

Milford Township

From: Laurie DiGeso [secretary@milfordpa.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 1:06 PM
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Subject: Ambulance Committee
Attachments: 20201223123233088.pdf

Laurie DiGeso

Milford Borough Secretary
500 Broad Street
Milford, PA 18337
570-296-7140



Borough of Milford

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



**500 Broad Street
Milford, PA 18337
570-296-7140**

Fellow Ambulance Committee Members

As per Jeff Chreistensen and Dave Ruby, starting January 1, 2021 they are going to change hired ambulance service to 5 days a week. They will also set up a separate bank account where we can deposit money for invoices they may incur from the ambulance service.

The monthly meeting will most likely be on Tuesdays once they confirm with the department.

If there are any issues, we can schedule a meeting.

Thank you.

Milford Township

From: Jessica Rella [jessica@magnottalaw.com]
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Milford Township
Cc: 'penney luhrs'; 'Gary Williams'; 'Rachel Hendricks'; 'Rachel Hendricks'
Subject: Milford Township - Resolution: Kirk Summa and Company, LLP appointed as Auditor for 2021
Attachments: Milford Township Resolution No ____ - 2021 Audit.docx

Dear Shahana:

Attached please find the Resolution appointing Kirk Summa and Company, LLP as Auditor for Fiscal Year 2021.

Kindly execute the same and provide me with a fully executed copy from all.

Thank you,

Jessica Rella
Legal Assistant

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Oxford Place - Suite A
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Milford Township
Pike County, Pennsylvania

Resolution ____ - 2021

The Board of Supervisors of Milford Township, Pike County, Pennsylvania, do hereby adopt this Resolution pursuant to Section 917(b)(1) of the Second Class Township Code as follows:

Resolved, that Kirk Summa and Company, LLP of 1 Dansbury Terrace, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania 18301, is hereby appointed to perform an Audit of the Township's finances pursuant to Section 901, et. seq., of the Second Class Township Code for Fiscal Year 2021 at a rate of Four Thousand Two Hundred (\$4,200.00) Dollars.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Board of Supervisors adopted this Resolution at its Reorganization Meeting on January 4, 2021.

Milford Township Board of Supervisors

Penney Luhrs

Gary Williams

Rachel Hendricks

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at the Reorganization Meeting on January 4, 2021 by the Board of Supervisors.

Shahana Shamim, Secretary

Milford Township

From: Kathy D'Antuono [kdantuono@pikepa.org]
Sent: Monday, December 28, 2020 12:34 PM
Subject: Pike County Area Agency on Aging January Newsletter
Attachments: January 2021 Newsletter.pdf

Hello Everyone,
Attached please find our January, 2021 newsletter.
Happy New Year!



Kathy D'Antuono

Clerk Typist III
Pike County Area Agency on Aging
150 Pike County Blvd.
Hawley, PA 18428
570-775-5550 x 1301
www.pikeaaa.org



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January

2021

Pike County Area Agency on Aging

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STAY SAFE, STAY



ENTREES AT A GLANCE

****Milk served with all meals****

1/1-ALL CENTERS CLOSED

NEW YEAR'S DAY

1/4-Chili

1/5-Chef Salad

1/6-Salisbury Steak

1/7-Chicken Strips

1/8-Hot Dog (s)

1/11-BBQ Chicken Breast

1/12-Potato Crunch Fish Filet

1/13-Stuffed Shells

1/14-Hot Turkey/Gravy

1//15-Pasta, Broccoli & Garlic Sauce

1/18-ALL CENTERS CLOSED

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY

1/19-Stuffed Cabbage

1/20-Roast Chicken

1/21-Chicken Stir Fry

1/22-Beef Stew

1/25-Meatloaf & Gravy

1/26-Tuna Salad Hoagie

1/27-Vegetable Lasagna

1/28-Lemon Chicken Breast

1/29-Pork & Sauerkraut

1/30-Pasta Bolognese



"I would like to thank the people who are responsible for my gift package yesterday that was delivered with my meals on wheels. It was so thoughtful and the choices were so well thought out. Whoever did it, did a wonderful job. This is Bernadette J. and I receive meals on wheels and I just wanted to thank everyone for the lovely gift. Thank you so much!"



Thank
You
Ladies
of
Milford
for
the
wonderful
donations



Every year in late January when the sun moves into gate 41 a new cycle of experience starts.

The Human Design New Year 2021 forecast describes the global energies that will determine our collective experience. Those energies affect all of us, and we can't avoid them throughout the year, there is no escape from the matrix.

Understanding can help us to feel more secure in our decisions, to take things with more ease and maybe even with a little bit of humor.

It helps when you take a step back once in a while and look at what has just occurred this past year. We were blessed with so many helpers for our seniors this year, so many dedicated staff here at my Agency and generous community members for programs. While our way of delivering meals and definitely the numbers changed, we learned, grew, and found new friends and bigger sense of community. Some of the high points are on page 8.

Look for some creative programs to come this Spring, cooking demos via Facebook Live, Attorney General programs on

*Insurance Fraud *Medicaid Fraud *Social Media 101 *Veteran Fraud & Identity Theft
*Senior Bullying *Romance Scams *Senior Crime Prevention—POA
*COVID Scams Holidays Scams



WARMING CENTER

The Agency is providing its warming stations in a different variation due to the limited number of senior centers open. We are working with our Pike County Emergency Management for where folks can go to stay warm when there is power outages and or heating system failures. More TBA.

Healthy Ideas is starting in January. We have three trained staff people who will be able to work with those who are dealing with too much of this and not enough of that to feel healthy and supported.

I am excited to have this program help many who are also dealing with the isolation and loneliness in this holiday season.



Healthy IDEAS

Identifying Depression & Empowering Activities for Seniors

What is it?

An evidence-based program that integrates depression awareness and management into existing case management services provided to older adults.

Our trained Healthy Idea providers, here at Pike AAA will work with our consumers

Empowering older adults to manage their depressive symptoms through a behavioral activation approach that encourages involvement in meaningful activities.



Healthy
IDEAS

ncoa

National Council on Aging

SMP SCAM WATCH: COVID-19 VACCINE

Please remember, no legitimate agency will ever call you and ask you for your personal information over the phone.

Be on the lookout for COVID-19 scams:

- ☒ You *likely* will not need to pay anything out-of-pocket to get the vaccine during this public health emergency.
- ☒ You cannot pay to put your name on a list to get the vaccine early.
- ☒ No one from Medicare or the Health Department will contact you.
- ☒ Beware of providers offering other products, treatments, or medicines to prevent the virus.
- ☒ No one from a vaccine distribution site or health care payer will call and ask for your Medicare number, Social Security number, or banking information to sign you up for a vaccine.

Contact the SMP to report Medicare fraud, errors, or abuse at 877.808.2468 or at smpresource.org.

SUPPORTED BY DEBART'S TECHNOLOGICAL TEAM, INC.

The World Health Organization announced that dogs cannot contract COVID-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

LIVING A HEALTHY LIFE WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS

We will be running a program called Chronic Disease Self-Management in the upcoming months. We need to look at the consequences of most chronic diseases. These diseases, be they heart disease, diabetes, liver disease, emphysema, or any one of a host of others, cause most people to lose physical conditioning and experience fatigue. In addition, they may cause emotional distress such as frustration, anger, depression, or a sense of helplessness. Health is soundness of body and mind, and a healthy life is one that seeks that soundness. Therefore, a healthy way to live with chronic illness is to work at overcoming the physical and emotional problems caused by the disease. You will not find any miracles or cures. Rather, you will find tips and ideas to make your life easier.

If you are interested in this program please call 570-775-5550 and leave your name and phone number. We will contact you and give you more details. Due to COVID, and the centers beginning closed this program will be done by phone conference. We can only have 6 participants at a time. Priority will be given to early registration, so please, contact us quickly.

Thank you,
Lana

where was yesterday,
 The normal it seem
 To have been
 The freedom in life
 Day out, day in
 Never caring what it's all about.
 Now as time goes by
 Here we are
 A new day with challenges to meet,
 Yet we are far apart
 Not a time to greet.
 We must be safe
 For tomorrow will come
 But for now we must wait.
 A little time soon this germ
 Will pass, it will not last.
 Strength in numbers
 World renown, we come together
 For love abound.
 Now we pray...
 Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now and ever shall be,
 World without end
 for you and me. Amen

By Gabrielle Gerke 2020

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By Gabrielle Gerke - 2020

GOODBYE. 2020



LIHEAP helps low-income families pay for their heating bills. LIHEAP is a grant. You do not have to repay it.

To receive help....

- Apply between Nov 2, 2020 and Apr 9, 2021
- You don't have to be on public assistance
- You don't have to have an unpaid heating bill
- You can either rent or own your own home

Apply online at: www.compass.state.pa.us
Request an application by calling 1-866-857-7095

To apply, you will need:

- Names of people in your household
- Dates of birth for all household members
- Social security numbers for all household members
- Proof of income for all household members
- A recent heating bill

INCOME GUIDELINES

2020-2021

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income
1	\$19,140
2	\$25,860
3	\$32,580
For each additional person add \$6,720	

If you are seeking assistance to apply for LIHEAP, please call our office at 570-775-5550 to schedule an appointment. All appointments will be by phone.

Blooming Grove Senior Center
150 Pike County Blvd.
Hawley PA 18428

TAKE OUT ONLY RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

570-775-5550

Lunch served at 11:30 am
Monday through Friday
8 am to 4 pm

\$2.00 donation Exact change REQUIRED



**FACE MASKS
REQUIRED**

Lackawaxen/Shohola Senior Center
Lackawaxen Fire Dept.
Beisel Beck Rd & Rte 590
Lackawaxen PA 18435

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR PICK UP

570-775-5550

Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

\$2.00 donation Exact change REQUIRED

Donation Coupon Please make your donation payable to:
Pike County Area Agency on Aging (PAAAA)

Mail to: Pike County Area Agency on Aging, 150 Pike County Blvd., Hawley, PA 18428

Name: _____

Address: _____ **Zip:** _____

May we print your name as a donor? YES NO **Amt of Donation:\$** _____

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves.
Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow *romaines* to be seen.

30 days hath September, April, June, and November,
all the rest have 31, except for March which was infinite.

STATE-BASED HEALTH INSURANCE

PA created its own State-Based Health Insurance Exchange last year (Act 42 of 2019) known as Pennie in an effort to reduce premiums.

For those looking to enroll in 2021 health coverage through Pennie, the new open enrollment period runs from Nov. 1, 2020 through Jan. 15, 2021.

Pennie will improve the accessibility and affordability of individual health coverage for Pennsylvanians. Pennie's goals include providing a seamless transition from those using HealthCare.gov; improving access to health care for all Pennsylvanians; lowering health care costs and premiums; and ensuring excellent customer assistance throughout the enrollment process.

January**2021****Menu**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Please remember if you receive home delivered meals the suggested donation is \$3 per meal, per person. Thank you for your generosity!				1 ALL CENTERS CLOSED NEW YEAR'S DAY
4 Cranberry Juice Chili Rice Mexicali Corn Corn Bread Citrus Wedges	5 Split Pea Soup Chef Salad (Turkey, Cheese, LT&O) Dinner Roll Pineapples	6 Beef Barley Soup Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Carrots Rye Bread Apple Crisp	7 Cole Slaw Chicken Strips Rice Medley Sautéed Zucchini & Onions Wheat Bread Pudding	8 Potato Salad Hot Dog (s) Bun Baked Beans Potato Tots Ice Cream
11 Apple Juice BBQ Chicken Breast Roasted Potatoes Candied Carrots Wheat Bread Cake	12 Ham & Bean Soup Battered Fish Filet Rice Pilaf Pacific Medley Rye Bread Chocolate Pudding	13 Tossed Salad Stuffed Shells Sauce Green Beans Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit	14 Cranberry Juice Hot Turkey/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Succotash Rye Bread Pears	15 Red Cabbage Slaw Pasta, Broccoli & Garlic Sauce Carrots Italian Bread Jell-O
18 ALL CENTERS CLOSED DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY	19 Chicken Noodle Soup Stuffed Cabbage Tomato Sauce Red Potatoes Corn Rye Bread Fresh Fruit	20 Carrot Salad Roast Chicken Rice Pilaf Brussel Sprouts Wheat Bread Peaches	21 Mandarin Salad Chicken Stir Fry Vegetables Rice Wheat Bread Fruited Jell-O	22 Orange Juice Beef Stew Potatoes Carrots Dinner Roll Pudding
25 Beets & Onions Meatloaf & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Creamed Spinach Rye Bread Fresh Fruit	26 Southwest Corn Chowder Tuna Salad on Hoagie Roll L/T/O Macaroni Salad Mandarin Oranges	27 Broccoli & Chick Pea Salad Vegetable Lasagna Pacific Medley Vegetables Wheat Bread Cookies	28 Tossed Salad Lemon Chicken Breast Orzo & Vegetables Wheat Bread Fruit Crisp	29 Apple Juice Pork Sauerkraut Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Rye Bread Pudding

This morning I saw a neighbor talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house, told my dog—we laughed a lot.

Day 121 at home and the dog is looking at me like,
 “See? This is why I chew the furniture!”

Seniors Are Our First Priority



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Council 12571



FOOD FOR FAMILIES & FRIENDS PROGRAM

TAKE OUT DINNERS

MUST CALL IN FOR RESERVATION

MENU

Voila Pasta!

Meatballs & Sausage

Sun., Jan. 3, 2021

St. John's Parking Lot

1:30-3:00

MENU

Chicken Francese

with Rice

Sun., Jan. 10, 2021

St. Ann's Parking Lot

1:30-3:00

All are invited.

Donations are welcomed but not necessary

PLEASE CALL

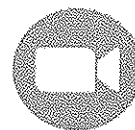
St. John's 570-775-6791

St. Ann's 570-832-4275

Angelo- 570-775-2755

Frank -347-446-9636 or text

Call/Text Frank Fanelli for Either
Location 347-446-9636



zoom

**ZOOM exercise classes
with Lana on
Wednesdays at
1:30 PM**

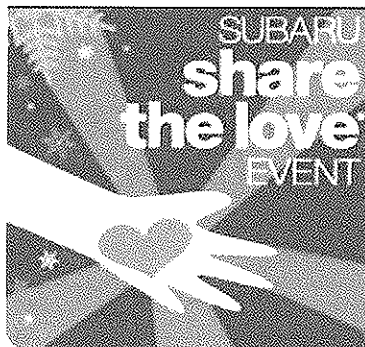
**Exercise from
1:30 to 2:30
Line Dancing from
2:30 to 3:00**

**Send your request to
join to
kdantuono@pikepa.org**

**Or call 570-775-5550 and
give us your
email address
so we can send you the
link for the class**

**Join and have fun,
socialize and exercise**

**FACE MASKS
NOT REQUIRED**



**Meals on wheels
delivers the
support that
keeps seniors in their
homes,
where they want to be.**

Over the last 12 years, Subaru and its
retailers have helped the Meals on wheels
network deliver more than 2.3 million meals
to seniors in need across the country.

You can help that number grow when you
buy or lease a new Subaru during the 2020
Subaru Share the Love Event,
November 19, 2020 to January 4, 2021.
Through this year-end sales event,
Subaru of America will donate \$250 to your
selected charity—and we hope you'll choose
Meals on Wheels.



MEALS on WHEELS

**Nearly 9.7 million seniors
are threatened
by hunger
5.3 million of which
are food insecure or very
low food secure.**

**Learn more at
WWW.MEALSONWHEELSAMERICA.ORG/SHARETHELOVE**



St John Neumann Pantry
Peggy's gang of volunteers



PROGRAMS

Loaves to Fishes Food Pantry
Paupack Methodist Church, Route 507
570-857-1141 Serves Palmyra Twp.
1st Friday of month 9:30 am — 11:00 am

The Food Pantry Program at the Church at Hemlock Farms will be open
The 3rd Monday of the month
4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
Registration is a MUST prior to distribution.
Please register by calling 570-775-6787

Pike County Food Pantry
Dreher Township Building
(formerly at Moravian Church)
899 Main St. Newfoundland, Pa
570-676-4066 Serves Greene Twp.
3rd Thursday of the month 12pm—2pm

Good News Good Cheer Food Pantry
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Rt 590, Greeley PA 18425
570-226-3966

Do you live in the Greentown area & need assistance with your shopping? There are a few supermarkets that will deliver to you.

Lake Region IGA

570-226-6000 extension 10 (you must order between 7 am & 9:30 am on Tuesdays).
They deliver same day, by 1:30 PM. There is a \$9.95 delivery charge.

Now offering online shopping

www.lakeregioniga.com Delivery is \$4.95
picking fee plus \$6.95

delivery fee and in store pickup is \$5.95.

Dutch's Market

570-676-3373

No weekend delivery. 24 hour notice required when ordering week days.
\$10 delivery charge.

Dave's Foodtown/Super Duper

570-251-9530 They do not deliver too far from store. Call them for details.

Shoprite delivers (\$10 internet fee & \$6.95 delivery fee) shop at www.shoprite.com



Agape Food Pantry
300 Avenue H
Matamoras, PA
diagonal from United
Methodist Church
Every Tuesday 5:00 pm – 6:00pm
845-772-0218

The Care Cabin, Growing Lackawaxen

169 Urban Rd, Hawley 570-685-2273
4th Saturday of the month 10am to 2pm
Proof of residency required.
Declaration of need form to be filled out.

Faith Christian Outreach Center

104 Red Shale Rd, Lords Valley 570-226-4658
Application to be filled out the first time
Every 4th Monday 2pm to 6pm

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Food Pantry

103 Delaware Crest, Dingmans Ferry
570-828-7411. Monday thru Friday 9 am-noon
by appointment only.
Please call 24-48 hours ahead to schedule
Volunteers always welcome

Hands of Hope Food Pantry
at the Lord's Valley Community
Church (located behind Ryan's
Deli on Route 739) will be
distributing on the 2nd
Thursday of the month from
2:00pm-6:00 pm 570-503-6644



Ecumenical Food Pantry

321 5th St., Milford
570-618-1568

Fridays: 12 noon - 1:00 pm

Fridays: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Eligibility is based on income
Photo ID & verification of
address is required

Food Pantry

St. Ann's Catholic Church
125 Richardson Ave., Shohola, PA 18458
570-832-4275

Distribution 1st & 3rd Thursdays
9:30 am to 11:30 am Registration at pick up.

Bushkill Outreach

168 Lehman Park Rd, Bushkill, Pa 18324
570-588-0660
Tues—Thurs 9am to noon

Blooming Grove Food Pantry
St. John Newman/Good Shepherd Church
705 Route 739, Lords Valley
570-775-6867 or 570-775-6791
3rd Thursday of month

Please do not bring children
WEAR A MASK

Senior Law Center

Senior Law Center protects the legal rights & interests of Seniors in Pennsylvania through legal services, referral services and advocacy. Call the Senior Law helpline if you need assistance at:
877-727-7529

Pike County Area Agency on Aging
150 Pike County Blvd.
Hawley, PA 18428
570-775-5550

Non-Profit mailer



DO NOT CALL REGISTRY

If you want to stop those nagging calls from solicitors you can place your phone number on the Do Not call registry by calling:
**1-888-382-1222 and
1-888-777-3406 or go on
line to: www.donotcall.gov**

To renew subscription, clip out mailing label and send it in with the \$5 yearly fee. If you have email, just send your email address to: **kdantuono@pikepa.org**, and get your newsletter sent right to your email address for FREE—Save time and money!
www.pikeaaa.org

Where to Find Information About the Medicare Plans Available in your County:

- * Medicare & You 2019 Handbook
- * www.medicare.gov Call APPRISE at: 1-800-783-7067
- * Call Medicare at: 1-800-633-4227 (Phone) or 1-877-486-2048 (TTY)
- * Or call us at: 570-775-5550 x 1313 for an appointment to assist you

Pike County Area Agency on Aging

Executive Director - Robin S. Skibber - email: rskibber@pikepa.org

Protective Services & Options Supervisor - Robin Soares - email: rsoares@pikepa.org

Waiver Supervisor - Joan Edel - email: jedel@pikepa.org

Nutrition Site Managers - Cherie Bland, Pam Capps, Jennifer Miller & David Zlasney

Activity & Program Director & Health & Wellness Coordinator - Lana Romeo-email: lromeo@pikepa.org

Blooming Grove Center-150 Pike County Blvd., Hawley, PA 18428

(Phone: 570-775-5550 or 1-800-233-8911 Fax: 570-775-5558)

Office / Center: Monday through Friday - 8am to 4pm

Dingmans Center-American Legion 851-107 Ball Park Rd, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

(Phone: 570-828-7812)

Lackawaxen/Shohola Township Center-Lackawaxen Fire Dept., Beisel Beck Rd. & Rte. 590,

Lackawaxen, PA 18435. Wednesday and Thursday 9 am to 2 pm (Phone: 570-685-7808)

Eastern Pike Center @ Matamoras-Matamoras Fire House, 506 Avenue Q, Matamoras, PA 18336

(Phone: 570-832-1929)

ELDER ABUSE REPORTING NUMBER 1-800-233-8911

www.pikeaaa.org

Advisory Council

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* Marianne McMillin * Monica McVitie * Mary Little * Sue Siska * Rita Tepperman *
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**Pike County Transportation Hours 7:30am—4:00pm Phone 570-296-3408 Fax 570-296-3409
Toll Free: 1-866-681-4947 STATUS LINE: 570-296-1959**

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December 23, 2020

Sent via email and regular mail

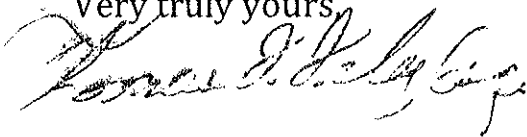
Ms. Shahana Shamim, Secretary/Treasurer
Milford Township
P.O. Box 366
Milford, PA 18337

Re: Municipalities Planning Code

Dear Shahana:

Please find enclosed a three (3) page document that I indicated I would forward to you. I would ask you to please forward same to all the Planning Members. It provides guidance on how the official map of a Township should be approved.

Very truly yours



THOMAS F. FARLEY, ESQUIRE
TFF/lah
Enclosure

Chapter 19 Municipalities Planning Code	Chapter 19.1 Wireless Broadband Collocation Act	Chapter 19.2 Development Permit Extension Act	Chapter 20 Bluff Recession and Setback Act	Chapter 21-A Gas and Oil	Chapter 21-B Regulation of Local Agriculture	Chapter 22 Open Space Lands	Chapter 22.1 Land Banks	Chapter 23 Conservation Easements	Chapter 24 Religious Land Use
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§ 307

MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE

a comprehensive plan, both the county and the municipality shall each give the plan of the other consideration in order that the objectives of each plan can be protected to the greatest extent possible.

(b) Within 30 days after adoption, the governing body of a municipality, other than a county, shall forward a certified copy of the comprehensive plan, or part thereof or amendment thereto, to the county planning agency or, in counties where no planning agency exists, to the governing body of the county in which the municipality is located.

(c) Counties shall consult with municipalities and solicit comment from school districts, municipal authorities, the center for local government services, for informational purposes, and public utilities during the process of preparing or updating a county comprehensive plan in order to determine future growth needs.

§ 307. State Land Use and Growth Management Report.—The center for local government services shall issue a land use and growth management report by the year 2005 and shall review and update the report at five-year intervals.

ARTICLE IV

Official Map

53 P.S. § 10401-10408

§ 401. Grant of Power.—(a) The governing body of each municipality shall have the power to make or cause to be made an official map of all or a portion of the municipality which may show appropriate elements or portions of elements of the comprehensive plan adopted pursuant to section 302 with regard to public lands and facilities, and which may include, but need not be limited to:

(1) Existing and proposed public streets, watercourses and public grounds, including widenings, narrowings, extensions, diminutions, openings or closing of same.

(2) Existing and proposed public parks, playgrounds and open space reservations.

(3) Pedestrian ways and easements.

(4) Railroad and transit rights-of-way and easements.

(5) Flood control basins, floodways and flood plains, storm water management areas and drainage easements.

(6) Support facilities, easements and other properties held by public bodies undertaking the elements described in section 301.

(b) For the purposes of taking action under this section, the governing body or its authorized designee may make or cause to be made surveys and maps to identify, for the regulatory purposes of this article, the location of property, trafficway alignment or utility easement by use of property records, aerial photography, photogrammetric mapping or other method sufficient for identification, description and publication of the map components. For acquisition of lands and easements, boundary descriptions by metes and bounds shall be made and sealed by a licensed surveyor.

§ 402. Adoption of the Official Map and Amendments Thereto.—(a) Prior to the adoption of the official map or part thereof, or any amendments to the official map, the governing body shall refer the proposed official map, or part thereof or amendment thereto, with an accompanying ordinance describing the proposed map, to the planning agency for review. The planning agency shall report its recommendations on said proposed official map and accompanying ordinance, part thereof, or amendment thereto within 45 days unless an extension of time shall be agreed to by the governing body. If, however, the planning agency fails to act within 45 days, the governing body may proceed without its recommendations.

(b) The county and adjacent municipalities may offer comments and recommendations during said 45-day review period in accordance with section 408. Local authorities, park boards, environmental boards and similar public bodies may also offer comments and recommendations to the governing body or planning agency if requested by same during said 45-day review period. Before voting on the enactment of the proposed ordinance and official map, or part thereof or amendment thereto, the governing body shall hold a public hearing pursuant to public notice.

(c) Following adoption of the ordinance and official map, or part thereof or amendment thereto, a copy of same, verified by the governing body, shall be submitted to the recorder of deeds of the county in which the municipality is located and shall be recorded within 60 days of the effective date. The fee for recording and indexing ordinances and amendments shall be paid by the municipality enacting the ordinance or amendment and shall be in the amount prescribed by law for the recording of ordinances by the recorder of deeds.

§ 403. Effect of Approved Plats on Official Map.—After adoption of the official map, or part thereof, all streets, watercourses and public grounds and the elements listed in section 401 on final, recorded plats which have been approved as provided by this act shall be deemed amendments to the official map. Notwithstanding any of the other terms of this article, no public hearing need be held or notice given if the amendment of the official map is the result of the addition of a plat which has been approved as provided by this act.

§ 404. Effect of Official Map on Mapped Streets, Watercourses and Public Grounds.—The adoption of any street, street lines or other public lands pursuant to this article as part of the official map shall not, in and of itself, constitute or be deemed to constitute the opening or establishment of any street nor the taking or acceptance of any land, nor shall it obligate the municipality to improve or maintain any such street or land. The adoption of proposed watercourses or public grounds as part of the official map shall not, in and of itself, constitute or be deemed to constitute a taking or acceptance of any land by the municipality.

§ 405. Buildings in Mapped Streets, Watercourses or Other Public Grounds.—For the purpose of preserving the integrity of the official map of the municipality, no permit shall be issued for any building within the lines of any street, watercourse or public ground shown or laid out on the official map. No person shall recover any damages for the taking for public use of any building or improvements constructed within the lines of any street, watercourse or public ground after the same shall have been included in the official map, and any such building or improvement shall be removed at the expense of the owner. However, when the property of which the reserved location forms a part, cannot yield a reasonable return to the owner unless a permit shall be granted, the owner may apply to the governing body for the grant of a special encroachment permit to build. Before granting any special encroachment permit authorized in this section, the governing body may submit the application for a special encroachment permit to the local planning agency and allow the planning agency 30 days for review and comment and shall give public notice and hold a public hearing at which all parties in interest shall have an opportunity to be heard. A refusal by the governing body to grant the special encroachment permit applied for may be appealed by the applicant to the zoning hearing board in the same manner, and within the same time limitation, as is provided in Article IX.

§ 406. Time Limitations on Reservations for Future Taking.—The governing body may fix the time for which streets, watercourses and public grounds on the official map shall be deemed reserved for future taking or acquisition for public use. However, the reservation for public grounds shall lapse and become void one year after an owner of such property has submitted a written notice to the governing body announcing his intentions to build, subdivide or otherwise develop the land covered by the reservation, or has made formal application for an official permit to build a structure for private use, unless the governing body

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shall have acquired the property or begun condemnation proceedings to acquire such property before the end of the year.

§ 407. Release of Damage Claims or Compensation.—The governing body may designate any of its agencies to negotiate with the owner of land under the following circumstances:

- (1) whereon reservations are made;
- (2) whereon releases of claims for damages or compensation for such reservations are required; or
- (3) whereon agreements indemnifying the governing body from claims by others may be required.

Any releases or agreements, when properly executed by the governing body and the owner and recorded, shall be binding upon any successor in title.

§ 408. Notice to Other Municipalities.—(a) When any county has adopted an official map in accordance with the terms of this article, a certified copy of the map and the ordinances adopting it shall be sent to every municipality within said county. All amendments shall be sent to the aforementioned municipalities. The powers of the governing bodies of counties to adopt, amend and repeal official maps shall be limited to land and watercourses in those municipalities wholly or partly within the county which have no official map in effect at the time an official map is introduced before the governing body of the county, and until the municipal official map is in effect. The adoption of an official map by any municipality, other than a county, whose land or watercourses are subject to county official mapping, shall act as a repeal protanto of the county official map within the municipality adopting such ordinance. Notwithstanding any of the other terms or conditions of this section the county official map shall govern as to county streets and public grounds, facilities and improvements, even though such streets or public grounds, facilities and improvements are located in a municipality which has adopted an official map.

(b) When a municipality proposes to adopt an official map, or any amendment thereto, a copy of the map and the proposed ordinance adopting it, or any amendment thereto, shall be forwarded for review to the county planning agency, or if no such agency exists to the governing body of the county at the same time it is submitted for review to the municipal planning agency. The comments of the county planning agency shall be made to the governing body of the municipality within 45 days, and the proposed action shall not be taken until such comments are received. If, however, the planning agency fails to act within 45 days, the governing body may proceed without its comments.

(c) Additionally, if any municipality proposes to adopt an official map, or amendment thereto, that shows any street or public lands intended to lead into any adjacent municipality a copy of said official map or amendment shall be forwarded to such adjacent municipality for review and comment by the governing body and planning agency of the adjacent municipality. The comments of the adjacent municipality shall be made to the governing body of the municipality proposing the adoption within 45 days, and the proposed action shall not be taken until such comments are received. If, however, the adjacent municipality fails to act within 45 days, the governing body of the proposing municipality may proceed without its comments. When a municipality adopts an official map, a certified copy of the map, the ordinance adopting it and any later amendments shall be forwarded, within 30 days after adoption, to the county planning agency or, in counties where no planning agency exists, to the governing body of the county in which the municipality is located. Additionally, if any municipality adopts an official map, or amendment thereto, that shows any street or public lands intended to lead into any adjacent municipality, a certified copy of said official map or amendment shall be forwarded to such adjacent municipality.