



McCandless Township

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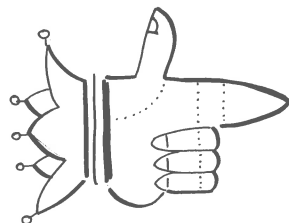
Annual Report

TOWNSHIP OF McCANDLESS

"THE GARDEN SPOT OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY"

In this, the Sixth Annual Report to the residents of McCandless Township, your Board is striving to do two things at the same time. First of all, the members of the Board and its various Committees wish to let you know what they have done for the betterment of the township during the year 1960. The summaries of the activity of each department will briefly indicate the realization of stewardship which each member of your Board of Commissioners has for the tax monies raised during the year. In this particular regard, you will be looking back into the past year. This is a very practical summary of the records for a year gone by.

Next, your Board wishes to take you into the future. You will be asked to visualize the new Township Building as each of these reports is made. You will be told the features of the building, which permit the functioning of the several departments and committees, and you will be oriented in the building by word in such a way that you will know your way around when the building is actually finished and in use.



LEGISLATION

During 1960, the Board of Commissioners met in Peebles School Auditorium. The regular meetings, twelve in number, were held on the fourth Monday of each month at 8:00 P.M. Public hearings, six in number, after having been duly posted and advertised, were held on the same evenings as scheduled at 7:30 P.M. The purpose here was to allow official final action, if possible, on the subject of the hearing at the regular meeting the same evening. During the year the Board held seven special and adjourned meetings.

As the result of these official meetings, resolutions and ordinances were adopted as follows:

ORDINANCES

Zoning	4
Administration	3
Taxes and Finances.....	2
Sanitary Authority	2
Roads	29
Water Districts	2

RESOLUTIONS

Zoning	2
Administration	12
Taxes and Finances.....	5
Sanitary Authority	2
Roads	4

The Township Manager, Mr. Earl H. Jourdan, served as Executive Secretary, assisted by Mrs. Gertrude Jablonski, as Secretary to the Manager.

In the new building, these meetings will be held in the Main Auditorium where adequate seating will be provided for the Board on a proper dais, and for the spectators in comfortable chairs. Facilities for public address and tape recording systems will be of the latest design.

The Auditorium is on the second floor to the left of the entrance lobby.



MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 1960

1. Building and Plumbing Code revised by adoption of BOCA Code.
2. Highland Heights streets, water and sewers completed.
3. Lowrie's Run sewers begun.
4. Boundary dispute with Ross Township settled.
5. Work begun on new Township Building.
6. National Cash Register and Addressograph machines installed.
7. Ingomar Water District 2-A established.
8. Ridgewood Drive paved as permanent street.
9. Seal coating done on six miles of township roads.

MAJOR PROJECTS PLANNED FOR 1961

1. Complete Lowrie's Run sewers.
2. Complete plans for sewers in Pine Creek Tributary "A" and "B."
3. Complete Township Building.
4. Install sewers on Winthrop Drive and Dor Mar Drive.
5. Pave East Van Buren Drive.
6. Seal coat five miles of township roads.

FACTS ABOUT THE TOWNSHIP

Area.....	17.2 square miles
Population (1960 Census).....	14,582
Number of Householders.....	3,950
Area of North Park in Township.....	1,700 acres
Churches in Township.....	13
Golf Courses in Township.....	4
Value of Real Estate.....	\$33,361,300.00



SANITARY AUTHORITY

The McCandless Township Sanitary Authority held regular monthly meetings during the year on the first Thursday of each month. Many additional meetings were necessary because of the programs which faced the Authority during the year. First of all, the purchase of the Longvue Disposal Corporation and its facilities was the major achievement and was consummated on May 1st. Without any time loss during the transition, the Authority assumed the operation of the three plants and the entire system. Since the acquisition of the system, repairs and additions have been made and by the end of the year 1960, many of the problems of the operation were solved.

The Authority and the Township Commissioners, working together, took the necessary steps to start construction of the sewer system for Lowrie's Run, which embraces that section of the Township West of the Perry Highway from the Ross Township Line to Ingomar.

In the new building, the Sanitary Authority will hold its meetings in the Committee Room on the second floor. Space has been allotted for the use of the various items in the Machine Room so that the making of addressograph plates, the addressing of billing cards and the billing operation may be carried out. Arrangements have been made for the receiving of payments for the services for each of the areas in which residents have been furnished with sewer systems. Liaison between the Sanitary Authority and the Board of Commissioners has been established in the office of the Township Manager.



RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, YEAR 1960

During the year 1960 your money came in and was expended in the following manner:

RECEIPTS

Balance at first of year.....	\$ 17,390.32
Real Estate Taxes.....	190,962.13
Taxes under Act No. 481.....	148,934.44
Licenses and Permits.....	13,271.70
Non-Revenue Receipts	34,675.03
Fines and Forfeits.....	5,884.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$411,117.62

EXPENDITURES

Highways	\$117,304.39
Police	95,675.22
Administration	96,446.05
Treasurer and Tax Collectors.....	20,529.14
Fire	32,852.55
Miscellaneous	34,203.34
Building and Zoning.....	7,854.23
Township Buildings	2,172.77
Balance at end of year.....	4,079.98

TOTAL EXPENDITURES\$411,117.62

For 1961 it is anticipated that the Receipts and Expenditures will total approximately the same as in 1960. As to the level of services, by some careful planning, it is hoped that these will be increased. This will be particularly so to the streets and roads by the addition of some new road equipment and snow plows. Other services will, of course, continue to rise by better applications and additional equipment.



TAXES

Taxes for McCandless Township were collected at three different offices:

1. H. L. STOKEY, JR., 8500 Perry Highway, FOrest 4-6276. Real Estate Tax (6 mills), Amusement Tax (10% of admission price), Mechanical Devices Tax (\$50.00/year/mechanical device and \$10.00/year for juke box).
2. KARL R. SATTler, Township Office (9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.), FOrest 4-2250. Wage Tax, 1% ($\frac{1}{2}\%$, Township— $\frac{1}{2}\%$, School District).
3. JAMES W. DUNN, JR., 1212 Balmoral Drive, FOrest 4-4933, ATlantic 1-1970. Deed Transfer Tax, 1% ($\frac{1}{2}\%$, Township— $\frac{1}{2}\%$, School District).

INCOME FROM TAXES

Real Estate Tax:

Current Levy for 1960.....	\$179,963.60
Delinquent Paid	7,299.91
Liened	3,698.62

TOTAL\$190,962.13

Taxes Under Act 481:

Amusement Tax	\$ 3,344.05
Mechanical Devices Tax..	1,767.00
Deed Transfer Tax.....	28,823.39
Wage Tax	115,000.00

TOTAL\$148,934.44

TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED 1960.....\$339,896.57



In the new building the Wage Tax Office will be on the second floor and will be open between the hours of 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., Mondays through Fridays, except as noted during special collection quarterly periods.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The McCandless Township Police Department consists of the chief, three lieutenants, six patrolmen, four desk clerks. These operate on a 24-hour basis, and are aided as needed by fourteen uniformed auxiliary police and nine school crossing guards. The entire township is covered at all times by motor patrol cars, which are in constant contact with the office through the means of 2-way radio, manned on a 24-hour basis. These two rented Buick cars travelled 166,632 miles in 1960 at a cost of 6.8¢ per mile for both.

6,452 telephone calls and 40,000 radio calls were received during the year. 898 of these were complaints which were satisfied at once. There were no fatal accidents in the township in 1960, although 167 motor accidents involved personal injury and property damage. 390 cases were referred to the Dog Catcher. 946 motor violations were reported and in 103 other cases, warnings were issued. Motor vehicle violation fines turned over to the township by Squires Thomas and Windgassen amounted to \$5,661.00. Of the forty-four burglaries and six stolen cars reported, thirty-two cases were referred to the Court and twenty-four of these were completed during the year.

Officer Walter Novak attended the Police Training School at Heshey, Pa., which is under the supervision of the Pennsylvania State Police Department.

In the new building the Police Department will be on the first floor, just off the main lobby. Adequate facilities for the radio and telephone communications, as well as for general administration, will be provided at the main desk. There will be separate offices for the chief, the lieutenants and the patrolmen, as well as a room which has been set aside for interviews and questioning. The department has three cells for male prisoners and one for female prisoners with an office for a matron who supervises the latter.



FIRE PROTECTION

The three Volunteer Fire Companies of the township serviced the following calls:

Company	House Fires	Brush Fires	Car Fires	Miscellaneous
Ingomar No. 2.....	12	22	9	8
Highland	13	28	7	8
Peebles	12	20	6	24

The companies were represented at many of the local activities held in the township and neighboring communities during the year.

There will be no special facilities for the Fire Companies in the new building other than the Radio Control and Alarm System. This system not only alerts each company individually, but also serves as means of communication between units of each company and with units of the other companies. This fire alarm system includes not only McCandless Township, but serves Ohio and Franklin Townships as well.

INSPECTION DEPARTMENT

In addition to making the required inspections on new buildings, sewers, plumbing, and septic systems, the Department is charged with the issuance of all permits. In 1960, permits were issued as follows: Buildings—238, Plumbing—166, Septic Systems—39, Driveways—61, and Utilities—203. Some 800 inspections were made to insure the compliance with the several ordinances involved. The adoption of the BOCA Code for Building and the National Code for Plumbing guarantees modern practices and places McCandless Township as a pioneer in the North Hills area. Income from permits during the year amounted to \$10,108.95. The valuation placed on new buildings amounted to \$3,694,446.00.

The pick up of garbage and rubbish is coordinated by this Department.

The Inspection Department will be located in the new building in an office adjacent to that of the Manager. Space will be provided for the files and records so that the issuance of permits may be further expedited.



ZONING BOARD

For the benefit of those who have been refused Building Permits by the Building Inspector because of zoning variances which must be satisfied, the Zoning Board of Adjustment has been appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Meetings were held in the Township Building on the fourth Friday of each month or upon call by the chairman for some special appeal. During 1960 there were eleven regular and five special meetings held to assist in twenty-eight cases of grievance. In each case the solution involved the granting of a variance, the making of an exception, or the readjustment of existing conditions, and in each case, satisfaction was insured. This Board will meet in the Committee Room in the new building unless a public hearing of such size requires the use of the main auditorium. Such arrangement will greatly enhance the comfort of those who attend the meetings and have been used to crowded conditions in the past.

CIVIL DEFENSE - CIVIL SERVICE

Mr. Eugene E. Winner, Township Civil Defense Director, has indicated that much progress has been made toward his ultimate goal. Mr. John Eld has been appointed head of the new radiological division. A complete survey of the township is being completed and a card file established so that each resident of the township may be located in the event of a major disaster. More than 4,000 replies have been returned to a questionnaire distributed through the schools, and these are being coordinated with other information available. The Auxiliary Police, fourteen in number, which is an organized and uniformed group, served on more than two hundred details during 1960.

The Civil Service Commission of the Township had no matters brought before it for consideration in 1960. Mr. Earl Fretwell, Chairman, states: "I am pleased that we had no business. Our police department is to be commended for their work in the year and I believe they should become second to none with a little more advanced training."

The Civil Defense center will be located on the first floor of the new building.



ROAD DEPARTMENT

New roads added to the township system during 1960 amounted to 2.39 miles. Ward I added .23 miles; Ward IV, .26 miles; Ward VI, .55 miles; and Ward VII, 1.35 miles.

The snow removal for the year cost the township \$16,347.24, and required 4,759-man hours of labor. The 10-man crew spent 965½ hours removing the cinders which had accumulated after the snow had cleared. The cost of this cinder removal was \$1,913.00. Fewer cinders were used this past year in the areas where curbs and gutters exist and, instead, calcium was employed as an anti-skid method. 3,048 tons of cinders were used, 194 tons of salt and 10,700 pounds of calcium were consumed.

Additional work for the Road Department included \$33,726.07 for seal coating, \$5,837.93 for patching, \$1,676.99 for drainage and \$4,296.19 for grading.

The headquarters for this department will remain in the Old Township Garage on Old Perry Highway. Radio and telephone control, however, will come from the switchboard in the new building and policies will be carried out from the Manager's Office on the second floor.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Commission held twenty-four meetings during 1960; also five special meetings for their own functions and five meetings with the Pittsburgh Regional Planning Association. Another group with which the Commission met and worked was the Regional Industrial Development Corporation in order to find suitable areas for light industry. The Commission studied and recommended the adoption of the BOCA Code as a standard Building Code for the township. In this, McCandless Township was a pioneer group in the North Hills.

The routine business of the Commission includes the following: Reviewed 17 Simple Subdivisions and recommended approval for 15 of these; reviewed 6 Pre-Application Plans; reviewed 12 Preliminary Plans, of which 7 Final Plans were approved and recommended; reviewed 2 Plans for Re-Subdivision; and 4 Requests for Re-Zoning. The Commission met with 13 groups or individuals who came to its meeting seeking information. The Planning Commission will hold its meetings in the Committee Room in the new building and in case of a larger group of applicants, move into the main auditorium, which will insure greater comfort and efficiency in future gatherings.

DIRECTORY FOR 1961

TELEPHONES

Township Office	FO 4-2250
	WE 1-2916
Police	FO 4-2250
	WE 1-2916
Fire	FO 4-2214
	FO 4-2250
	WE 1-2916

ADMINISTRATION

Manager Secretary	E. H. Jourdan
Secretary	Gertrude Jablonski
Inspector	L. H. Harris
Wage Tax	Karl R. Sattler
Treasurer	H. L. Stokey, Jr.
Police Chief	H. E. Wylie
Peebles Fire	Robert Burrows
Highland Fire	Earl Klibaucher
Ingomar Fire	W. Bencoter

MEETINGS

All meetings held in Township Building except Regular Meeting, which is held in Peebles School.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

1—C. R. Blazier, Jr., 810 Stuyvesant Rd.	FO 4-1298
2—T. P. Otto (Pres.), Woodland Rd.	FO 4-8035
3—F. W. Mountain, 9150 Harmony Rd.	FO 4-4872
4—J. J. Schuler (V.P.), 303 Iroquois Ave.	FO 4-5654
5—Paul R. Barrett, 8051 Manville Dr.	FO 4-2160
6—Mrs. M. Keenan, 8435 Winchester Dr.	FO 4-8603
7—T. B. Smith, 8056 Peebles Rd.	FO 4-5244
MEETING: 4th Monday, Peebles School, 8:00 P.M.	

COMMITTEES

Finance and Roads—2nd Monday—7:30 P.M. Blazier (Ch.), Schuler, Smith, Mountain	
Health, Public Safety and Zoning—1st Monday—7:30 P.M. Schuler (Ch.), Keenan, Blazier, Barrett	
Zoning Board of Adjustment—4th Friday—8:00 P.M. John Erhard (Ch.), William E. Halboth, David Cooper	
Planning Commission—1st and 3rd Tuesdays—8:00 P.M. H. A. Falls, G. S. Brown, E. J. Coyne, D. O'Neal, Philip Simonds	
Sanitary Authority—1st Thursday—7:30 P.M. P. A. Brumm, Jr., W. Guldbrandsen, J. F. Hyde, J. W. Rodgers, M. A. Shapiro	
Civil Service Commission—On call by Chairman E. M. Fretwell (Ch.), F. X. Weis, Walter Locher	

SOLICITOR

James W. Dunn, Jr., 1212 Balmoral Dr.	FO 4-4933, AT 1-1970
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