

2020 Year in Review

2020 was a year like no other, not just for Upper Nazareth Township but for the entire world. We were all faced with fears for our health and safety that the COVID-19 pandemic brought to us. As a Township we strove to provide for and protect our citizens' health and safety while balancing potential budget shortfalls with the necessary services that our residents need and deserve.

In 2020 the Township was fortunate enough to receive two grants from Northampton County to assist with expenses due to COVID-19. The Township received:

- \$10,145.00 from the COVID-19 County Relief Block Program and
- \$4,205.00 through the County Grow NORCO Grant.

These grants allowed the Township to obtain:

- Equipment to work remotely when necessary,
- Equipment and software to conduct hybrid and virtual meetings, and
- Masks, hand sanitizer, and touchless hand sanitizer dispensers.

The Township is very grateful to Northampton County for their assistance in this most challenging time.

The Upper Nazareth Police Department received body cameras for each officer that were purchased through a grant and private donations which required no expenditure from the Township's general funds.

The Township will continue to seek grant opportunities for essential equipment for the Upper Nazareth Police Department.

The Upper Nazareth Public Works Department was busy paving streets in 2020. They paved:

- E. Beil Ave. from Schoeneck Ave. to Rose Inn Ave.,
- El Reno Ave. from Rt 191 to Allen St.,
- East Allen from Newport Ave to Rose Inn Ave.,
- St. Elmo Street from Newport Ave to Rose Inn Ave., and
- Silvercrest Road from Township Line to the bridge by Silvercrest Park.

In 2021 The Public Works Department anticipates paving:

- Kurt Drive from Schoeneck Ave. to Rose Inn Ave.,
- Newport Ave. from the Municipal Building to Tewksbury Ct.,
- Newport Avenue from Kurt Drive to Kingsbury Ct.,
- W. Allen St. from Rose Inn Ave. to Willowdale Ave.,
- St. Elmo St. from Rose Inn Ave. to Willowdale Ave., and
- Willowdale Ave. from St. Elmo St. to Highland Terrace.

The Township's 2021 budget maintains a general fund real estate tax rate at 7.59 mills. In addition, the budget does reflect a new 0.6 mill real estate tax to support a local library, which was approved at the polls in the June 2020 Primary Election and replaces the \$50,000 general fund expenditure which was in the 2020 budget.

The UNT Board of Supervisors, Administration, Zoning Department, Police Department, and Public Works are dedicated to providing the best services possible to the citizens of Upper Nazareth Township.