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2022 Annual Report Snapshot

Sylvania Township experienced steady growth in 2022 and provided the level of service and efficiency expected by businesses and the residents of this community. We are pleased to present a department specific snapshot of events and accomplishments through the past year. A full report is available on the Township website (www.sylvaniatownship.com) and any Township location.

Administration

Sylvania Township Administration worked to advance the quality of life for citizens and stakeholders during 2022 through a variety of initiatives. This work is completed with the approval of and oversight by the Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Following are some examples: Annexation Agreement, American Rescue Plan, Joint Economic Development District, Policy Development, and Public Engagement.

Employee Count – As of 12/31/2022

Total	158
Part-Time	6
Full-Time	152

Finance – Expenditures for 2022 by the general fund were \$1,899,338, or 89.2 percent of what had been budgeted; the road and bridge fund expended \$1,947,650, or 86.1 percent of its budget; the police fund spend \$6,913,398, or 90.5 percent of its budget; and the fire fund spent \$11,302,632, or 93.8 percent of its budget.

Planning & Zoning Department

The past year was a busy one, with the Department issuing 512 zoning permits in 2022. While this number is down from the previous year, it is above the 10-year average and marks the sixth year in a row of more than 500 permits issued.

Of the above 512 zoning permits issued, 72 were for new single-family dwellings. Again, this is a decrease from the prior year. However, the estimated value (not selling price) of the new homes constructed for 2022 was \$419,616. This is the highest average estimated value for any year and represents over a \$100k increase over 2021.

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Single-Family Permits	129	72
Total Zoning Permits	559	512
All Permit Values (Annual)	\$54,226,302	\$64,025,653
Zoning Enforcement	229	215

Meeting Schedules

Regular Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month at 5 pm Special Meetings: Subject to call with 24-hour notice on website

Zoning Commission: 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 pm Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st Monday of the Month at 5:00 pm

Fire Department

The Sylvania Fire-EMS Department is administered by the Trustees of Sylvania Township. The Fire Department services both Sylvania Township and Sylvania City with an area of 28.6 sq. miles and a population of approximately 50,000 residents. We strive to always provide the best in professional emergency services, community risk reduction, and public education services, from our highly trained and skilled firefighter/paramedics.

2022 has had a huge impact on all at the Fire Department. With the resurgence of the COVID 19 virus and a steady increase in incidents it has put pressure on the crews to meet the needs of the community. Our crews answered the calls for service with a sustained focus on excellence in community service.

	2021	2022
Fire Calls	2,182	2,231
EMS Calls	5,017	5,199
TOTAL	7,199	7,430

Police Department

The police department had an action packed 2022. The department purchased three additional vehicles for the fleet. There were three retirements. The department implemented Body Worn Cameras (BWC), the transition went smoothly and recognize the transparency the cameras give the department.

In early January, Community Affairs implemented a new senior outreach program with the area senior centers. Officers made regular visits to Sunset Village, Sylvan Lakes and Lakes of Sylvania where they engaged with the community to play games, enjoy lunches, and teach beneficial information. The Community Affairs officers were also very involved in community outreach events, including Shop with a Hero, Trunk or Treat, Cops & Ice Cream and Pizza with Police. The annual Citizens Police Academy graduated eight new members in 2022!

	2021	2022
Calls for Police Service	15,466	14,729

Road Department

The Road Department maintains over 138 miles of Township roads and infrastructure. In addition to 138 miles of Township Roads there are 30 miles of County roads and 10 miles of state roads the Road Department services. These services include our annual Household pick up, spring brush and leaf cleanup, fall brush and leaf pickup, street sweeping, roadside mowing, tree trimming and removals, weed control, and dead animal recoveries.

Some items of note include:

- Several infrastructure projects completed in coordination with the County.
- The purchase of a plow truck and gas-powered lawn equipment for mowing season.
- Two new employees.
- The service department responded to 497 service requests.

	2021	2022
Road Resurfaced (miles)	4.58	4.96
Concrete Repairs (sf)	1,600	2,286
Roads Crack Seal	4.06	2.41
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Leaf Collection (yd³)	23,680	22,802
Brush & Tree Collection (yd³)	2,652	4,827
Household Pickup (tons)	206	223.01
Employees (#)	15	17