

FROM MIKE LIPSCOMB

CHAIRMAN REPORT

Dear Fellow Residents of the Town of Trenton,

As we bid farewell to 2024 and step into 2025, let us take a moment to reflect on our achievements and look forward to a promising year ahead. Happy New Year to all our residents from the Town staff. If you are new to our Township, welcome—I look forward to meeting you in the future.

THE 2024 NOVEMBER ELECTION

Our voter turnout was outstanding, showcasing our community's dedication and civic pride. An impressive 95% of residents cast their votes, with 65% choosing early absentee voting. This speaks volumes about our strong and engaged community.

A special thank you to our poll workers for their exemplary efforts. If you are interested in becoming a paid poll worker for future elections, please contact our Clerk, Heather Krueger. We have another important election coming up on **April 1, 2025**, and I anticipate a similarly strong turnout this spring.

ROADS: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

In 2024, we successfully repaired and reworked a dozen roads. Looking ahead, we've identified 22 more roads that need attention and are prioritizing them over the next three years. These projects will be categorized by severity, location, and budgetary feasibility. For 2025, we've set our sights on Shady Lane, Terry Jak, Enge, Maple, Indian Lore, Jay, North Wallace Lake Drive and Eastwood Trail. If we are able to accomplish these, we have 13 in the que for 2026 and 2027.

ZONING

The Planning Commission has dedicated significant time to updating some of our zoning ordinances. Many were originally written in the 1970s and 1980s and no longer meet our current needs. Progress has been made on ordinances related to accessory structures. Specifically, the limits on size and number of accessory structures have been modified to be more consistent across zoning districts.

We are also carefully addressing updates to the existing ordinances regarding all agricultural districts. These include EA Exclusive Agricultural District, A-1 Agricultural District, AE Agricultural Enterprise District and AT Agricultural Transition District. While this will not change zoning regulations for our current farming community, it will align with the Town's Comprehensive Plan, ensuring agricultural use is practical and beneficial for all residents.

The Town also plans to contract with Zoning Hub, which offers an interactive zoning map portal to view comprehensive zoning information for each parcel in the Town. The implementation of this service is expected to be ready sometime later this year. Watch the website for updates.

FIRE AND EMS SERVICES

The Newburg Fire Department (NFD) and Emergency Medical Services continue to provide invaluable support to Trenton. In 2024, the NFD responded to 500 calls, with roughly 65% originating from our town. This marks a significant 124% increase in calls since 2022.

These services represent the Town's largest expense, with a 10% cost increase projected for 2025. Rising costs are influenced by economic factors, fuel prices, supply chain challenges, and a decline in volunteerism. If you're interested in volunteering for Fire or EMS services, please reach out to the NFD—they would greatly appreciate your support.

WELL WATER TESTING

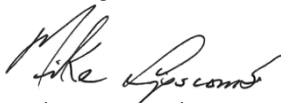
As discussed in recent Town Crier newsletters, the Town is hoping to offer an easy way for residents to submit water samples for testing. Several options exist for testing, ranging in cost from \$95 - \$650. This cost would be the residents' responsibility. The Town would allow residents to drop off their water samples and payments on a specific date and would deliver the samples to the testing facility. The Spring Town Crier will describe this process in more detail and offer an opportunity for residents to express their interest.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

This year promises to be a productive one for the Town of Trenton. We are committed to making thoughtful decisions regarding road improvements, equipment purchases, and zoning updates to preserve our residential and rural way of life. The Town Board will continue to focus on driving productivity and reducing expenses where possible.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our community.

Best regards,



Mike Lipscomb

Town of Trenton Chairman