

President's Corner



2024 is coming to a close and gave the council some tough choices and challenges. The largest being the end of our current 3-year garbage contract. Our current contract was ratified prior to Covid and the subsequent years of high inflation, which we have all seen. Therefore, the council had anticipated a large increase and started working on the contract early in the year. It was further complicated by other unseen events. Our current garbage provider, Republic Services, only wanted to provide a bid for the use of totes. No longer allowing rear end load pickup with unlimited pickup. While this would be acceptable for some of our residents, the use of totes would be problematic for a good many of our residents. Especially those living on "the hill". Plus, being limited to only one tote, we felt would also be problematic for larger households.



Yoe Borough

Winter 2024/2025

Beginning in January Penn Waste will be handling our refuse collection. The **new pick up day will be TUESDAY'S**. The terms remain the same with unlimited pick up and one bulk item a week. **BULK items will need to be called into PENN WASTE. You must call Penn Waste at 717-767-4456 option 3 to schedule your bulk item for collection.**

Penn Waste will be sending a mailer that includes this information, along with a general list of acceptable materials, and a calendar, which includes holidays.

As a reminder electronics are not accepted with regular trash. You will need to contact York County Solid Waste www.ycswa.com (717) 845-1066 for additional information.

Snow Removal – Trump Lawn and Landcare will once again be handling salt and snow removal. Every year the Trump employees that will be coming out do a walk around with the Borough Roadmaster to ensure they are ready for the snow season.

The Borough is NOT responsible for State roads (George ST/Springwood Rd and Main Street). In addition, there are a few private alleys that the Borough is also not responsible for maintaining.

Any concerns or complaints should be addressed to the Borough directly either via email at Secretary@YoeBorough.org or at (717) 244-5904.

The end result, the council accepted a 3-year bid from Penn Waste for a total of \$503,451.65. Year-1 of the contract has a cost of \$161,280. Unfortunately, this is roughly a 75% increase over our current year's cost of \$91,414. Each subsequent year then has roughly a 5% increase as year-2 is \$167,731.65 and year-3 is \$174,440.

As of the time this has gone to press, the council has not finalized the proposed budget. Sadly, with the above numbers, there is no way we can go without an increase. The question is by how much. This is just one item in a long list of budgetary items. Rest assured we will do our utmost to keep taxes and our fees as low as possible. We hope to have our proposed budget completed in November and ready for passage in December.

Sam Snyder

President of Council

Snow Removal – The Zoning Office will be sending only ONE warning per year for zoning violations. Sidewalks are the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain, this includes removing snow and ice. *Snow and ice are to be removed within 12 hours of last snowfall. It is not acceptable to push the snow into the road.* Failure to remove snow could result in a citation. At times snow may be pushed onto a sidewalk that has already been cleared, we understand this is aggravating, but it is unavoidable at times.

No Parking on Snow Emergency Routes. Anyone parked along the following streets during a Snow Emergency will have their vehicle removed at their expense and will also be cited.

Elm Street – West Side Church Street – Both Sides

Broad Street – South Side Walnut Street – South Side

Sewer/Refuse Invoices – As you may have read in the Presidents Corner, the quarterly Sewer/Refuse invoices are going to increase. The proposed increase would be \$210 a quarter. This is in large part to the increase in the refuse collection. The refuse will be \$115 a quarter. The sewer will now be \$95 a quarter. *The due dates will not change and are due on March 5, June 5, September 5, and December 5.*

The Borough understands this increase may present a hardship for residents. **Everyone has the option to pay monthly with no penalty to do so. \$70 a month would cover the quarterly bill in full.** No payment plan is required to pay monthly, however, you will not receive a second bill. Anyone carrying a balance of any amount, from one quarter to the next will be considered in arrears, and if no payment plan is set up with the Sewer Billing Clerk, the account will be subject to Water Shut Off Procedures.

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Mayor's Message

One of the joys of living in a small community is the ease in which you can contact your elected officials. As Mayor, I am often the person that receives your request to repair or replace a missing or damaged stop sign or to hear of your concerns regarding property maintenance, or concerns with cars speeding on Main Street, but what starts with me listening often ends with another person's or agencies involvement. If you don't see immediate corrective actions, it's not because we aren't trying. We often need to follow specific procedures within our ordinances to resolve the situation.

I encourage borough residents to continue to call or stop me to share your concerns. I appreciate you noticing the damaged sidewalk or the streetlight that is out, or the broken play equipment. Please remember, it takes a lot to run and maintain a borough, even one as small as Yoe, and without your calls these problems may go unnoticed.

As our holiday season approaches, please remember our military personnel who are stationed throughout

Winter Reminders.

By ordinance, anytime a "Snow Emergency" is declared within the borough, ALL vehicles must be removed from the streets that are posted as "Snow Emergency Routes", ALL vehicles traveling those designated routes must have snow tires, all season tires, or a tire chain. Any cars abandoned on any borough street that impedes traffic flow, restricts snow removal or left parked on Snow Emergency Routes will be towed at the owner's expense.

If possible, move your vehicle off the street, regardless of if it is designated as an emergency route, it makes snow removal so much easier for our crews.

All snow emergencies will be announced as far in advance of a storm as possible, indicating the effective dates and times. These notices are announced on TV stations WGAL 8 and WPMT 43, and Radio Stations WARM 103 and WSBA 910.

These Snow Emergency declarations are also posted on our website.

Our Maintenance Department and contractors plow our streets as close to the curb as possible. From time to time some snow may be placed back on the sidewalks in our efforts to make our streets as safe as possible, we apologize in advance for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.

Have a safe and joyful holiday season with friends and family!

John Sanford


Mayor


Emergency Management Agency


If you have a disability that would affect you during an emergency situation, please call the Borough office so you can get specific information regarding your needs and included in our Emergency Operations Plan.

Protecting Water Quality In the Winter

Love Blue. Live Green.
Orange County Stormwater Management

 Prior to applying road salt to driveways and sidewalks, you should always clear the snow and break up ice as much as possible.

Always use the “just enough” principle with road salt. One heaping coffee cup of salt is enough for 250 sq. ft. Remember, more salt doesn’t mean more melting. 

 Once the snow and ice is melted, leftover road salt for reuse.

Information on handout provided from Municipal Services District