lokuta
Don Myers

## **Township Website**

Just a reminder to everyone that the township has a website that is full of information. You can find links to local news, building permits, Rec board information, meeting dates, and minutes of the meetings, just to name a few. The website address is <a href="https://www.richmondtownshipcc.com">www.richmondtownshipcc.com</a>.

#### **Northwestern PA Weather**

What a winter we have had! Everyone is ready for spring. The freezing and thawing has wreaked havoc on our roads. What we may have saved in snow removal cost, we have spent on gravel (almost 3000 tons of 2B stone) to fill the potholes. John and Brian have done their best to try and keep up with all the damage. As soon as the roads dry up a bit, they will be back to grading and getting the roads back in shape. Thank you for your patience!

## **Ford One-Ton Dump Truck**

We have had a bit of misfortune with our Ford one-ton dump truck. With only 75,000 miles on the odometer, the motor has blown up and will require a new one to fix the problem. Because of supply chain problems, we are unsure at this time when one will become available. Hopefully it will be soon. A huge 'Thank You' to John for using his personal truck while we were searching to find another small dump truck to help us get through a tough time.

# **Volunteers needed**

We have three events taking place in the next couple of months: Dumpster Day on April 29<sup>th</sup>, Rec Clean-up Day on May 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Memorial Day Service on May 29<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in volunteering for any of these events, please call the township at 814-967-3822.

## **Permits required**

Please remember that if you are planning to build, permits are required for both building and sewage. For questions or for an application, please contact our BSO Rick Makohus at 814-392-1864.

#### **RECREATION BOARD**

Scott Wheelock

**Matt Capron** 

Patti Capron

Dave Crago

**Bill Taylor** 

**Kathy Taylor** 

**Bill Shoemaker** 

Melissa Smock

# ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Joe Smock

## EMS COORDINATOR

Bill Taylor

#### SEO/BCO

**Rick Makohus** 

814-392-1864

rickmakohus@yahoo.com

# PICNIC SHELTER/FACILITY

**BOOKINGS** 

Rhonda Phillips

814-720-4655

#### WEBSITE

www.richmondtownshipcc.com

#### **EMAIL**

richmondtwp@windstream.net

#### John Brown Heritage Association JBHA

We would like to thank all the supervisors of Richmond Township. They have been very supportive of the JBHA. They have given us space in the Rec Building to set up a display of photos and artifacts found at the tannery site on John Brown Rd. The JBHA encourages all residents to visit the display and the tannery site, which is on John Brown Road just off route 77 in New Richmond.

The famous abolitionist lived in Richmond Township where he built and operated his farm and two-story tannery from 1826 to 1835. He was appointed New Richmond Postmaster by President John Quincy Adams and is known to have done the 20-mile mail route from New Richmond to Riceville. Brown's first wife and infant son are buried across the road from the tannery. Before leaving Crawford County, he married Maryann Day from Troy Township. They would eventually have thirteen children along with the seven from his first wife. Brown is known to have had very strong anti-slavery sentiments while living here, and is said to have had a "hide room" built in the loft of his barn. His lifelong antislavery crusade culminated in the 1859 raid on the federal arsenal at Harper's Ferry that led to his execution and fanned the flames leading the Civil War.

Take a moment to visit the tannery site, a piece of history in Crawford County.

#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- Easter Egg Hunt- cancelled for this year
- Township Clean-up Day Sat. April 29<sup>th</sup>, 8 am 3 pm at the Township office/garage
- Rec Facility Clean-up Day Sat. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 am at the Township Rec building
- Primary Election Day Tues. May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 am 8 pm at the Township Rec building
- Memorial Day Service Mon. May 29<sup>th</sup>, 10 am at the Township Rec building