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COVID-19 Update – Township Meetings; Township Hall
Plans in Place for Reopening to Public

Twinsburg Township, Summit County, Ohio – June 2, 2021 – With most State health orders relating to COVID-19 having been rescinded effective today, Township operations will change as noted below.

Township Meetings

Beginning with the next regular Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, public attendance will once again be allowed at all meetings held at Township Hall. Public attendance at meetings will be open, with no reservations required. Board and Commission members will continue to be present at meetings, seated at separate tables. All persons present will be reminded of CDC guidelines regarding facial coverings and social distancing as they relate to being fully vaccinated. Hand sanitizer will be available, with facial coverings available upon request. All meeting room tables, chairs, and other furniture and equipment will continue to be wiped down before and after each meeting. Meetings will continue to be livestreamed and recorded for viewing on the Township website and, in the case of Board of Trustees meetings, local access cable. Even after public attendance at meetings resumes, residents are encouraged to continue utilizing mail, e-mail, fax, and drop box for public comments, to continue accessing meeting videos and documents on the Township website, and to contact Township Hall at any time with any concerns or questions that need not wait to be communicated at meetings.

Township Hall

Effective upon substantial completion of renovations to the Township Hall lobby and reception area, the Township Hall lobby will once again open to the public. Construction is anticipated to be substantially complete by mid-June, dependent upon remaining material availability and contractor scheduling. Once the Township Hall lobby is open, all who enter will be reminded of CDC guidelines regarding facial coverings and social distancing as they relate to being fully vaccinated. Hand sanitizer will be available, with facial coverings available upon request. Township Hall will continue to be professionally cleaned twice weekly. Even after the Township Hall lobby is open, residents are encouraged to continue utilizing mail, e-mail, fax, and drop box for transacting Township business, with curbside service and parking lot meetings still able to be accommodated, and to contact Township Hall at any time with any concerns or questions that need not wait to be communicated at meetings. Separately, the Summit County Sheriff's substation at Township Hall will continue to be accessed via the separate door on the left (east) side of Township Hall, with a call box present when the substation is unoccupied.

The Board of Twinsburg Township Trustees recognized early the seriousness of COVID-19 and in March 2020 took swift action to ensure compliance with public health orders and recommendations, including closing Township Hall to the public and – initially – cancelling all meetings. Live, in-person meetings – albeit without public present – resumed at Township Hall after only one month, in May 2020 and have continued uninterrupted since then. Township business has been conducted continuously during COVID-19 – initially with reduced staffing at Township Hall. Township staff has consistently gone above and beyond to make sure that all residents' needs and requests are addressed and responded to. Much has been learned over the past year and a half, and new ways of reaching and helping residents have been discovered along the way. Through everything, the focus has remained on the continued safety of the public, as well as Township staff. Improvements to Township Hall – some but not all related to COVID-19 – will help to facilitate a successful reopening consistent with CDC guidelines and public expectations.

The Board of Trustees understands and appreciates the hardships that residents – young and old alike – have experienced due not only to COVID-19, but also to restrictions imposed by public health orders and recommendations. The Board also acknowledges the sacrifices made by many, not the least of which have been those whose lives were lost to COVID-19 and those left behind who grieve their loss.

About Twinsburg Township

Twinsburg Township was founded in 1817, had a population of 2,828 in 2010. Twinsburg Township is home to an unparalleled combination of rich history, abundant natural resources, outstanding parks, well-planned neighborhoods, thriving businesses, and top-notch institutions. Whether you're looking for a great place to live or do business, or just a spot to spend a quiet afternoon, you'll find it all right here in Twinsburg Township. So stop by and see us sometime, and if you can't make it in person, please check out www.twinsburgtwp.com to get a glimpse of all that Twinsburg Township has to offer. For more information, contact Robert S. Kagler, Township Manager, via telephone at (330) 425-4497 or via e-mail at rkagler@twinsburgtwp.com.

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