



Byram Township 2020 Annual Report

Compiled by Victoria Proskey

HOURS OF OPERATION

TOWNSHIP OFFICES:

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

CONSTRUCTION OFFICE:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

8:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FINANCE/TAX OFFICE:

Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

RECYCLING CENTER:

METAL: Open daily during daylight hours.

LEAVES AND BRANCHES: Seasonal

Open daily during daylight hours

TOWNSHIP WEBSITE:

www.byramtwp.org

GENERAL OFFICE NUMBERS:

973-347-2500

Fax 973-347-0502

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Emergencies: Dial 911

Non-emergencies: 973-347-4008

WEBSITE: www.byramtwp.org

CHIEF OF POLICE

Kenneth Burke

973-347-2500 Ext. 141

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Mayor Alex Rubenstein, Jack Gallagher,
Raymond Bonker, Cris Franco, Harvey Roseff

BYRAM TOWNSHIP OFFICES

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Joseph Sabatini

973-347-2500 Ext. 129

DEPUTY TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Phil Crosson

973-347-2500 Ext. 161

TOWNSHIP CLERK/ REGISTRAR

Cindy Church

973-347-2500 Ext. 127

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mike Orgera

973-347-2500 Ext. 137

DPW SECRETARY

Donna Fett Ext. 138

ENVIRONMENTAL/RECYCLING

Donna Fett

973-347-2500 Ext. 138

BOARD OF HEALTH/DOG LICENSING

Vicky Proskey

973-347-2500 Ext. 125

RECREATION

973-347-2500 x 160

CHIEF MUNICIPAL FINANCE OFFICER /

TAX COLLECTOR

Ashleigh Frueholz

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ASSISTANT TAX COLLECTOR

Michele McElroy Ext. 133

BYRAM TOWNSHIP OFFICES

CONSTRUCTION & BLDG. SUBCODE OFFICIAL

Peter Karcher

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CONSTRUCTION TECHNICAL ASST

Bonnie Oscovitch

973-347-2500 Ext. 123

PLUMBING SUBCODE OFFICIAL

Robert Klaar

973-347-2500 Ext. 124

ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL

Glenn Kovach

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FIRE SUBCODE OFFICIAL

Scott Wallis

973-347-2500 Ext. 124

FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES

Jay Luba

973-729-4227

ZONING OFFICER

Tom Dixon

973-347-2500 Ext. 131

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Cheryl White/ Caitlin Phillips

973-347-2500 Ext. 132

TAX ASSESSOR

Penny Holenstein

973-347-2500 Ext. 139

ASSISTANT TO TAX ASSESSOR

Donna Fett Ext. 138

A Message from Township Manager Joseph Sabatini

It is my pleasure to present the Byram Township Annual Report for 2020. Under State Statute, the Manager provides a yearly report on the Township's activities for the benefit of the public and the Township Council.

Byram is served by full-time and part-time employees in eight departments and by numerous volunteers in the Byram Township Fire Department and Lakeland Emergency Squad and on our boards, commissions, and committees. The work of these volunteers, combined with the efforts of our elected officials and staff, add to the quality of life in the Township, making our 'Township of Lakes' a wonderful place in which to live, work and visit.

This year has been extremely challenging for everyone. As we entered the new year and began to embark on our goals and objectives for 2020, we were quickly redirected to manage the unexpected effects of the COVID19 Pandemic.

Many of the challenges that we have faced as a community have been outside the norm. Accordingly, everyone collaborated and focused their efforts on the common goal of working creatively to ensure the efficient and effective continuity of government. Although we experienced several procedural changes because of the conditions presented, we as a Township are proud to have delivered the level of services that our residents have come to expect with limited interruptions. For that, I would like to thank our staff and residents for remaining flexible while we adapted to the many changes needed to protect everyone to the best of our ability.

In light of these unprecedented times and challenges, I am proud to announce the following 2020 accomplishments:

SHARED SERVICES

- Updated agreement for Construction Services with Netcong Borough
- Extended agreement for Fire Prevention Services with Sparta through December 31, 2022.

GRANTS

- NJDOT Fiscal Year 2020 Municipal Aid Program Grant received for North Shore Road - \$160,000
- NJDOT Fiscal Year 2021 Municipal Aid Program Grant received for Fieldstone Trail - \$166,200
- Hazard Mitigation Grant - \$121,500
- Clean Communities Grant - \$20,053
- Recycling Tonnage Grant - \$13,047.34
- Municipal Alliance Grant - \$2,937
- ANJEC 2020 Open Space Grant - \$1,450
- Local Government Emergency Fund Grant - \$42,544
- Statewide Insurance Grant - \$2,766

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/PURCHASES

- Completed resurfacing projects and drainage improvements on North Shore Road, Strawberry Point Drive, and various roads in the Cranberry Ledge section of Cranberry Lake
- Completed resurfacing and drainage improvements on Whitehall Hill

- Resurfaced Mohawk View parking lot and Lee Hill Safety Building parking lot
- Repairs to Byram's Department of Public Works Garage/Breakroom replacing HVAC system, gutters, and a generator
- Replacement of HVAC system in Municipal Finance Department.
- Purchased a Hook lift Truck, F550 Flat Bed, F550 Chassis, 3 V-box Salters and Snowplow.

RECOGNITION OF RETIREMENTS

- Police Chief Peter Zabita - 24 years of service
- Police Officer John Donofrio - 26 years of service
- Municipal Clerk Doris Flynn - 23 years of service
- Donald Boroughs, Building and Grounds - 16 years of service

MISCELLANEOUS

- Adopted an update to the Byram Township Open Space & Recreation Plan as an element to the Master Plan which included a Trails Master Plan, Eco-Tourism Based Economic Development Plan, and a Stewardship-Asset Management Plan.
- Granted municipal consent to Elizabethtown Gas to construct, operate and maintain natural and mixed gas distribution lines for public and private consumption in portions of the Township of Byram
- Authorized the process to establish a government-private Energy Aggregation Program in the Township of Byram
- Eagle Scout projects donated to Byram Township:
 - Adam Raffay built a trail head kiosk at Tamarack Park Trail
 - Spencer Van Nest built and hung bat houses along Mansfield Bike Trail
 - Alexander McVeigh built and hung informational plaques along Mansfield Bike Trail
- Held two on-line auctions for Police Department and Public Works Equipment resulting in \$38,606 of revenue.
- Approved Temporary Special COVID 19 Permits for Extension of Premises to allow outdoor sales and outdoor dining to several businesses in town.
- Completed the process for the foreclosure of tax sale certificates held by the municipality on 21 properties in Byram Township.
- Completed Records Scanning Project that include the scanning of all Building, Planning and Zoning files. These permanent files were approved for destruction reducing the need for file storage.
- Through a Resiliency Grant provided by New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Urban and Community Forestry Byram Township was able to complete an inventory and risk assessment of Township-owned trees.
- French and Parrello Associates were appointed to begin working on concept ideas for design improvements at C.O. Johnson Park

Please take the time to review the information contained within this annual report. Public meetings are listed on the website, and we encourage your participation throughout the year. Byram's achievements are the result of a team effort that includes all our residents, employees, and volunteers.

Joseph Sabatini
Township Manager

HOW YOUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS

“The Council-Manager form is the system of local government that combines the strong political leadership of elected officials in the form of a governing body, with the strong managerial experience of an appointed local government manager. The Council-Manager form establishes a representative system where all the power is concentrated in the elected council and where the council hires a professionally trained manager to oversee the delivery of public services.” – *International City/County Management Association.*

The distinctive feature of this form of government is the strict separation between legislative and administrative functions. The plan calls for the non-partisan, at-large election of four Township Council members and one Mayor. By law, the Mayor and the Township Council have the responsibility for all legislative matters, ranging from enactment of all ordinances and resolutions to general citizen representation. Seven separate advisory boards and committees assist policy formulation of the Council.

Administrative responsibilities of the Township are vested in the full time Township Manager. Charged with the day-to-day operation of the Township, the Manager directs all Township services and the enforcement of municipal ordinances. Appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Council, the Manager is a professionally trained individual whose basic responsibility is the efficient and economic operation of your local government.

The Township Clerk is secretary to the Township Council and is the Election Official of the Township. The Clerk records and prepares the minutes of each Township Council Meeting. The Clerk also processes, records and files resolutions and ordinances, arranges for legal advertising of official documents and issues various licenses and permits. The Township Clerk’s election responsibilities include handling municipal elections, accepting petitions for vacancies in local elected offices, selecting polling areas and maintaining custody of election results.



TOWNSHIP CLERK/ REGISTRAR

The Municipal Clerk's office is staffed with a full time Municipal Clerk/Registrar. The office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

The "core" duties of the Municipal Clerk include the following:

- As Secretary to the Mayor and Council, the Municipal Clerk attends all Council meetings; records minutes; assists in preparing the Council meeting agenda and resolutions; compiles meeting packets, receives bids and RFP's; administers and records Oaths of Office; processes correspondence and records, files and advertises ordinances and acts as a liaison between the public and governing body.
- The Municipal Clerk, as Secretary to the Municipal Corporation, signs official documents, has custody of the Township Seal and attests the signature of the Mayor and other Township officials.
- As the Election Official, the Municipal Clerk handles voter registration, accepts petitions for vacancies in local elected offices, furnishes materials for local, primary, and general elections, selects polling areas, and maintains custody of election results.
- The Municipal Clerk issues various licenses, i.e. Peddler / Solicitor, Bingo, Raffle, Liquor, Limo, etc.; furnishes data to the public, provides copies of Ordinances, Resolutions and other information requested by the public and personnel.

The position of Registrar must be held by a Certified Municipal Registrar. This designation is obtained by completing a course provided by the New Jersey State Registrar's office and passing a State exam.

It is the responsibility of the Registrar to record all births, deaths and marriages occurring within the Township of Byram. A permanent copy is retained in the Registrar's office and one is forwarded to the State Registrar. The accumulation of information from vital records provides data about the events that occur throughout the entire State of New Jersey. In addition, the Registrar is also responsible for issuing marriage licenses, marriage certificates, birth certificates and death certificates.

2020 Registrar Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses Issued	33
Birth Records Recorded	35
Death Records Recorded	42
Certified Copies Issued	113

2020 Fees Collected by the Municipal Clerk's Office

Junkyard	\$650.00
Campground	\$793.75
Seasonal Sales Permits	\$0.00
Raffle License	\$100.00
Peddler / Solicitor Licenses	\$50.00
Liquor License Transfers	\$124.00
Liquor License Renewals	\$5,478.00
Taxicab / Livery License	\$0.00
Vacant Property Registrations	\$7,604.16
Road Opening Permits	\$450.00

FINANCE/TAX DEPARTMENT

The Township of Byram emphasizes careful financial management and long-range fiscal planning. The duties include billing and collection of taxes, collection of all Township revenues, investments, debt management, financial analysis, and control of the Township's \$12,390,210.42 budget for 2020. The department is also responsible for the financial activities of the sewer utility, with a budget of \$390,000.00.

The Tax Assessor is responsible for the Township wide assessment. Taxes are payable quarterly on the first day of February, May, August, and November, after which dates, they are delinquent and subject to interest. There is no discount for prepayment. The grace period for payment is ten days. Any payments received after this time; interest will be retroactive to the first of the month. Delinquent payments will be charged interest at the rate of 8% per annum up to \$1,500.00 and 18% per annum on any amount in excess of \$1,500.00. A penalty of up to 6% will be charged on any delinquency in excess of \$10,000.00 if not paid by the end of the fiscal year (December 31st), unless stated otherwise on the front of the bill. Any current year's taxes unpaid on December 31st will be subject to tax sale and lien in the subsequent year.

Effective May 1, 2020 the Assistant Tax Collector was appointed to the position of Tax Collector. The Chief Financial Officer was appointed as Deputy Tax Collector. Both individuals are at the Township Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to assist residents with any questions and/or concerns. The Deputy Tax Collector acts in the absence of the Tax Collector. The Finance/Tax Department hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is a lock box located in the front of the building for sewer and tax payments. Payments received after 3:30 p.m. will be posted on the next business day. The Finance/Tax Department has two (2) additional part-time clerks to assist with the daily operational and resident needs of the Township.

The Tax Department handles requests and information regarding the following tax relief programs:

- Senior Citizen/Disabled Persons Deduction
- Veterans Deduction

The State also offers the following programs:

- Property Tax Reimbursement (Freeze for Qualified Senior and Disabled Persons)
- Homestead Rebate

For more information about property tax relief programs, please refer to the Division of Taxation website:

www.State.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml

2020 Tax Dollar Breakdown		
County Purpose Tax	.583	16.31%
County Library Tax	.042	1.18%
County Health Tax	.000	0.00%
County Open Space Tax	.003	0.07%
Local School Tax	1.302	36.43%
Regional School Tax	.700	19.59%
Municipal Purpose Tax	9.32	26.08%
Municipal Open Space Tax	.012	0.34%

Totals	\$	%
County Total	.628	17.56%
School Total	2.002	56.02%
Municipal Total	.944	26.42%

TAX ASSESSOR

The Township of Byram employs a part-time assessor who shares a part-time assistant. The Tax Assessor has responsibility to:

- Find full and fair value of nearly 4,000 parcels within Byram Township
- Locate and properly describe property as prescribed by the Division of Taxation
- Maintain accurate Township property records; this includes Township Tax Maps which are updated annually in coordination with the Township Engineer
- Review municipal and State appeals and defend the Township in county and State hearings. In 2020, 26 County Tax Board appeals were reviewed
- Produce the annual Tax Book and notice of assessment cards
- Annually provide Farmland Assessment applications to owners and review each farmland assessment application; Byram Township has 123 farmland assessed parcels, representing 5,349 acres of qualified farmland
- Work closely with the Construction Department to review copies of construction permits and certificates for added and omitted assessments and COAH fees
- Calculate annual added/omitted tax to capture additional property tax revenue and notify residents

The Tax Assessor:

- Partners with the County Board of Taxation to ensure deeds are received and reviewed on a weekly basis and updates the Township property records; accordingly, over 225 deeds were reviewed and investigated in 2020
- Represents the Township in County and State meetings and events. The Tax Assessor currently serves as a Tri-County Vice President of the New Jersey Association of Municipal Assessors
- Coordinates annual mailing and collection of data from 100+ income producing properties
- Provides Property Record Cards as requested to interested parties
- Provides reports to other Township departments and Byram Township schools
- Reviews monthly decedent reports and modifies property tax deductions accordingly

The Tax Assessor handles requests regarding:

- Tax relief programs for Veterans including Deductions and Exemptions, and ongoing eligibility
- Name and address changes of property owners

For more information about the Tax Assessor programs, please visit our website at:

www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town_hall/township_offices_detail/tax_assessor

Number of Tax Parcels (excludes exempt)	3,932
Total Assessed Valuation Taxable	\$924,670,100

RECREATION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Traditionally, the Byram Township Recreation Committee meets in person on the 3rd Monday of each month at the C.O. Johnson Fieldhouse at 8:00 pm. During this challenging year, the Recreation Committee continued to meet and conduct business only in a different manner. The committee was confronted with finding new ways to creatively adapt to the requirements established by the COVID19 executive orders; therefore, the committee conducted their meetings in a virtual format through Zoom. This allowed them to continue their work throughout the pandemic.

Throughout these challenging times, the Recreation Committee worked to find creative ways to maintain their Mission Statement: "To provide all the residents of Byram a program of diverse leisure services. This would include opportunities to participate in a variety of sports; passive recreational activities; cultural, social and educational programs, and to provide parks and facilities which are safe and of the highest standard."

Even through these unprecedented times, the function of the Recreation Committee remains: "To advise the Mayor, Council, and Township Manager on matters regarding the recreational programs of Byram Township."

Committee Goals include the following:

- 1) To develop and maintain a list of suggestions for additions, modifications and updates to the recreation programs, facilities, and policies.
- 2) To work with the various sports organizations to ensure that our residents have a wide variety of athletic choices available to them.
- 3) To work with other organizations to provide various leisure, social, cultural, and educational programs for Township residents.
- 4) To ensure that our parks, fields, trails, and facilities are maintained and accessible to all citizens of the Township.

Unfortunately, due to the impact of the COVID19 Pandemic this year, many of the traditional Recreation Committee sponsored activities and events had to be cancelled in direct response to the safety precautions and limitations established under the executive orders that had been issued in response to COVID-19.

However, the Recreation Committee's focus turned to finding ways to manage the resources that were available to the community in an effort to provide passive recreation as an outlet for healthy activity during these challenging times. With many of the organized sports and activities facing restrictions, access to Byram Townships natural outdoor recreational resources became a welcome outlet to many residents during this time and allowed for some passive outdoor recreational relief.

The Recreation Committee supported activities that complied with the executive orders, attempting to bring excitement back to the community where possible. A Jack O'Lantern carving contest was held from Oct. 15 - Nov. 1, 2020. Members of the community were encouraged to carve and decorate their best pumpkins. Pumpkin photos were submitted, to be shared on the Byram Township Government Facebook page, for the community to enjoy the sights and spirit of the season.

In late November, the Recreation Committee again did their best to maintain the holiday spirit and programs. The committee planned and promoted holiday events to include children's letters to Santa along with a holiday light/decoration contest which ran between Dec. 1 – Dec. 10, 2020. The children's letters to Santa program allowed Byram children to drop off their holiday letter to Santa Claus in the special holiday themed mailbox located in the Municipal Building lobby. The children who dropped off their letters each received a letter back from Santa. This program always ensures many smiling faces. As a culmination of the Byram holiday light/decoration contest, the Recreation Committee judges selected three winning township homes, each winner received a gift card for their efforts: 1st place \$100.00, 2nd place \$75.00 and 3rd place \$50.00.





During 2020, the Byram Township Community Relations position continued to develop and expand in its role and responsibilities. In addition to the daily job responsibilities, the Community Relations function, in direct response to the COVID-19 Pandemic required some adjustment. The community relations position became increasingly more focused and involved in helping to keep the community well informed, especially in the early stages of the pandemic. This was accomplished by providing regular updates on health guidelines, recommendations and restrictions as outlined in the Governor's executive orders to the community via Nixle, Facebook and the Township website. This helped to ensure that time sensitive and important information was readily accessible to the community.

The COVID-19 Pandemic helped to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Nixle alert system as Byram Townships primary tool for community notifications. This free system allows community members to register to receive email, text, and mobile app notifications directly from the Township of Byram. Through Nixle, community members can get instant notices about everything from gas leaks to missing persons, traffic accidents, road closures and local community events and activities.

The Township of Byram continues to encourage every citizen to sign up today to receive these messages and begin connecting with the Township of Byram. Nixle will be your primary source for accurate, up to date information from the Township so do not delay, sign up today!

Remember, if we cannot reach you, we cannot inform you. Please take a moment to sign up for Nixle community notification system using one of the following options.

SIGN UP OPTIONS:

1) Click and enter your contact information at the following web address: <https://local.nixle.com/signup/widget/i/15862>

- OR -

2) Text the keyword **Byram to **888-777**.** Then when prompted, follow the directions to enter your current e-mail address and you will be signed up to receive important alerts, advisories, and community notifications from Byram Township.

- OR -

3) Download the Mobile App at:

<https://supportcenter.nixle.com/articles/Nixle/Registering-for-Nixle-via-the-Everbridge-Mobile-App>

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)

The Department of Public Works includes the following divisions: Roads, Sewers, Recycling, Buildings and Grounds, Park Maintenance, and Fleet Maintenance. This Department employs 12 full-time employees including a mechanic and superintendent, shares a part-time employee as Superintendent Secretary, and two summer helpers. The total annual operating budget for the Department is approximately \$1.3 million. DPW supported the Township's grant initiatives, including NJ Urban & Community Forestry, Clean Communities and Recycling. In addition, DPW supported many Township committees' initiatives including Environmental Commission and Open Space.

DPW coordinated the submission of several state mandated reports, including Tonnage Recycling and Clean Communities Report (both resulting in revenue to the Township) and the Right-to-Know Survey. DPW reviewed and issued Grease Interceptor licenses for businesses utilizing grease traps.

The DPW maintains approximately 80 miles of roadway, five sewer-pumping stations and about two miles of sewer mains. Collection of trash and recyclables (Township wide) leaves, brush and metals at the Township Recycling Center is the responsibility of the DPW. Additional DPW duties consist of snow and ice control on Township roads, traffic sign installation and repair, and coordination of the annual roadway resurfacing program. DPW maintains Township trails systems.

As part of the Township's Stormwater permit, the DPW units worked with the Township Engineer to develop the Township's Stormwater Management Plan. This plan includes additional training requirements as well as working with a contractor to clean and inspect storm drains and inlets. The Township employees operate and maintain over 850 storm inlets and 9 retention basins. The tops of the Township's storm inlets are cleaned out prior to and during rain events. Additionally, DPW developed and issued the annual Stormwater mailing to Township residents. DPW maintained the Johnson Pond dam and spillway.

DPW employees participated in many training classes to continue to retain NJUST, Certified Public Works Manager, Recycling Coordinator, and Collections/Wastewater System Operator certifications.

Buildings and Grounds oversees and maintains eight Township buildings, including the Municipal Complex, the Old School House, the C.O. Johnson Field house, and the Lee Hill Emergency Services Building. Park Maintenance is responsible for the care of C.O. Johnson Park and its fields, Riverside Park, East Brookwood Park, Neil Gylling Park, Mohawk View Park, Tamarack Park, and all grass areas on the local school athletic fields. An average of 42 acres is cut twice a week depending on the weather. DPW added COVID-19 safety measures in Township buildings to ensure health and safety of the employees and residents.

Fleet Maintenance is provided by one mechanic, and when needed a second DPW employee. The Fleet Maintenance Mechanic is responsible for about eleven police vehicles, ten small-to-large DPW trucks, seven fire trucks, a road sweeper, a backhoe, two loaders, four trailers and a large assortment of power/mechanical tools.

Recycling activities include mandatory recycling through curbside pick-up every other Friday. Weekly solid waste curbside pick-up is on Tuesdays; pick-up is limited to two 45-gallon containers and one large household item. DPW coordinated the annual tire recycling event as well as community wide leaf and Christmas tree pick-ups. For more details on the Solid Waste and Recycling programs, please visit our website, byramtpw.org under Township Offices/Garbage and Recycling.



Residential Trash / Recycling (in tons)	2017	2018	2019	2020
Annual Garbage	3689.1	2920.12	2982.05	3143.93
Metal Recycling	46.76	58.9	62.66	58.64
Tire Recycling	4.21	3.68	2.27	2.55
Single Stream	823.46	843.08	881.8	927.20
Vegetative	128 cu. yds.	335.15 cu. yds.	658.66 cu. yds.	787.78 cu. yds.

Please do your part to keep Byram clean!
 Keep our catch basins clean and free from debris by not dumping anything in them or in the Township's waterways.



Announcing the Availability of Recycle Coach! Access Recycle Coach from our Township website at www.byramtp.org/index.php/services/recycle_coach, or download the app. Use Recycle Coach to:

- Sent an email reminder of the trash and recycling collection days or special Township disposal days
- Export trash and recycling dates to your personal calendar
- “Ask” Recycle Coach to determine how to dispose of specific items by using the “What Goes Where” tool
- Report trash or recycling related issues (example a missed pick-up)
- Learn more about recycling

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Byram Township Police Department consists of fourteen sworn officers and two part time records clerks. The Police Department strives to be a contributing factor in creating a better quality of life for our residents, business owners and visitors. The Byram Township Police Department had several changes in 2020.

- The Department bid farewell to two officers. In January, Chief Peter Zabita retired after twenty-four years of service and in June, Patrolman John D'Onofrio retired after twenty-six years of service.
- The Department promoted three officers. Chief Kenneth Burke, Lieutenant Brian Moreland and Sergeant Thomas Dellicker were promoted to their new positions in February.
- The Department hired two new officers. Patrolman's Christopher Spaldo and Derek Kuncken were hired in July and graduated the Morris County Public Safety Training Academy in December.
- In August 2016, the Department began participating in "Project Medicine Drop". The Department maintains an unwanted prescription and over-the-counter medication collection box at police headquarters. The Department continued its participation in the county-wide drug disposal day collections in the fall at the Byram Shop-Rite and CVS stores. In 2020 the Department collected and disposed of 128 pounds of unwanted medications.
- The Department maintains a safe exchange location under 24-hour video surveillance in front of police headquarters where residents and guests to the Township can have a safe and secure environment to complete their online sales.

- The Department continued its assistance, and some officers volunteered their time to help collect food donations for "Cram the Cruiser" and "Stuff the Bus" food drive events that benefit the Sussex County food pantry.
- The Department started its 30th year instructing an anti-drug program in the fifth-grade classes at the Intermediate School. Patrolman Marcus Lisa utilized the LEAD (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) program. Unfortunately, the current COVID pandemic only allowed the students to complete approximately half of their scheduled curriculum.

In 2020 Township Police Officer's averaged five days of in-service training and traveled over 115,000 miles during their patrols. Additional information regarding the Department may be found on the internet at www.byrampd.org. Information and current events are also regularly posted on the Department's Facebook page located at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Byram-Township-Police-Department/196576757045673> and on NextDoor at <https://nextdoor.com/login/>. Residents can also sign up for Township alerts at <https://local.nixle.com/signup/widget/i/15862>



POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATION

Calls for Service			
	2019	2020	Difference
Homicide	0	1	+1
Sex Offense	8	6	-2
Burglaries	10	8	-2
Theft	58	38	-20
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	3	-3
Aggravated Assault	5	2	-3
Simple Assault	14	10	-4
Arson	0	0	-
Fraud	32	37	+5
Criminal Mischief	46	33	-13
Weapons	5	1	-4
Fireworks	7	16	+9
Narcotic Offences	22	26	+4
Alarms	189	188	-1
Disorderly Conducts	50	30	-20
Suspicious Vehicle / Persons	221	198	-23
Motor Vehicle Accidents	224	173	-51
Motor Vehicle Stops	2111	1329	-782
Medical Assists	389	321	-68
Traffic Enforcement / Radar Details	-	887	-
Property / Business Checks	-	6062	-
School Security Checks	-	335	-
Miscellaneous (all other calls)	9591	1802	-
Total Incidents Handled	12988	11457	-1,531
	2019	2020	Difference
Adults Arrested	112	61	-51
Juveniles Arrested	55	1	-54
	2019	2020	Difference
Property Value Reported Stolen	\$266,582.00	\$71,851.00	-\$194,731.00
Property Value Recovered	\$178,453.00	\$53,983.00	-\$124,470.00

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

The State of New Jersey mandates a wide range of environmental and personal health services. To meet these standards, Byram Township contracts with the Sussex County Division of Health to provide many of these services. There is one part-time person who is available at the municipal building to assist residents with public health concerns, a part-time pound attendant, and a part-time Animal Control Officer.

Environmental health activities include inspections of food establishments, lakes, beaches, and campgrounds, monitoring of potable water supplies and septic systems. Three of the Township's major lake communities (Lake Mohawk, Cranberry Lake and Lake Lackawanna) are regulated under Septic Management.

Personal health services are handled by the Sussex County Health Department, Division of Public Health Nursing. These services include adult screenings for blood pressure, blood chemistry, skin cancer, male and female cancers, well-child clinics, flu immunizations, health risk appraisals, educational programs, and health counseling. Information about these programs is available in the local media, at the municipal building and by calling the Public Health Nurse at 973-948-5239 x 3126.

Residents are reminded that it is everyone's responsibility to lessen the risk of exposure to COVID-19 by adhering to social distancing protocol and the wearing of masks. Disposable gloves and face masks should be discarded in the nearest trash or placed into a plastic bag until which time a trash receptacle is available.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, rabies vaccines were not available from the State at the time of the Townships' scheduled Clinic. Limited free rabies clinics were available to New Jersey residents. The dog licensing year beginning on April 1st was extended to May 1st by the Mayor and Council. In late May, our DPW assisted Hopatcong with a free rabies clinic, which was well attended by Byram residents.

Residents are encouraged to protect themselves and their pets from rabies by having their pet inoculated, which greatly reduces the risk of rabies. Obtain a dog license for your pets, early identification of a biting animal can save time and assist in determining the need for post exposure treatment. Dog licenses are issued during the hours of 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at the Municipal Building Health Department. Proper documentation, including a valid rabies certificate, and payment may be submitted by mail or placed into the night drop box outside the Administration Offices for processing. Licensing your dog also assists in the return of your pet should they be in the pound.

Pet waste can pollute our waters. Pet owners and those caring for your pet are urged to immediately and properly dispose of pet waste deposited on any public or private properties.

The Township Health Department enjoys a unique relationship with BARKS (Byram Animal Rescue Kindness Squad), which assists the Township with animal rescue.

The Township Board of Health meets on the fourth Tuesday of alternating months and handles public health issues such as sponsoring health clinics offered by the Sussex County Division of Health (flu clinic, pneumonia, SMA blood work). In addition to hearing resident requests for waivers from septic and well regulations, managing the annual rabies clinic and other issues related to animals, radon awareness, water quality and septic management.



CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT

The Construction Department reviews construction plans, issues construction permits, and provides inspections to ensure work conforms to State of New Jersey Approved Building Codes. The Construction Official is full-time and serves as the Building Sub-code Official. The Plumbing, Electrical and Fire Sub-code Officials are all part-time. The office is also staffed with a part-time Technical Assistant who provides clerical support as well as assistance to homeowners applying for permits. The Construction Department also serves Netcong Borough through a shared services agreement. The Construction Department Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon, and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Construction Department has initiated some changes throughout the past year due to the pandemic. Residents and contractors are no longer permitted to enter the offices of the construction official or technical assistant. Instead, construction permit paperwork is located on the wall in the lobby so that contractors and residents alike may ‘grab and go’ whatever paperwork they may require to get started on their application process. A plexiglass window was also installed to limit contact and through which all permit transactions are made therefore keeping exposure to a minimum. An afterhours, locked drop box was also installed on the outside of the building for those residents and contractors that are unable to visit during Construction Department hours or uncomfortable with entering the building.

	2017	2018	2019	2020
New Construction – Residential	2	2	12	3
New Construction- Commercial	0	1	4	0
Permits Issued	909	680	763	694
Certificates of Occupancy	19	8	11	14
Certificates of Approval	554	511	553	403
Temporary Certificates of Occupancy	-	-	-	3
Certificates of Compliance	-	-	-	3

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

- The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is an advisory panel to the Byram Township Planning Board consisting of five to eight members, including two sitting members of the Planning Board, two members of the general public, and one Township employee. All members are appointed annually by the Township Council.
- The ARC reviews development proposals and recommends changes to help realize the ideals of the Township’s Master Plan, Smart Growth Ordinance, and Design Guide, by improving landscaping, avoiding excessive signage, and lighting, and moving away from typical highway commercial design toward calmer, human-scaled site design. Configuration, style, construction techniques, and materials of proposed buildings and renovations are reviewed with respect to the preferred design standards for elements such as facades, roofs, fences, walls, and awnings.
- In 2020, the ARC reviewed applications for Raimo of Stanhope, On Time Signs & Design, and Skylands Surgery Center, and documented its findings and recommendations for Planning Board consideration. The ARC continues to serve as a ‘Smart Growth resource’ for the Township, helping Byram to develop strategies for community and economic development.
- The ARC membership remains at six appointments.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND LAND USE BOARD

The Land Use Board is a joint planning and zoning board consisting of 9 regular members including the Mayor or appointee and a Council person. It also includes 2 alternate members from the community. The Land Use Board is appointed by the Mayor and Council and hears all subdivisions, site plan and variance applications. It is also responsible for long range planning through the Master Plan Amendments and Land Development Ordinance revisions. The Land Use Board meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Board is served by two advisory boards, the Environmental Commission, and the Architectural Review Committee. Staff consists of a Planning Director, which is a position held by the Township Manager, and a full time Land Use Technical Assistant, who is certified by Rutgers.

The Land Use Technical Assistant meets with commercial and residential property owners of the Township that wish to make changes to their property and provides guidance to the public with regards to the Municipal Land Use Law and Byram Township zoning regulations. In addition, aids applicants with the completion of the commercial/residential applications.

The Land Use Technical Assistant provides full support to the Land Use Board Members and Board Professionals. Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (973) 347-2500 Ext. 132.

Byram Township Has Four Key Commercial Development Zones

The Village Center Zone (V-C Zone)

The primary purpose of the VC Zone is to provide for carefully planned development, through mixed-uses and specific commercial and residential developments, oriented around a civic green. The Village Center Zone is intended to provide pedestrian oriented commercial services to planned and existing residential neighborhoods, and to create a new “center” as a community focus for the Township.

The Village Business Zone (V-B Zone)

The Village Business Zone envisions new commercial development and is intended to complement and be influenced by development to take place in the Village Center Zone. The VB Zone plans for new commercial development and promotes the redesign or redevelopment of existing commercial areas to establish a village-like downtown which anticipates pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

- In October, at the former location of the Unigraphic Guild, On Time Sign and Design, a business specializing in signs and advertising specialties was approved

The Neighborhood Commercial Zone (N-C Zone)

The uses in this district are intended to complement existing business and provide additional retail and service businesses.

- In April, at the former location of the Frogmore Country Store, Claremont Adult Day Care, a facility for senior day time care, was approved

Industrial, Professional, Recreation Zone (IPR Zone)

The uses in this district are intended to encourage the development of clean industrial, professional office parks, or commercial recreation/entertainment type uses.

Byram Township continues to encourage sustainable, economic development.

<i>2020 Planning Board Annual Data</i>			
Site Plan Applications (Includes Site Plan Waivers)	2018	2019	2020
Approved	5	9	12
Denied	0	0	0
Subdivisions	2018	2019	2020
Approved	1	1	0
Denied	0	0	0
Variance Applications	2018	2019	2020
Approved	8	16	12
Denied	0	0	0

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The goal of the Environmental Commission (EC) is to protect Byram Township's abundant natural resources and work with our Township's committees and residents to preserve our quality of life and keep Byram GREEN! EC meets the fourth Thursday of each month and is comprised of Township volunteers, Planning Board Liaison and Council Liaison and is supported by a shared part-time Secretary.

2020 Environmental Commission Annual Accomplishments

- Applied for and obtained ANJEC Open Space Grant for "Identification of Hot Spots Invasive Species" for \$1,450. EC held three community events which provided an educational presentation on how to identify invasive plant species, followed by trail walk to log species into an app. Participants received packet of native plant seeds and re-useable tote bag. Data from the app was consolidated into a report and a plan for future removal of the invasive plants will be prepared by the Township Forester. This will help maintain healthy trail system
- Supported several Township grants including the Community Forestry Management Plan and community initiatives such as Clean Communities Program
- EC continues to monitor progress on various bills and initiatives including the plastic bag and electric vehicle bills, and projects such as climate change project
- Reviewed and submitted comments on several DEP proposals including the reclassification of the designation of Township C-1 waterways and proposed bridge replacement
- Researched lot disturbance / coverage ordinances from local towns and prepared recommendation to modify impervious coverage/lot disturbance ordinance
- Reviewed and provided comments to the annual Stormwater Management letter and recycling postcard
- EC members continued to actively participate in the Musconetcong River Management Council and Community Action Group. EC continued to work with Greener by Design/Open Space on the Parks and Recreation Plan and provided comments on the proposed dog park
- EC member attended meetings for Open Space and represented EC in the joint meeting between Open Space, Recreation and EC
- Participated in the Tilcon Quarry site inspection, reviewed annual license application and provided comments
- Reviewed and provided comments on 17 planning board applications, including several commercial applications. Performed site inspection on commercial property
- EC did not meet in March through May (due to COVID-19), resumed virtual meetings in June and added a special meeting in September. Although several events were planned, they were cancelled due to COVID-19. These events included Arbor Day, trail clean-ups, 3rd grade tree seedling program and Byram Fest
- EC members attended many training sessions this year, including those which supported the Township's Community Forestry Management Plan requirements
- EC responded to resident's concern regarding volcano mulching
- Membership changes included the change of Chair from James Myers to Co-Chairs Gerry Murphy and Eric Duch. Other changes included the resignation of two members and addition of two new members (Kymberli Morris and Kathleen Parrish). In addition, three member's position terms were renewed.

Click for Environmental Commission:

https://www.byramtwp.org/index.php/town_hall/committees_detail/environmental_commission

ZONING ENFORCEMENT

The Township of Byram has adopted a zoning ordinance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. The zoning ordinance is established to regulate the nature and extent of land devoted to various uses by creating specific districts, regulating land use within those districts, and restricting buildings and structures to permitted uses. The zoning ordinance also establishes bulk requirements for a structure (e.g. area, setbacks, and height), and for a building lot itself (e.g. lot size and coverage). Byram's Zoning Officer, who is certified as Zoning Official by Rutgers University, reviews construction applications for conformity to Township Zoning Codes. In addition, he conducts routine inspections throughout the Township for violations of Zoning and Property Maintenance Codes. Warning notices are sent for violations; summonses are then issued if violations are not corrected. For questions, call 973- 347-2500 x 131.

2020	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Zoning Permits and Approvals													
Zoning Permits Approved	2	1	2	2	9	4	8	8	13	17	8	12	86
Zoning Permits Denied	0	0	1	0	4	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	13
Zoning Permits Granted after Planning Board Variance or Site Plan Waiver	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	10
Change of Tenant Permits Approved	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	7
Reviewed Compliance w/ Resolution for Certificate of Occupancy or Approval	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investigation of Violations													
Verbal Warnings	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	1	0	0	10
Notices of Violations	6	8	4	2	9	8	7	4	4	11	12	10	85
Summons Issued	1	2	0	0	5	4	0	1	1	2	1	1	18
Signs removed from roadside	4	10	2	0	0	10	4	2	2	2	2	0	38

The following flowcharts have been created to provide guidance for the typical zoning and planning applications. Individual applications may have additional requirements. You are encouraged to contact staff for questions.

Click for: Process for Zoning Application - <https://www.byramtwp.org/useruploads/files/overall%20flowchart.pdf>

Click for: Process for Residential Properties Variance - <https://www.byramtwp.org/useruploads/files/residential%20variance%20flowchart.pdf>

Click for: Process for Commercial Properties Variance - <https://www.byramtwp.org/useruploads/files/commercial%20variance%20flowchart.pdf>

OPEN SPACE

- The Open Space Committee is a “committee of committees” with representatives from the Township’s other appointed boards.
- The committee is comprised of the Township Manager, a member of the Township Planning Board, a member of the Environmental Commission, a member of the Recreation Committee, one citizen of the Township holding no other elected or appointed position, a member of the Township Council, and a citizen of the Township who may hold another elected or appointed position. This provides a broad range of representation and the ability to coordinate the committee’s activities with other Township initiatives.
- The Open Space Committee oversees the administration of the management and acquisition of public open space properties.
- The set of community Open Space goals designed to inform future acquisitions and maintenance and development of recreational facilities are:
 - Provide for the present and future recreational needs of ALL Byram residents
 - Make optimal use of the Township’s open space and recreational assets to foster a greater sense of community.
 - Maintain the existing open space and recreational facilities in a fiscally responsible manner.
 - Use Open Space acquisitions to establish a Township-wide trails system.
 - Continue the comprehensive land acquisition strategy that includes protection of defined “Greenways” within the Township.
 - Protect the important natural assets of the Township, acting as responsible stewards of the forests and other natural features.
 - Protect the drinking water of Township residents.
- In 2020, the local Byram Open Space tax collected \$110,430. There remains \$264,000 of bond debt payments from previous acquisitions.
- The Open Space Committee is responsible for the preparation of an Open Space and Recreation plan that is to be used in conjunction with applications for participation in the Green Trust Planning Incentive funding category and submitted to other sources of funding to fulfill the purposes for which the Open Space Trust fund was created.
- In 2019, the Township received an \$80,000 grant from the Highlands for our consultants, Greener by Design, to prepare an updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. In 2020, the final updated Open Space and Recreation Plan was approved and adopted as an element of the Township’s Master Plan which included a Trails Master Plan, Eco-Tourism Based Economic Development Plan, and a Stewardship-Asset Management Plan. This plan also identified eleven (11) potential capital projects for the Township to consider over the next ten years. At the end of 2020, the Mayor and Council authorized a professional services contract with French & Parrello Associates to prepare a conceptual design and master development plan for C.O. Johnson Park which will consider several of the potential capital projects.
- The 2020 Open Space and Recreation Plan can be located at the following link: https://www.byramtwp.org/useruploads/docs/Byram_OSRP_63020.pdf
- In 2020, the Byram Township Open Space Committee recommended the appointment of the Township’s Forester, Gracie & Harrigan, to support the maintenance of Byram open space lands. Gracie & Harrigan assisted the Township’s Open Space Committee with the stewardship of the Tamarack Park property that included:
 - Completed a control herbicide spray of five (5) acres of non-native plants by Schultz Forestry Services
 - Completed and obtained approval from the New Jersey Forest Service for a Harvesting Plan
 - Facilitated the approval of a Timber Management and Sale Concession Agreement for a white ash salvage program for the 2020/2021 winter season resulting in payment from the contractor of \$3,000.
- Each year the Open Space Committee recommends to the Governing Body a deer management program that was supported when the Mayor and Council adopted resolution 90-2020 for Deer Hunting on Municipally owned Property for the 2020-2021 Hunting Season
- Throughout 2020 the Open Space Committee worked with Greener by Design to create a strategy to promote the Township as a destination for ecotourism. This strategy is to include the development of branding and marketing materials for the Township’s natural assets. It is expected these final deliverables will be completed and accepted in early 2021. These deliverables include a new Township logo, marketing materials, and multiple social media sites promoting Byram as an outdoor recreation destination.

MUNICIPAL COURT

The Byram Township Municipal Court has entered into an agreement with Andover Township for a Joint Court, effective January 1, 2015. All Byram Township court business is handled by the Andover Township Joint Municipal Court which will be responsible for processing indictable offenses, scheduling court cases, processing warrants, entering of summonses, and collecting of fines. Their information is as follows:

Helga Walls, Court Administrator
 Andover Joint Municipal Court
 134 Andover Sparta Road
 Newton NJ 07860
 [\(973\) 383-4280 Ext. 4](tel:(973)383-4280)
<http://www.andovertwp.org/departments/court/>
 M-F 8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

ANDOVER JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT – BYRAM STATISTICS

2020	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
DWI	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	1	0	0	10
TRAFFIC	112	86	60	7	11	44	73	56	43	54	28	17	591
PARKING	2	0	0	2	2	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	12
DP/PDP	9	3	2	2	7	5	5	8	13	4	9	9	76
OTHERS	0	3	1	7	5	0	0	4	3	0	0	2	25
INDICTABLE	1	1	2	2	0	3	1	3	4	1	2	13	33

2020	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Court Revenue	\$ 3,655.92	\$ 3,128.00	\$ 5,590.44	\$ 1,028.79	\$ 1,653.82	\$ 2,087.96	\$ 4,037.23	\$ 2,984.87	\$ 1,203.54	\$ 2,621.48	\$ 1,386.36	\$ 569.28	\$ 29,947.69

LAKELAND EMERGENCY SQUAD

2020 most certainly had everyone navigating new challenges and Lakeland EMS is no exception. While we have a long and storied history of responding to disasters in addition to everyday emergencies, the response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been like nothing we have dealt with before.

Though our volunteer roster took a hit with some of the lockdown mandates implemented by the State, Lakeland Emergency Squad continued providing round-the-clock coverage with added safety measures that were put in place for both our patients and providers. Additional PPE was procured, clean cab measures were adopted on our ambulances to seal off the patient area from the driver compartment, and specialized equipment such as respirators and BVM filters were also acquired for the safety of all.

Managing to do more with less – while continuing to deliver the same high-quality results our patients are accustomed to receiving has been daunting. We have been very fortunate to have some in-house volunteers apply for and receive grants specifically targeted for the purchase of our PPE stockpile, and obtain an ultraviolet light, enabling us to properly disinfect our ambulances after every suspected COVID-19 transport, through a most generous donation received from Thor-Labs. Operations staff were in constant contact with Byram Township’s Mayor and Township Manager; the added level of support from the Township was invaluable.

Planning and preparing for seamless operations, and whatever comes next, remains an on-going process. This included the challenge of completing long overdue and much needed renovations/restoration of our Headquarters in 2020 during much of the shutdown and the overdue delivery of the remounted ambulance is expected in February 2021.

If you or someone you know are a resident from Byram Township, Andover Borough, Andover Township, or the surrounding municipalities and is interested in joining, please contact us at [\(973\) 347-2123](tel:9733472123) or via our website at www.lakelandems.org. All training is provided at no cost to you.



Lakeland Emergency Squad 2020	
Byram Township Call Outs/Responses	453
Other out of town Call Outs/Responses	770
Total Call Outs/Responses	1,223
Miles Traveled	24,794
Manpower Field Hours	3,797

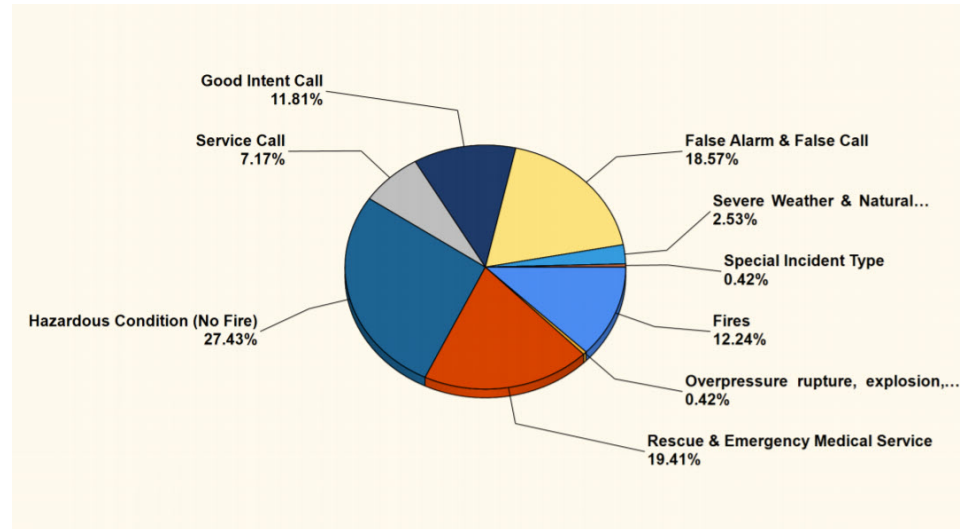
FIRE DEPARTMENT

2020 Statistics

Total Incidents Responded to: 237



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	29	12.24%
Overpressure rupture, explosion, overhear - no fire	1	0.42%
Rescue & Emergency Medical Service	46	19.41%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	65	27.43%
Service Call	17	7.17%
Good Intent Call	28	11.81%
False Alarm & False Call	44	18.57%
Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	6	2.53%
Special Incident Type	1	0.42%
TOTAL	237	100%



Total Agency Manhours: 3,741.0

Total Manhours – Incidents: 2308.0

Total Manhours – Training: 579.0 – COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Total Manhours – Fundraisers/ Events / Public Relations: 854.0 – COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Year in Review

2020 proved to be a year like nothing we have ever seen. We continued to increase in call volume year over year. We have also seen a 60% increase in calls in the last 5 years. The COVID-19 Pandemic proved to make this year incredibly challenging. The Fire Department never missed a call this year. During the pandemic, the fire department worked hand in hand with Lakeland First Aid Squad and the Byram Police Department. The Department working along the Township's capital improvement plan is in the process of upgrading our 20-year-old vehicle extrication tools. This project is due to wrap up in the early part of 2021. This is a great achievement for the Department, as vehicle's construction has drastically changed over the last 10 years, causing the older tools to have difficulty cutting these new materials. Continuing with these improvements, the Country upgraded the paging system used to alert the fire department to a more advanced and up to date system. The system went live in June of 2020 and has been a successful transition.

About the Fire Department:

The Byram Township Fire Department completed its 73rd year of providing professional volunteer emergency service. Established in 1948, The Byram Township Fire Department provides fire suppression, heavy rescue, ice and water rescue, wilderness rescue and public education services to Township residents. Fire suppression is provided by 48 volunteer firefighters who are dedicated to serving the residents of the Township. The volunteer firefighters are on-call 24 hours a day and operate from three fire stations located throughout the Township.

- ❖ Cranberry Lake building located on Route 206
 - Engine 1 -1998- 1000 gallons of water, 2000 GPM Pump
 - Tender 7 – 2001 - 2000 gallons of water, 500 GPM Pump
 - Rescue 3 -2000 - Vehicle Rescue Equipment, Water and Wilderness Rescue Equipment, Air Refill system for SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus)
- ❖ Lake Lackawanna building located on Lackawanna Drive
 - Engine 6 – 2019- 1000 gallons of water, 2000 GPM Pump
 - Tender 5 - 2007- 2200 gallons of water, 750 GPM Pump
- ❖ Lee Hill emergency services building on Lee Hill Road
 - Engine 4 -2015- 1000 gallons of water, 1500 GPM Pump

The Fire Department consists of the following officers:

Firematic Officers

(All things related to Fire incidents, etc.)

Chief Todd Rudloff
Assistant Chief Mike Pellek
Captain Gregg Matthews
Captain- Michael Sawicki

Lieutenant - Jack Gallagher
Lieutenant - John McConnell
Lieutenant - Shawn Pond

Administrative Offices

(Buildings, Hall Rental, etc.)

President: Casey Margo
Vice Pres: Dave DeSontro
Treasurer Casey Margo
Secretary Brian Kalemba
Asst Treasurer – C.J. Webber

All the officers can be reached at the Cranberry Lake Fire House, at 973-347-2662

The Fire Department Association owns and operates the Cranberry Lake and Lake Lackawanna buildings; the Lee Hill emergency services building is owned by the Township. The Firematic officers are supported with funding from the Township for fire suppression, fire prevention, and public education efforts. The Township also provides the fire apparatus and related equipment. The association relies upon various fundraisers to operate and maintain their buildings.



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