

SYLVANIA

TOWNSHIP

2023 Annual Report Snapshot

Sylvania Township experienced steady growth in 2023 and provided the level of service and efficiency expected by businesses and the residents of this community. We are pleased to present a department specific snapshot of events and accomplishments through the past year. A full report is available on the Township website (www.sylvaniatownship.com) and at any Township location.

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Administration

Sylvania Township Administration worked to advance the quality of life for citizens and stakeholders during 2023 through a variety of initiatives. This work is completed with the approval of and oversight by the Board of Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Following are some examples: American Rescue Plan, Joint Economic Development District, Safe Routes to School, and Public Engagement.

Employee Count – As of 12/31/2023

Full-Time	158
Part-Time	6
Total	164

Finance – Expenditures for 2023 by the general fund were \$1,749,472; or 91.8 percent of what had been budgeted; the road and bridge fund expended \$2,626,195; or 83 percent of its budget; the police fund spend \$7,038,363; or 95.2 percent of its budget; and the fire fund spent \$11,559,407; or 93.4 percent of its budget.

Planning & Zoning Department

The Department issued 489 zoning permits in 2023. A total estimated value of the projects for which permits were issued was \$53.4 million.

Of the 489 zoning permits issued, 64 were for new single-family dwellings. The total estimated value of these dwellings was almost \$24.2 million representing an estimated value (not selling price) of the new homes constructed in 2023 of \$378k per dwelling. Approximately 56% of the new homes built in the Township were in four subdivisions: Quarry Ridge (12), Waterside Sylvania (10), Eagle Creek (7), and Walnut Springs (7).

	2022	2023
Single-Family Permits	72	64
Total Zoning Permits	512	489
All Annual Permit Values (\$millions)	\$64	\$53.4
Zoning Enforcement	215	168

The Zoning Code Enforcement Officer investigated 168 complaints of zoning violations in 2023. Just over half (87) of these complaints were related to high grass and/or debris on a property.

Meeting Schedules

Trustees:

Regular Meetings: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month at 5 pm

Special Meetings: Subject to call with 24-hour notice on our website

Zoning Commission: 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 6:00 pm

Zoning Board of Appeals: 1st Monday of the Month at 5:00 pm



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Fire Department

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

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	2022	2023
Fire Calls	2,231	2,233
EMS Calls	5,199	5,335
TOTAL	7,430	7,568

Police Department

The police department had an action packed 2023. The purchase of three new fleet vehicles was completed. There were three retirements. We welcomed nine new officers to the police force! Five of these officers were hired laterally, and another three were sent through police academies, funded by our department.

Our Community Affairs officers wasted no time getting into the swing of 2023! Safety Township was, once again, a fully attended and well-organized event, and we are grateful for the continued support from Sylvania School teachers. Community Affairs officers also participated in the Fall Festival, attended job fairs and school events, and even adopted a family for Christmas from each of the four local elementary schools. For the second year in a row, the police department won the Holiday Decorating contest between the departments! The trophy remains proudly on display in our front lobby.

	2022	2023
Calls for Police Service	14,729	13,827

Road & Service Department

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

Some items of note include:

- Several infrastructure projects completed in coordination with the County.
- Replaced three 2006 model trucks by purchasing a new International plow truck, and two Ford pickup trucks

The Service Department performs maintenance, inspections, and timely repairs to over 180 pieces of equipment and vehicles. The service department responded to 513 Service Requests and completed 841 Work Orders.

	2022	2023
Road Resurfaced (miles)	4.96	5.05
Concrete Repairs (sf)	2,686	1,436
Roads Crack Seal	2.41	4.68
Leaf Collection (yd ³)	22,802	27,405
Brush & Tree Collection (yd ³)	4,827	3,240
Household Pickup (tons)	223.01	245
Employees (#)	17	17