

McCandless Township

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1961

ANNUAL REPORT

TOWNSHIP

OF

McCANDLESS

GARDEN

SPOT

ALLEGHENY

COUNTY

This seventh annual report by the Township Commissioners is an attempt to advise the citizens of pertinent facts of Township Government.

The Township is growing rapidly which creates problems such as a need for more employees, more road materials, more police and fire protection, increased mechanization and efficiency and more of everything. However, during the year of 1962 the Township will be operating without increased taxes.

Future plans include repair and resurfacing of numerous roads and it is estimated that the program will be the largest ever undertaken by the Township with expenditures of approximately \$120,000.00. Also, landscaping and paving of the parking lot and driveways at the new Municipal Building will be accomplished during the summer of 1962.

Flood control measures are being considered by the Township, State and the Federal Government and we are hopeful that our Flood Control Program will be initiated.

It is anticipated that at some future date the present garage on Old Route 19 will be sold and a new garage constructed adjacent to the present municipal building and that the Township will continue to grow and with this growth will also come more water districts and more sanitary sewers which are some of the growing pains involved in rapidly growing municipalities.

You as a citizen of the Township are invited to attend the meetings of the Board of Commissioners and by so doing, you will be able to keep in close contact with the operation of your Township.

EARL H. JOURDAN, Twp. Mgr.

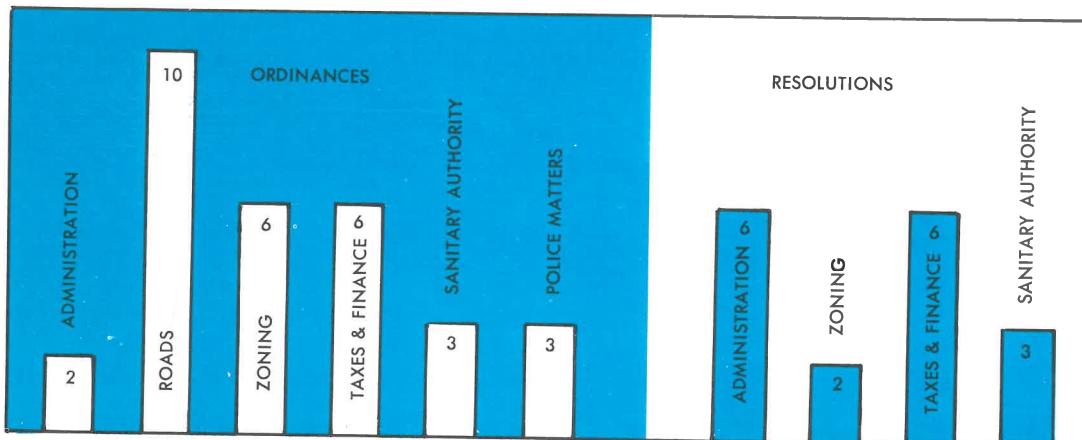
The Board of Commissioners held their meetings during 1961 in Peebles School for the first half of the year and then moved to the new Building. During that period the following meetings were held on the 4th Monday of each month.

Regular Meetings	12	Special Meetings	4
Adjourned Meetings	2	Public Hearings	7

Administration of the Township business was carried on by the Manager and Township Secretary, Mr. Earl H. Jourdan, assisted by Mrs. Gertrude Jablonski as Secretary to the Manager.

The efficiency of operation may be deduced from the fact of a 30% increase in Property Valuation for the year at a reduced Administrative cost of 25%. The move to the new Building in August gave the staff a more satisfactory place to carry on its functions and surely allowed the Public a more pleasant set of arrangements for attending the various meetings conducted therein. The superior task of maintenance of the building was done by Custodian Thomas Stewart, Sr., whose tireless efforts were carried out with dispatch and courtesy.

Resolutions and Ordinances were enacted as follows:



ADMINISTRATION
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LEGISLATION

PROJECTS

COMPLETED

IN

1961

PROJECTS

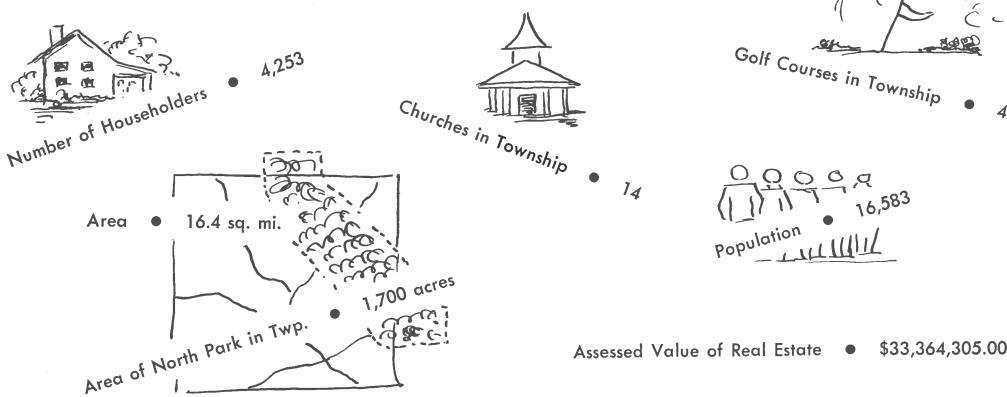
PROPOSED

FOR

1962

- 1—Complete Lowrie's Run Sewers
- 2—Complete plans for installation of sewers in Pine Creek Tributaries "A" & "B"
- 3—Complete Township Building for occupancy and use
- 4—Install sewers in Winthrop Drive
- 5—Pave East VanBuren Dr.

FACTS ABOUT THE TOWNSHIP



- 1—Re-cap 2 miles of Township Roads
- 2—Seal-Coat 16.4 miles of Township Roads
- 3—Patch 12.3 miles of Township Roads preliminary to permanent treatment later
- 4—Complete installation of sewers in Pine Creek Tributary "A" & "B"

INSPECTION

DEPARTMENT

During 1961 there was an increase in all permits issued by this Department with the exception of those for Septic Systems, which naturally declined due to the installation of Sewers in the Township. Permits issued during the year brought in a total of \$12,527.00 and were divided as follows:

Building	303
Plumbing	234
Driveways	163
Septic Systems	15

Over 900 Inspections were made as result of the building program. The Inspector also made approximately 700 inspections on Sewer Installations.

The Building Inspector continued to serve as Secretary for the Zoning Board of Adjustment, making an efficient relationship between these two bodies.

The Sanitary Authority, composed of P. A. Brunn, Jr., W. Guldbrandsen, J. F. Hyle, J. W. Rodgers and M. A. Shapiro, held regular meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month, as well as numerous special meetings during the year.

The Lowrie's Run Sewer system cost \$1,750,000.00 for more than 25 miles of sewer lines. The contract was let for the installation of Pine Creek Tributaries "A" & "B" to be completed in 1962.

The mechanical operation of billing for sewer use is under the supervision of Mr. E. H. Jourdan, Township Manager, with Mrs. Lyda Schwer as the chief clerk. Mr. W. T. Chappell serves both the Township and the Authority as a liaison officer between the customer and the official bodies by answering complaints and maintaining installation records.

The Lowrie's Run "catch-all" contract and complete restoration work on damaged property is yet to be completed. The Superintendent of all plant and field operation is Harry Windhorst.

SANITARY

AUTHORITY

RECEIPTS

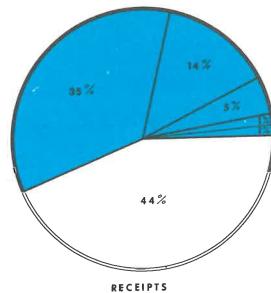
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EXPENDITURES

1961

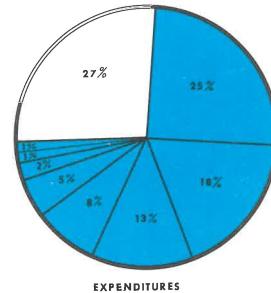
RECEIPTS

Balance, 1st of year	\$ 4,079.98 (1%)
Real Estate Taxes	182,584.94 (44%)
Taxes, Act #481	145,194.75 (35%)
Licenses and Permits	19,700.25 (5%)
Non-Revenue Receipts	55,665.47 (14%)
Fines and Forfeits	5,281.00 (1%)
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$412,506.39



EXPENDITURES

Highways	\$111,600.65 (27%)
Police	102,110.03 (25%)
Administration	76,123.02 (18%)
Treasurer and Tax Collector	19,631.54 (5%)
Fire	34,983.08 (8%)
Miscellaneous	52,548.26 (13%)
Building and Zoning	7,144.91 (2%)
Township Buildings	4,907.03 (1%)
Balance, end of year	3,457.87 (1%)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$412,506.39



Four separate offices collect Taxes for the Township. These are:

1. H. L. STOKEY, JR., 8500 Perry Hwy., FO 4-6276. Real Estate (6 mills), Amusement (10% admission), Mechanical Devices (\$50/yr./device, \$10/yr. jukebox)
2. KARL SATTLER, Township Office, FO 4-0616. Wage Tax (1%), Twp. (½%), School (½%)
3. JAMES W. DUNN, JR., 1212 Balmoral Dr., FO 4-4933, AT 1-1970. Deed Transfer (1%), Township (½%), School (½%)
4. J. J. KASSOUF, 515 Second Ave., Pgh. 19, CO 1-3477. Delinquent Tax Collector

INCOME FROM TAXES

REAL ESTATE TAX

Current Levy for 1961	\$175,534.70 (96%)
Delinquent Paid	5,419.67 (3%)
Liened	1,630.57 (1%)
TOTAL	\$182,584.94

TAXES UNDER #481

Amusement Tax	\$ 6,144.86 (4%)
Mechanical Devices	1,411.00 (1%)
Deed Transfer	27,638.89 (19%)
Wage Tax	110,000.00 (76%)
TOTAL	\$145,194.75

\$327,779.69 • TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED • 1961

\$182,584.94 56%

REAL ESTATE TAX

\$145,194.75 44%

TAXES UNDER ACT #481

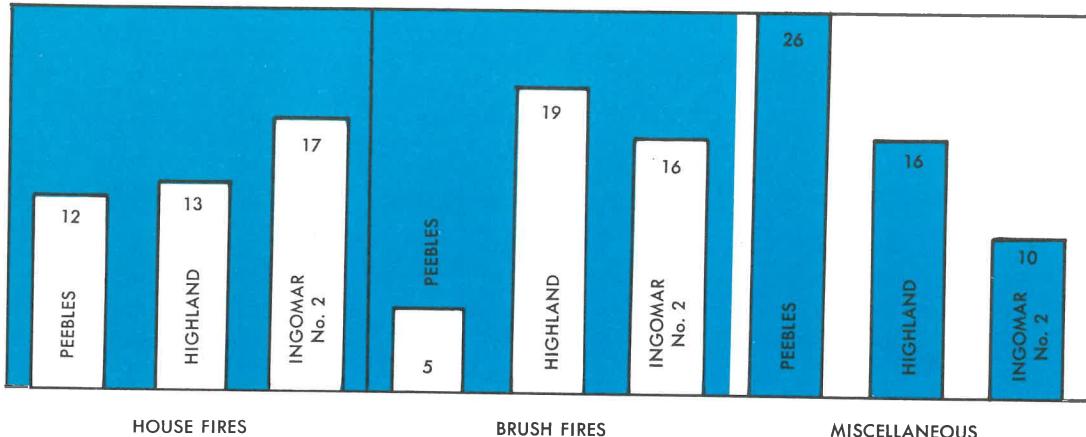
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The McCandless Township Police Department, headed by Chief Harry Wylie as Chief, consists also of 3 Lieutenants, 6 Patrolmen, 4 Desk Clerks, 14 uniformed Auxiliary Police and 9 School Guards.

The entire Township is covered at all times by 2 Patrol Cars which are in constant contact with Headquarters by 2-way Radio operating on a 24-hour basis. During 1961 these cars patrolled 175,170 miles at a cost of \$.073 per mile or for a total cost including Rental and Maintenance of \$12,673.88. The Switchboard Log indicates the following calls during the year:

Telephone Calls	3501
Hospital Calls	136
Complaints Received	863
Fatal Accidents	1
Injury and Prop. Damage Accidents	152
Dog Complaints	117
Dogs Apprehended by Dog Catcher	220
Other Animals Similarly Picked Up	31
Motor Violations	282
Burglaries	21 (18 solved)
Stolen Cars	10 (9 solved)
Vacant Homes Watched	399

Officer Joe Szarmack attended the Police Training School at Hershey, Penna., conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police Department.



The 3 Fire Companies serve the community in many ways, lumped together under miscellaneous but they include furnishing ambulance service, inhalators, pumping out flooded cellars, assisting with automobile fires and in other capacities over and beyond the normal call of duty.

McCandless Twp. has joined the Northwest Allegheny County Civil Defense Ass'n, which is a group formed to coordinate all Civil Defense efforts on a cooperative basis. Eugene E. Winner, director of McCandless CD, has been elected President of this organization, with John Eld and Michael Bradley serving as Secretary and Public Relations officers.

McCandless has received at no cost, a 200 casualty First Aid Kit and a full set of Radiological Instruments, of which John Eld is a trained operator of the Radiological supplies.

The McCandless Township Auxiliary Police, headed by Mr. Winner, have served on numerous details throughout the area, and are training to serve in Civil Defense functions should any emergency arise.

FIRE
PROTECTION
CIVIL
DEFENSE

ZONING

BOARD

OF

ADJUSTMENT

PLANNING

COMMISSION

Under the Chairmanship of Mr. John Erhard the Zoning Board of Adjustment met in the Township Building at 8 P.M. on the fourth Friday of each month to hear such cases as had been aggrieved by an adverse decision of the Building Inspector and such other business as might be brought before it. The other two members of the Committee were Mr. William Halboth and Mr. David Cooper. Mr. Cooper attended the Local Government Institute's Course on Zoning at the University of Pittsburgh. The following tabulation shows the type of cases:

Regular Meetings	11
Special Meetings	5
Cases posted and heard	29
Appeals refused	6
Appeals for information only	9

Chairman George Brown assisted by Eugene Coyne, Harry Falls, Donald O'Neal and Allan MacPhail, held 24 Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month, as well as 6 Special meetings during 1961. Before this Board were brought the following applications:

Simple subdivisions	11	heard	11	recommended
Pre-applications	4	reviewed	4	recommended
Preliminary Plats reviewed	4	reviewed	4	recommended
Change of Zoning requests	9	reviewed	6	recommended
Requests for information	23			

The Commission met with the Pgh. Regional Planning Assn. and the Bureau of Community Development of Penna. Dept. of Commerce to seek financial aid for a Comprehensive Plan for the Township with some success.

ROAD

DEPARTMENT

The road crew, under the direction of Mr. Donald Falkner has 209 streets in the Township to care for. During 1961, 7 of these streets were taken over with a mileage of 1.32, bringing the total mileage up to 52.77 miles. The program for the Department included Seal Coating, Drainage, Grading and Patching as normal functions, although in 1961, due to many hours spent working around the new Building, the Seal Coating was reduced from the proposed schedule.

Snow removal is obviously an extra, but at the same time an anticipated task. Three factors have caused considerable reduction in the time required to do the jobs related to snow removal; radio equipped vehicles, additional snow plows and the introduction of the Calcium treatment in the Plans have reduced the plowing activity from 8½ to 5 hours, and the salt-calcium-cindering plan from 12 hours to 6 hours.

By using calcium in the Plans on streets with curbs and gutters, costs have been reduced drastically. In 1960 the cost of removing cinders from these streets after a snow fall had melted amounted to \$1913.00. This cost has, in 1961, paid for the entire expense of Calcium, all of the Cinders used that year and ½th of the cost of the Salt used in 1961.

In addition to its normal functions of road maintenance and repair, the department carries on a program of equipment repair and maintenance and in addition cares for all street signs, guard rails, traffic signals, and incidental tasks which the Township may call upon it to perform. In 1961, 5308 hours were spent in this phase of the Department operation at a cost of \$11,480.00.

The members of the Department were utilized for the completion of the work on the new Building as far as it has been done at a cost of \$16,459.23 which took 7,383 hours to complete.

DIRECTORY FOR 1962

POLICE
FO 4-2250 WE 1-2916

TELEPHONES
TOWNSHIP OFFICE
FO 4-0616 WE 5-4200 WE 1-2916

FIRE
FO 4-2214 WE 1-2916

ADMINISTRATION

Manager-Secretary	E. H. Jourdan
Secretary to Manager	Gertrude Jablonski
Inspector	L. Herdman Harris
Wage Tax	Karl R. Sattler
Treasurer	H. L. Stokey, Jr.
Police Chief	H. E. Wylie
Peebles Fire	R. T. Burrows
Highland Fire	C. R. Irlbacher
Ingomar Fire	W. E. Koerbel

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ward	Address	Phone
1	C. R. Blazier, Jr. 810 Stuyvesant	FO 4-1298
2	J. K. Nutter, Pine Creek Rd.	FO 4-7861
3	F. W. Mountain, 9150 Harmony Rd.	FO 4-4872
4	J. J. Schuler, 303 Iroquois	FO 4-5654
5	P. R. Barrett, 8051 Manville	FO 4-2160
6	P. L. McKrell, 1288 Duncan	FO 4-3311
7	W. F. Krueger, 1917 Duncan	FO 4-5290

SOLICITOR

J. W. Dunn, Jr., 1212 Balmoral ... AT 1-1970

COMMITTEES

Finance and Roads—2nd Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Mountain, Krueger, Schuler, McKrell

Zoning Board of Adjustment—4th Friday, 8 p.m.
W. E. Halboth, D. E. Cooper, Wm. Appleton

Sanitary Authority—1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Brunn, Guldbrandsen, Hyde, Rodgers, Shapiro

Health, Public Safety, Zoning—1st Mon., 7:30 p.m.
Schuler, Barrett, Mountain, Nutter

Planning Commission—1st & 3rd Tues., 8:00 p.m.
Harry Falls, E. J. Coyne, Allen MacPhail, A. R.
Evans, W. S. Reed

Civil Service Commission—On call of Chairman
E. M. Fretwell, F. X. Weis, Walter Locher

ALL MEETINGS AS STATED IN TOWNSHIP BUILDING
REGULAR MEETING 4th MONDAY—8:00 P.M.