

CODE OF ORDINANCES
of the
TOWNSHIP OF ONTELAUNEE
County of Berks
Pennsylvania

Adopted October 6, 2016
Revised through October 6, 2016

OFFICIALS
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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Supervisor, Chairman	Kenneth Stoudt
Supervisor, Vice-Chairman	William Klein
Supervisor	Gary Hadden
Tax Collector	Donna L. Lash

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Secretary/Treasurer	Kim Berger
Zoning/Codes Officer	Michael Schwenk
Engineer	William McMullen, ARRO Consulting
Solicitor	Elizabeth A. Magovern, Hartman, Valeriano, Magovern & Lutz

FOREWARD

History

Ontelaunee Township takes its name from the large stream which drains the greater part of the upper eastern portion of the county. It is an Indian word, and signifies "Maiden Creek," a daughter or branch of the Schuylkill. The stream was called "Maiden Creek" by the Friends (Quakers) when they began their first settlements in 1733 – ignoring the beautiful and expressive name "Ontelaunee." The friends took up the first land by patents along and across its winding banks from its mouth northwardly for more than ten miles; and also along the eastern bank of the Schuylkill from the same point to the Blue Mountain.

On April 2, 1849, a petition of certain inhabitants of Maiden-creek Township was presented to court, asking for a division of the Township, and suggesting as a proper name for the western portion, "Schuylkill." The name of the proposed Township was changed by the court to "Antalawny" (Ontelaunee) and the new Township was erected into a separate election district by an act passed February 28, 1850.

In Ontelaunee Township, the first settlers were Friends, some of whom entered the territory as early as 1721. Early settlers included Francis Parvin, who settled at what is known as Berkley. Berkley, which is located on Willow Creek, where it was crossed by the Centre Turnpike and the Berks County Railroad, was an early settlement in the Township. The Borough of Leesport was also originally a part of Ontelaunee Township. The Township has a total area of 9.2 square miles.

As of the 2010 U.S. Census, Ontelaunee Township had a population of 1,646 people and is served by the Schuylkill Valley School District.

The Code of Ordinances of the Township of Ontelaunee was prepared by Hartman, Valeriano, Magovern and Lutz, P.C., and adopted by the Township Supervisors on October 6, 2016 by Ordinance 2016-4.

Organization

The Code comprises three parts which are: (1) the valid current ordinances of the Township of Ontelaunee contained in Chapters 1 through 27, (2) the Appendix, which lists by abstracted title all ordinances of a temporary or "one time" nature, and (3) the Keys to the disposition of each ordinance and resolution ever enacted by the Township.

In the Code, each Chapter is separated by a divider tab, and specific ordinances can be located by the subject on the contents page at the beginning of each Chapter. The Appendix consists of several general categories containing a chronological listing of short subject descriptions along with a reference to the original ordinance and its date of enactment, if known.

The Key to disposition indicates what action has been taken by the Township Board of Supervisors with regard to every ordinance ever enacted. An ordinance has either been (1) specifically repealed, (2) superseded by another ordinance, (3) is located in a Chapter of the Code book, or (4) is located in the Appendix. Annual tax rate and budget ordinances are located in the Key and Appendices. The Key is a cross reference to the original ordinance books of the Township by ordinance number, and to the location within the Code of each ordinance by number.