

## For Immediate Release

### MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP MID-YEAR REPORT

Middle Smithfield Township, PA, July 18, 2014: Continuing its new tradition of timely and accurate periodic reports to the public, Middle Smithfield Township is on track to deliver their annual Mid-Year Report to the public at their next Board of Supervisor's meeting, scheduled for this Thursday, July 24th, at 7pm in the Schoonover Municipal Building.

Typically, the township reports include a snapshot of the township's financials, overview of township operations by department, and summary of accomplishments and status of ongoing projects and forecast for the rest of the year.

Some highlights of this year's report directly answer our goals for 2014: build a sense of community, engage residents, and collaborate to continuously improve the quality of life.



Just some of the things residents will hear about:

- Over \$200,000 in grants year to date.
- Advances in communication (e.g., online materials).
- Contributions by township committees, powered by Volunteers (e.g., Community Gardens).
- Specific improvements in roads, parks, and other Township amenities.
- Comprehensive training and safety program for all Township employees.
- Successful community events, including 1000 Feet of Street, the Easter Egg Hunt, new cultural events, and many more.
- Improved support of local businesses, residents, and visitors.

"I look forward to these presentations to the public because each time we present, we show residents that our work is a two-way street," said Supervisor Mike Dwyer, Public Works and Parks and Recreation Director who presents those portions. "We want them engaged and to give feedback, because that's how you build a strong community."

"We give detailed presentations like this year-round, and I always appreciate the chance to interact with residents directly and answer their questions," said Township Supervisor Annette Atkinson, Administrative and Operations Director, who presents those portions. "It's important to us that taxpayers know exactly where their tax dollars are going, and the best way to share that is face-to-face; not just by putting a P&L or balance sheet online." Middle Smithfield Township gives an annual budget presentation to the public every December, an annual preview of the upcoming year presentation every January, and a Mid-Year Report every July.

Both presenters agree: The Mid-Year report stands out each year because it's a chance to look back on the goals for the year and realize just how much progress has been made. "It's a good feeling to know that you're working to improve the community".

#### **About Middle Smithfield Township**

Filled with rich history, beautiful scenery and a thriving business district, Middle Smithfield Township is on the move. The Schoonover Municipal Center is located at 147 Municipal Drive, East Stroudsburg, four miles north of Marshalls Creek near the Pocono Square Shopping Center. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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