

Rice Township 2010 Year End Report

Expanded recycling to include plastic and newspaper, used motor oil and anti-freeze. Plans for 2011 include electronics and used tire recycling. The hours for residents to participate in recycling was also increased.

Paved Lakeview Drive and 300 feet of Fairwood Blvd. at NO COST to the township, a saving of \$150,000.

Realized savings of over \$4200 in the Roadmaster position. The Roadmaster salary was cut in half, from 400 per month to 200 per month from what was paid in 2008 and 2009. Additionally, the current Roadmaster has not received any compensation for mileage, which is part of the 4200 saving.

Savings of over 2400 dollars have been realized in mileage paid to the zoning officer in 2010 as compared to what was paid in 2008 and 2009. Mileage is no longer paid for commuting expenses for any township employee.

3.8 miles of line painting of township roads was completed.

Safety concerns were addressed with the completed of tree trimming on the township right-of-way on Burma Road, Heslop Road and Park Drive.

Extensive pothole patching and tarring of township roads was accomplished in 2010.

The chronic water runoff problem and resulting safety issue on First Street was corrected with the reconstruction and repaving of 200 feet of that street. The annual Easter Egg Hunt held in March with 5 new bicycles and a multitude of other prizes provided to the children of the township.

Reduction in overtime costs for the road department due to the Roadmaster assisting in snow plowing activities during last winter's storms. A saving of approximately 2000 dollars.

Contracted with Municipal Solutions for the review of all township roads and streets and the recommendation of weight limits for all township roads

and streets. This was the first time that a weight limit was established for a number of township roads. Weight limit signs have installed with more to be installed.

Initiated a crackdown on speeding and other traffic violations on Nuangola Road and other roads in the township resulting in enhanced speed compliance and reduced vehicle accidents as reflected by the monthly police report. Additionally, aggressive enforcement of illegal ATV traffic on public roads was conducted.

Realized a savings of \$92 per month to the township as a result of no current board members accepting dental insurance paid by the township.

Passed a resolution supporting a one year moratorium on natural gas drilling in Pennsylvania.

Replaced numerous street signs on township roads.

Contracted for treatment of Pond Weed and Water Lilies in the Ice Lakes. Also requested the Penna. Fish and Boat Commission to conduct a fisheries studies of the Ice Lakes. The study will commence in April or May of this year at no cost to the township.

The Zoning Officer took a proactive approach to zoning issues and enforcement of township ordinances in order to protect the interests of property owners in the township. Evening hours were established to better serve the public.

Purchased a new truck for the road department under the state COSTARS program resulting in a savings of ten thousand dollars.

Addressed the issue of ambulance coverage in the township and put forth efforts to achieve full-time, paid, 24/7, Advanced Life Support (ALS) coverage for Rice Township. That endeavor will be renewed in 2011.

Commenced legal action against Piast Builders to gain court approval for access from Polonia Estates to Woodberry Manor for emergency vehicles.

Imposed a freeze on discretionary spending due to investment losses in the uniformed pension fund and took steps to achieve solvency of that fund.