



## THE GATEWAY NEWS!

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### February



February may be the shortest month of the year, but it certainly made its mark! From chilly days and cozy moments to milestones and small wins, it was a month full of energy and momentum. And of course, we can't forget the most famous meteorologist of them all — Punxsutawney Phil! Whether he saw his shadow or not, his annual prediction reminds us that spring is just around the corner... eventually. As we move into March, we carry that same spirit of anticipation and excitement — ready for longer days, new opportunities, and the fresh promise of a new season.

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### Help Shape the Future – Board Seat Open

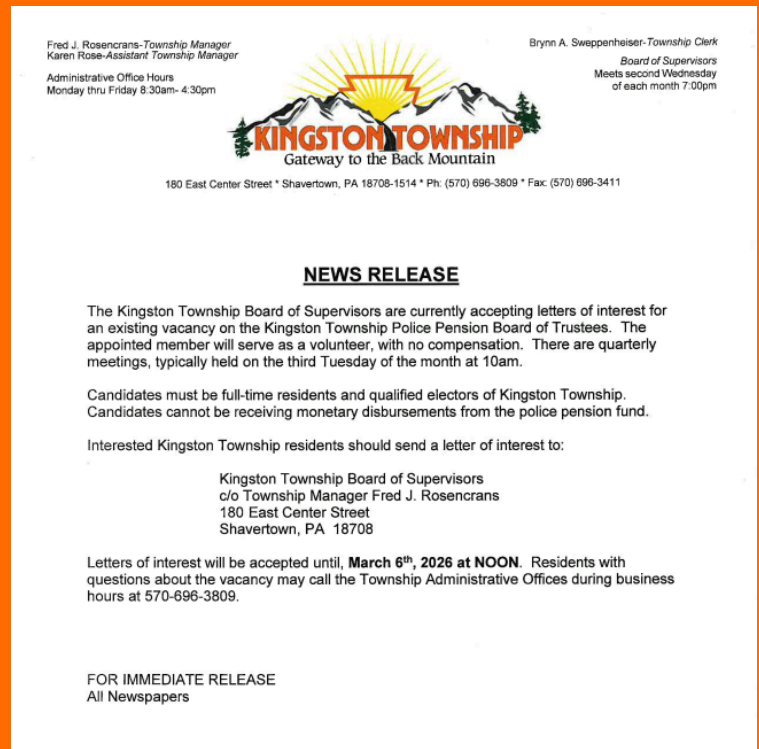
Kingston Township is currently accepting letters of interest to fill a vacancy on the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees.

The Board plays an important role in overseeing matters related to the Township's police pension fund, including administration and fiduciary oversight. This is a meaningful opportunity for residents who are interested in public service and in supporting the long-term financial stability of benefits for our police officers.

Meetings are held quarterly, typically on the third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM. Letters of interest must be submitted no later than **March 6th, 2026 at 12:00 PM (noon)** and should be addressed to:

**Kingston Township Board of Supervisors**  
**c/o Township Manager Fred J. Rosencrans**  
**180 East Center Street**  
**Shavertown, PA 18708**

Residents interested in serving are encouraged to apply. For additional information, please contact the Township office.



## January Meeting Minutes Now Available

The meeting minutes from the January 5th, 2026, Reorganization Meeting, January 12th, 2026, Public Work Session and January 14th, 2026, Regular Supervisors' Meeting were officially approved at the February 11th, 2026, Regular Supervisors' Meeting. The approved minutes are now available for public viewing on our ECodes platform.

We encourage residents to stay informed and engaged by reviewing meeting records regularly.

[www.ecode360.com/KI2368/documents/Minutes](http://www.ecode360.com/KI2368/documents/Minutes)

## Preventative Maintenance Update

As part of the Township's preventative maintenance program, Mechanical Services Company inspected the nearly 30-year-old building, which had not received routine maintenance in previous years. During the inspection, they identified a leak in the radiator of the emergency backup generator—an essential component that helps keep critical systems running during power outages.

Because radiator leaks can worsen over time and lead to generator failure, Mechanical Services Company recommended replacing the radiator now rather than risking an emergency repair later. Addressing the issue proactively helps ensure the generator remains reliable, reduces the chance of unexpected downtime, and avoids more costly repairs in the future.

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## Upcoming Equipment Auction

Kingston Township periodically sells surplus equipment, tools, and other items through Municibid, an online auction platform widely used by municipalities. These auctions are open to the public and offer residents, contractors, and other interested buyers a chance to bid on Township-owned items no longer needed for operations.

Coming up soon, the Township will be auctioning a 2008 LeeBoy 8510 asphalt paver on Municibid. Once the listing goes live on February 27th, 2026, interested buyers will be able to view details, track the auction timeline, and place bids directly through the platform.

If you're interested in Township surplus items, be sure to keep an eye on Municibid for current and upcoming auctions: <https://municibid.com>

Additional information—including auction dates, item descriptions, and bidding instructions—will be available on Municibid once each item is posted, so check back regularly for new listings.

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## Upcoming Equipment Purchase

Kingston Township will be purchasing a 2026 LeeBoy 8608 asphalt paver through the PA State Contract with Stephenson Equipment, Inc. (SEI). This new equipment will enhance the Township's ability to efficiently maintain and repair roadways using in-house resources, and replace a 20+ year old paver.

The 2026 LeeBoy 8608 asphalt paver is designed to deliver smoother, more consistent paving results while improving operator control and efficiency. The machine features an advanced material management system and a smooth-ride poly track design that allows it to move over uneven base surfaces without affecting pavement depth, helping ensure a uniform finished roadway.

Powered by a 125-horsepower Kubota Tier 4 engine, the paver offers reliable performance while meeting current emissions standards. Enhanced operator visibility, intuitive controls, and electronic steering provide improved precision and ease of use during paving operations. Built for heavy commercial applications, the LeeBoy 8608 will allow Kingston Township to complete paving projects more efficiently, safely, and with higher overall quality.

The purchase will be partially funded by a \$250,000 Statewide Local Share Account (LSA) grant, which was successfully obtained to help offset the overall cost. Additional funding will come from the proceeds of the planned sale of the Township's 2008 LeeBoy 8510 asphalt paver, which will be auctioned through Municibid beginning on February 27th, 2026.

By combining grant funding with equipment sale proceeds, the Township is minimizing the financial impact on taxpayers, while continuing to invest in safe and reliable infrastructure and equipment.

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## Exciting Progress at Center Street Park!

Kingston Township is pleased to announce that bid documents are now available for construction of Center Street Park – Phases 3 & 4 Improvements through PennBid.

These next phases will bring exciting new enhancements to the park, including ADA-compliant parking and walkways, a new dog park, nature trails, drainage improvements, and coordination with upcoming special needs playground equipment installation.

All bidding documents are available through PennBid at:  
<https://pennbid.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/216562>

The project is located at Center Street Park in Shavertown, Luzerne County, PA.  
A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on-site on Wednesday, February 25th, 2026 at 10:00 AM.  
Questions are due by March 3rd, 2026 at 12:00 PM.  
**Bids close on March 10th, 2026 at 12:00 PM.**

We're excited to continue investing in Center Street Park and look forward to seeing these improvements take shape for the benefit of our community!

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## Luzerne County Emergency Services Commission Agreement

Kingston Township is joining other local municipalities—including the City of Pittston, Plains Township, City of Hazleton, City of Wilkes-Barre, Hanover Township, and the Municipality of Kingston—in a proposed agreement with the Luzerne County Emergency Services Commission. This agreement allows the Townships and Cities to pool specialized police resources, such as emergency response teams, major case units, and forensic services. By working together, municipalities can respond more quickly and effectively to emergencies, serious crimes, and other situations that require specialized skills or equipment.

The Township Board has authorized the Township Manager and Solicitor to work with the other municipalities to finalize terms. For residents, this partnership means stronger public safety, faster emergency response, and access to specialized services that a single municipality might not be able to provide on its own.

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## Mark Your Calendars!

It's never too early to plan ahead! The 2026 meeting schedules for the Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees and the Parks & Recreation Commission have officially been announced. Whether you're interested in public safety, pensions, parks, or community programs, we encourage you to join us.

### Police Pension Fund Board of Trustees

All meetings begin at 10:00 AM

- March 17th, 2026 – Reorganization Meeting
- June 16th, 2026
- September 15th, 2026
- December 15th, 2026

### Parks & Recreation Commission

All meetings begin at 7:00 PM

- February 25th, 2026
- March 25th, 2026
- April 29th, 2026
- May 27th, 2026
- June 24th, 2026
- July 29th, 2026
- August 26th, 2026
- September 30th, 2026
- October 28th, 2026
- November 25th, 2026
- December 30th, 2026

### Location for All Meetings

Township Municipal Building  
180 East Center Street  
Shavertown, PA 18708

Community involvement makes our Township stronger. We hope to see you there this year!

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## Spring Food Drive – March 1st–23rd

The Back Mountain Chamber is hosting a Spring Food Drive from **March 1st through March 23rd**, and we are proud to serve as an official drop-off location!

Community members are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items, which will directly benefit the Back Mountain Food Pantry and help support local families in need.

Donations can be dropped off in our main lobby at **180 East Center Street, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.**

Every can, box, and bag makes a difference. Let's come together this spring to help stock the shelves and support our neighbors!



### SPRING FOOD DRIVE

TOGETHER WE CAN OVERCOME



**MARCH 1ST - 23RD**  
**ALL NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS ACCEPTED!**  
**MONETARY DONATIONS ARE WELCOME**  
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
THE BACK MOUNTAIN FOOD PANTRY

**Benefits: The Back Mountain Food Pantry**

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## March 2025 Events

[www.kingstontownship.com/events](http://www.kingstontownship.com/events)

Planning Commission Meeting	March 3rd	7:00 PM
Board of Supervisors' Public Work Session	March 9th	7:00 PM
Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting	March 11th	7:00 PM
Zoning Hearing Board	March 12th	7:00 PM
Police Pension Fund	March 17th	10:00 AM
D.A.M.A. Board Meeting	March 19th	7:00 PM
Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting	March 25th	7:00 PM



180 E Center St. Shavertown | (570) 696-3809 | [info@kingstontownship.com](mailto:info@kingstontownship.com)

Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

**TAX OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY & THURSDAY 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



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