



# LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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Ah, it's that wonderful time of the year when our thoughts turn to all the things we have to be grateful for. For some it may be marriages taking place, or perhaps the birth of a new child. For some it could be a promotion at work or better yet, a retirement from work. Others may be basking in the glow of coming out the winner after fighting off an illness. Some of you have seen graduations from school or acceptance into colleges. Whatever the year has held for you, we hope that each of you are able to find things that made your year special in a positive manner.

This time of year at the Township is one of budgeting and looking ahead. We must make sure we have dotted all of our i's and crossed all of our t's from this year and ensure we are prepared to move into the next year with a strong financial plan in place and ready to conduct business as needed.

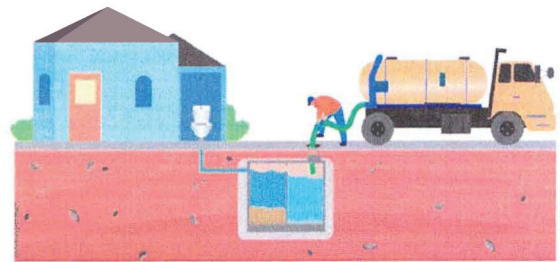
Unlike the State, which took an extra 134 days to adopt its budget or the Federal Government that shut down the government for 43 days, Little Britain Township adopted its 2026 budget on December 9th well before the December 31st deadline.

Needless to say, the budget will not allow the Township to complete all of the road projects it would like or replace as much equipment as it desires. What it does do, however, is provide a financial structure for the Township to maintain its obligations to residents and abide by all State and Federal requirements to which we must adhere. Inflation and higher prices continue to affect all of us and the ability to stretch a dollar has taken on new meaning for everyone. Thankfully, due to the Townships

savings and planning, Little Britain is prepared to handle the increased cost it will face in order to continue providing the services our resident rely on.

We are additionally pleased to announce that the 2026 budget passed without an increase in municipal taxes. The last time the township raised taxes was 28 years ago in 1997.

In closing, the Board would like to wish each of you a Joyous, Blessed and Safe Holiday Season.



## \*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*

If you reside in District 3, your septic was due to be cleaned and inspected in 2025. If you have not completed this task yet, please make sure you schedule your service now and that a copy of the receipt is forwarded to the township to remain compliant with the Sewage Maintenance Ordinance.

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**FROM THE ZONING OFFICE**

With the end of the year quickly approaching there is plenty of year end housekeeping to address. But before we jump in, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the residents of Little Britain Township a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**STORAGE TRAILER AMENDMENT**

The Little Britain Township Board of Supervisors worked together with local farmers for more than 2 years to create a Zoning Ordinance Amendment to address the growing need to allow trailers to be used for storage by an agricultural operations.

In order to be eligible for this use you must meet the required conditions, such as: minimum lot size requirements, number of units, setbacks/location and placement requirements, maintenance requirements, and sound/noise restrictions if applicable.

Prior to this amendment, it was a violation of the Little Britain Township Zoning Ordinance to have such units on your property, unless wholly enclosed in a structure. During the lengthy amendment process the Board of Supervisors placed a stay on violations being issued to farmers who had these units unlawfully. Upon adoption of the amendment all storage trailers currently in use had to come into compliance with all provisions of Ordinance No. 1-2025 within sixty (60) days of its enactment date of June 10, 2025. To date many individuals remain noncompliant and have failed to make application and obtain the necessary permits. The Board has instructed this office to start issuing violation notices. Please reach out ASAP if you have an unpermitted storage trailer on your property!

**CALL BEFORE YOU DIG—811**

Whether you are building a fence, planting trees or starting a DYI project around your home or farm, please remember to call 811 before you dig. The process works as follows:

- Mark your proposed excavation site with white flags or white marker paint.
- Call 811 three (3) full business days before starting your excavation.
- Provide the requested information, such as the name of your Township, address of the property,

type of work to be done, excavation size and location on the property (front yard, rear yard, etc.), type of equipment to be used, GPS coordinates (if you have them), start date, etc.

- 811 will notify the utility companies to mark their lines with flags or paint. Each utility type has a specific color-coding:
- RED is for electric power lines, cables and lighting cables; BLUE is for drinking water; GREEN is for sewer and drain lines; YELLOW is for natural gas, oil, steam, petroleum or flammable materials; ORANGE is for telecommunication, alarm or signal lines, cables or conduit; PURPLE is for reclaimed water, irrigation and slurry lines.

Calling 811 is free to homeowners and farmers digging on their own property. The cost for this service is sponsored by the utility companies in an effort to avoid accidents, prevent damage to their underground lines and protect the community. A person that fails to call 811 and hits utility lines not only risks physical injury to themselves and others, but hefty financial and legal penalties, with repair costs for damaged utilities reaching thousands of dollars, along with fines and project delays.

It is important to remember 811 ONLY marks public utilities, they do not mark private utilities. This means if you do not know where your underground water lines, propane lines, septic system or underground lighting lines, dog fencing, etc. are located you should contact a private utility locating company for assistance. There will be fees involved with this service, and those fees will be the homeowner's responsibility. Be safe, know what's below, call before you dig!!

## PRODUCE WASH WATERS

The Board of Supervisors set a compliance deadline of June 9, 2025 for ALL produce farmers, **new and existing**, who generate water from the washing of their produce, regardless of the size of the operation, whether the operation is using a storage tank or direct discharging, whether

using soaps, chemicals or cleaning agents to submit the required application and backup documentation for review and approval. Sadly, the response has been low, and a directive has been given to start issuing violations. If you have not done so, please move forward getting your operation compliant. Thank you.

## FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE

Due to an ever-increasing number of individuals failing to obtain their zoning permits prior to the start of construction, as well as individuals who are occupying structures prior to obtaining their required occupancy permit, the Board of Supervisors have made the decision to revise the Municipal Fee Schedule.

Zoning permits are calculated according to their use and square footage. For example, residential construction is calculated at \$0.10 per sq. ft. (min. fee \$50), non-residential is calculated at \$0.05 per sq. ft. (min. fee \$25), agricultural is \$0.02 per sq. ft. (min. fee \$25), and commercial is \$0.20 per sq. ft (min. fee \$100). After the square foot calculation is completed, some permits have administrative fees and Uniform Construction Code Fees added.

Occupancy permits are required, and free of charge to all persons who schedule and pass their occupancy inspection prior to occupying the structure.

Effective January 1, 2026, any person starting a construction project prior to obtaining a zoning permit will be required to pay a zoning permit penalty fee of double plus \$500. Any person who takes up occupancy prior to obtaining the required occupancy permit will be required to pay \$1000 for a penalty occupancy permit.

The Board is not looking to create a revenue stream, neither of these permit fees should ever be needed. The only time they will be collected is if a resident violates the Zoning Ordinance and starts a construction project or moves into a structure prior to the proper permitting.



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## 2026 Calendar for Little Britain Township

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Dates in **BLUE** are Supervisors Meetings

Dates in **GREEN** are Planning Commission Meetings

Dates in **RED** are Holidays