TAMAQUA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION INC.

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October 19, 2023

OFFICERS:

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TRUSTEES	MISC. CONTACTS
Karen Putt K3KAP	**Web Host:** Frank D'Amato KB2MXV
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TWA Home Page: www.w3twa.org
Facebook: TWA Tamaqua Wireless Association
YouTube Channel:
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Schuylkill County AREAS/RACES NET

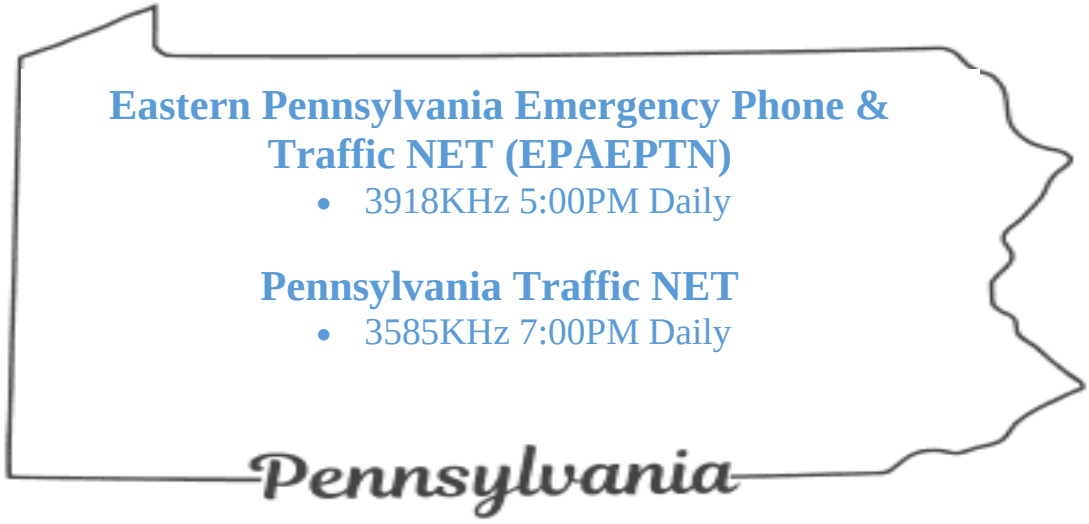
On the last Tuesday of the month, at 8PM our NET Control Operator is Jim, KB3FET. Check-in on our linked system

Roundtable NET

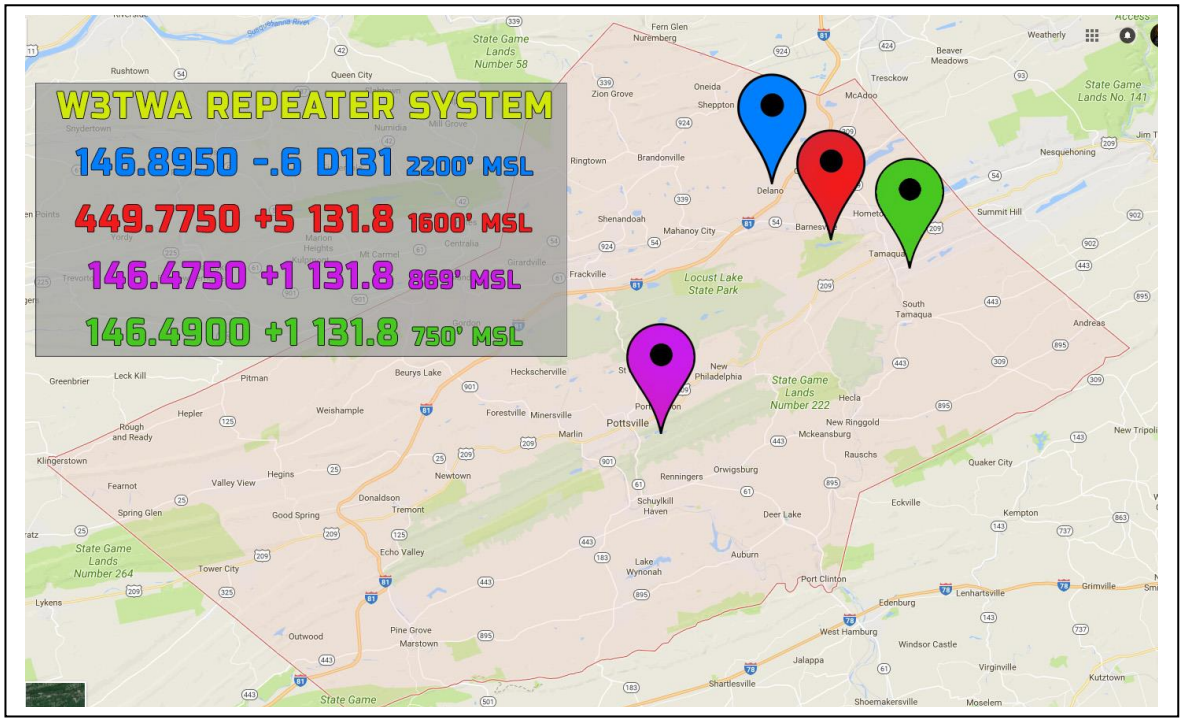
Every Wednesday, at 8PM – Many Club announcements can be heard.

- Need Emergency Service in Schuylkill County? **Dial 911**
- Need Amateur Radio Service? Visit W3TWA.org. Under "Info" click on "Contact us"
- We are here to serve the community. If you need radio communications for an event let us know. We will gladly help.

ARRL EPA Section NET:



TWA FM Repeater Sites in Schuylkill County:

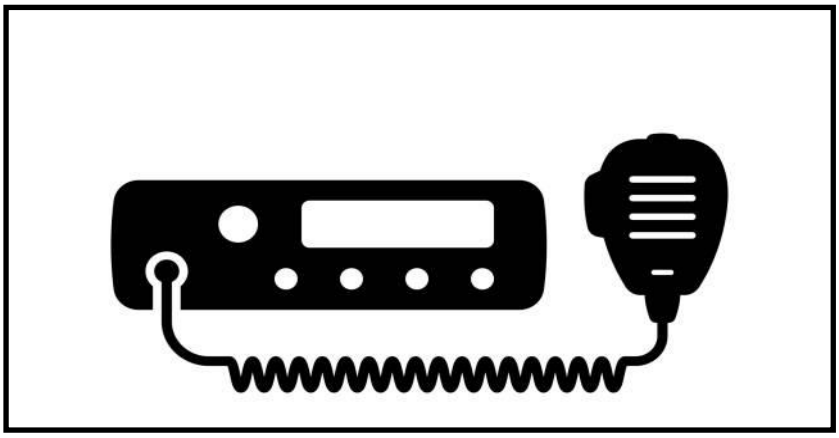


Emergency Service Pager Frequencies:

Carbon County EMS Pager: 155.205 and 453.100
Lehigh County EMS Pager: 154.175
Luzerne County EMS Pager: 157.450
Schuylkill County EMS Pager: 154.070

Club Repeater and Simplex Frequencies:

FM Repeater	Rx	PL/DPL	TX	PL/DPL
Bears Head	146.895	DPL131	146.295	DPL 131
Mountain Valley	449.775	PL131.8	444.775	PL131.8
Pottsville	146.475	PL131.8	147.475	PL131.8
Tamaqua	146.490	PL131.8	147.490	PL131.8



Simplex Mode	Rx & Tx	PL/DPL
FM	146.550	None
FM	223.400	None
FM	446.520	None
FM	927.600	None
DMR All Call	145.100	None
DMR All Call	446.520	None
C4FM	146.580	None
C4FM	442.000	None
D-Star	146.580	None
D-Star	447.000	None

All Meetings will be available On Zoom

You can attend in-person or on Zoom.

Bears Head – DMR – No internet

146.895 Rx & 146.295 Tx			
Color-Code	Time Slot	Name	Talk Group
7	1	Local 9	1
7	2	Local 2	2

Tamaqua – Fusion – No Internet

146.490 Rx & 147.490 Tx

Minutes from our October 2023 TWA Meeting

The regular monthly business meeting of TWA was held on October 19, 2023, at the Tamaqua Borough Hall, 320 East Broad Street Tamaqua and on Zoom. Presiding was WY3K. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

The following members were present and/or on Zoom for the meeting:

WY3K, KB3AYY, KB3FET, K3KAP, KB2MXV, N3NIK, KC3SFT, WA3JDQ, W3DFX, N3AUZ, WE3O, W3OFD, KC3CRS, and K3TE

Previous Meeting Minutes: WY3K

Minutes were distributed via email and reviewed, after a discussion, on a motion by:

1. WA3JDQ
2. N3NIK

To accept the minutes of our September 9th meeting. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: KB2MXV

TWA's current balance is $ all in the checking account. Cash on hand $0.00

Frank gave a breakdown between general fund, repeater fund, and grant money there was in each. If anyone wants to see the entire bank statement email Frank at kb2mxv@gmail.com
Motion was made by:

1. N3NIK
2. W3DFZ

To accept the Treasurer's report for October 19, 2023, motion passed

Committee Reports:

Activities Manager: K3KAP

1. Jamboree-on-the-Air is on October 20 - 22, 2023
2. Halloween Parade October 24th 7pm. Previous years we met behind the Tamaqua Borough building by 5:30pm to get our assignments. Tom, K3TE will send an email looking for volunteers.
3. Nov 5th – breakfast at White Birch Golf Course
4. Closing the grove will be done following the VE test on November 4th.
5. Dec 9th – Christmas Party
6. January 27th & 28th, 2024 - Winter Field Day

ARES County EC: K3KAP

1. Update from Simulated Emergency Test from Saturday October 7th. – KB3FET gave a report
2. John Blickley has been named as the new county EMA director.
3. K3KAP talked about ARRL VNTS Newsletter.

Finance Committee Report: KB3FET

1. A Zoom meeting was held on Monday October 9th using the Zoom platform. The following members attended. Bill WY3K, Jim KB3FET, Frank KB2MXV, Karen K3KAP, and Tom K3TE. The meeting started at 6:30 and ended at 8:25pm. The budget is attached at the end of the minutes.
2. Membership Fee for 2024 – the Finance Committee recommends the Membership Fee increase $5 to $30. After a discussion, on a motion by: KB2MXV and 2nd by: WA3JDQ to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation. Motion passed.
3. 2024 Operating Budget – the Finance Committee submitted a proposed budget (see attached). After a discussion, on a motion by: K3KAP and 2nd by: WA3JDQ to accept the Finance Committee's budget. Motion passed.

Public Relations: KB3FET

With a new EMA director in Schuylkill County. Members wanted to invite John Blickley to a meeting. Tom, K3TE will draft a letter and Jim KB3FET will deliver it.

VE Session N3NIK:

Tentative testing dates for 2024,
February 3, 2024
April 6, 2024
June 1, 2024
August 3, 2024
November 2, 2024

VE Test Sessions for 2023		
Month	Time	Location
~~February 4~~	~~9AM~~	Tamaqua Borough 320 E. Broad Street Tamaqua
~~April 1~~	~~9AM~~	
~~June 3~~	~~9AM~~	
~~August 5~~	~~9AM~~	
November 4	9AM	

Dave, N3NIK said he has one person signed up to take the test on Saturday November 4th. He will be sending out an email looking for VE's to help.

Schuylkill County Emergency and Traffic Net: KB3FET
TWA Check-Ins for 2023

Our Net Control is Jim, KB3FET, stop by on the last Tuesday of every month and say hello….

Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total	Date	Total
January 31st	8	April 25th	0	July 25th	10	October 31st	
February 28th	8	May 30th	8	August 29th	10	November 28th	
March 28th	6	June 27th	6	September 26th	7	December 26th	
1st Quarter	22	2nd Quarter	14	3rd Quarter	27	4th Quarter	

Application for Membership: KB2MXV

None at this time.

Technical Committee: K3TE

1. Mountain Valley – Amp will be sent back to Henry Radio. In the process of seeing what it would take to get internet at the radio site.
2. Pottsville – has internet.

3. Bears Head – Jumper installed by Don Spivak. Electric service will be installed, and a new meter will be in place sometime this quarter. PPL bill will be generated, autopay? Also, a new controller was installed to take care of the link issues.
4. Tamaqua – Ed, KB3AYY said he repaired the amp and will get it installed as soon as he can.

TWA Website & Calendar: W3DFX

Up to date

Roundtable NET at 8PM: K3TE

November NET Control Operators are:

November 1st: Frank, KB2MXV

November 8th: Tom, K3TE

November 15th: Tim, W3DFX

November 22nd: Karen, K3KAP

November 29th: Jim KB3FET

Thank you to all that volunteer their time to be

NET controllers!

Members are encouraged to check-in on 146.895, 146.475, 146.490, or 449.775.

Month 2023	Number of Weeks	Number of Check-Ins	Digital Check-Ins
January	4	41	
February	4	40	
March	5	40	
April	4	31	
May	5	44	
June	4	26	
July	4	36	
August	5	30	5
September	4	31	
October	4	26	
November	5		
December	4		
Total	52	345	5

Old Business:

1. Update on Trailer removal, KB3AYY, tentatively scheduled for November 4th after the VE test session.

New Business & Correspondence:

1. **Nomination of Officers for 2024:**
    a. **President: K3KAP**
        i. Motion 1: KB3FET Motion 2: K3TE
    b. **Vice President KB3AYY**
    c. **Activities: W3DFX**
        i. Motion 1: KB2MXV Motion 2: N3UAZ
    d. **Public Relations: KB3FET**
    e. **Treasurer: KB2MXV**
    f. **Secretary: K3TE**

2. Zoom fee will be due soon. After a discussion, on a motion by N3UAZ and 2nd by K3KAP to purchase Zoom for 2024 not exceeding $125. Motion passed.
3. Liability Insurance will be due in December. On a motion by KB3FET and 2nd by W3DFX to pay Liability Insurance not exceeding $200.00. Motion passed.
4. Donation for the use of the grove. Karen K3KAP will donate $100. On a motion by N3NIK and 2nd by KB3AYY to give the Schroeder's Family Farm for the use of 2023. Motion passed.

5. Zoom for January and February. There was a discussion about meetings for January, February and March 2024. Members thought it would be a good idea to move the meetings in January and February to Zoom platform. For the March meeting we will be at the Tamaqua Borough Hall. However, Bill WY3K reminded us that the Blizzard of 93 was in March. If we need to move our March meeting to the Zoom platform, it will be done. On a motion to move the January and February meeting to Zoom 1st: N3NIK and 2nd by: WA3JDQ. Motion passed.

Good for the Order:

1. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be at the Tamaqua Borough Hall 320 East Broad Street Tamaqua. Thursday November 16th, 7pm.

With their being no further business, a motion to adjourn at 8:37PM by:

1. KB3FET
2. WA3JDQ

Motion passed.

Minutes prepared and submitted by K3TE,
Secretary,
Tamaqua Wireless Association.

2024 W3TWA Budget Worksheet

	2024	2024 Actual	Difference
Entertainment/Meals	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Insurance - Equipment	$400.00	$0.00	-$400.00
Insurance - Liability	$200.00	$0.00	-$200.00
Grove Maintence / Donation to Shroeder	$200.00	$0.00	-$200.00
Bears Head Electricity Install	$1,600.00	$0.00	-$1,600.00
Bearshead PP&L	$600.00	$0.00	-$600.00
Repeater Equipment/Repairs	$300.00	$0.00	-$300.00
HF Equipment	$1.00	$0.00	-$1.00
Zoom Subscription	$125.00	$0.00	-$125.00
Post Office Box	$80.00	$0.00	-$80.00
Postage	$60.00	$0.00	-$60.00
Bears Head Internet	$240.00	$0.00	-$240.00
Website / Domain	$40.00	$0.00	-$40.00
Total Out	**$3,846.00**	**$0.00**	-$3,846.00
Club Fee's @ $30	$1,110.00	$0.00	-$1,110.00
Cash Donations	$2,440.00	$0.00	-$2,440.00
Tangible Donations	$1.00	$0.00	-$1.00
Grants	$1.00	$0.00	-$1.00
Total In	**$3,552.00**	**$0.00**	-$3,552.00
Final Budget	($294.00)	$0.00	$294.00
Checking Account - Current	$4,200.00	$0.00	-$4,200.00
Petty Cash - Current	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00