



# BUTLER TOWNSHIP BRIEFLY

November 30, 2023

This is a brief recap of the latest activities by the Butler Township Trustees, in support of township residents and businesses...

## **Township Holiday Hours**

Happy Holidays from Butler Township! Our offices will be closed on Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26 and Monday, January 1 in observance of the season.

## **Township hires MSP for Comprehensive Plan Update**

Butler Township entered into an agreement with McGill, Smith, Punshon, Inc. (MSP) for a Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update that will guide the township's planning and development efforts over the next 10-15 years. The contract is for \$87,000. Work is expected to begin in January 2024 and will take 10-11 months. It will include many opportunities for community engagement.

## **Trustees to consider N. Dixie zoning request at December 12 meeting**

Township Trustees will meet on December 12 to consider preliminary approval of a planned development request at 921 N. Dixie Dr. from LCS-2 (Local Commercial Service) to PD-2 (Planned Commercial District). The property was previously used as the First Pentecostal Church. The request is to keep the existing church building while renovating and adding 14,000 sq. ft. to the recreational auxiliary building, converting it into a banquet center with a capacity of approximately 750 people. Included in the proposal is consolidating ten separate parcels into one and expanding the parking lot to accommodate the increased capacity. The project has received a recommendation of approval from the Montgomery County Planning Commission and the Butler Township Zoning Commission.

## **Budget approval set for December 22**

Trustees will approve the final township budget at its end of year meeting on December 22. The budget is informed by the township's Citizen Budget Commission, which met on November 17; trustees also held a public workshop on November 28.

## **Fire Department continues tradition**

The Butler Township Fire Department's Christmas display at Fire Station 88 is nothing short of spectacular. Department personnel spent the better part of a month continuing this tradition, dating to the early 1990s. It is the department's way to express appreciation to the community, for its support, and to bring some holiday cheer to the township.

### **Increase in Service Department personnel will improve efficiency**

The Butler Township Service Department has been authorized to increase staffing by one additional employee. With the new position, the department will have nine full-time employees, putting it in position to work more efficiently in creating crews for various jobs, as well as saving tax dollars by providing in-house services rather than having to contract out mowing services. The township also recently sold three pieces of equipment that were declared surplus in the service department, bringing in more than \$60,000.

### **Two new officers sworn in**

The Butler Township Police Department hosted a ceremonial swearing for officers James Agnew and Cody Ritchie on November 28. The department handled 1,514 calls for service in October and took 130 case reports, which resulted in 58 people being charged or arrested. Officer Streck and K9 Mando were involved in 10 detection deployments and four patrol deployments last month, resulting in five arrests. One case resulted in the seizure of approximately 6,000 pills of fentanyl. Officers also conducted 356 business checks, 211 neighborhood patrols, and 43 vacation home checks in October.

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