

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR MEETING

August 9, 2021

### CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors held at the municipal building at 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA, was called to order by Chairman John Cypher at 7:00 P.M. on August 9, 2021. All rose to pledge the flag.

### ROLL CALL:

Those present at the meeting were Chairman John Cypher, Vice-Chair. Lois Rankin, Supervisor Braden Beblo, Sec/Treas. Lois Fennell, and Manager Leo J. Rosenbauer, III.

ANNOUNCEMENT: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

### MINUTES:

*Motion* by John Cypher to approve the July 12, 2021's regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### FINANCIAL:

John Cypher read the financial report as follows: Bills paid between the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and the August 9, 2021 meeting totaled \$408,822.17 (this includes payment to Summit Township for partial line-painting and base pavement of Bonniebrook Rd.) Bills paid from the General Fund bills this evening totaled \$51,019.02. No bills were paid from the State Fund. The balance of all funds after payment of the bills presented totaled \$1,880,910.07. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented and any others that come and are due prior to the Sept. 13, 2021 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Monica Rummel, our representative to the South Butler Community Library, spoke about the library and various programs they offer. She thanked the Township Supervisors for their continuing support and for the basket prepared by Lois Rankin for the "Booktoberfest" on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at Saxonburg Fire Hall. For more info. go to: [www.southbutlerlibrary.org](http://www.southbutlerlibrary.org)

Michael A. and Michael T. Pintirsch (father and son) were present to ask if the Township looked at their driveway 'transition' onto Bonniebrook Road. The son (Michael T.) owns the property on Bonniebrook Rd. After some discussion, Chairman Cypher noted that it is impossible to determine if anything should be done just looking at pictures. Manager Rosenbauer and the road foreman are to look into the matter 'again' and also look at the drainage/ditch line there.

### RECREATION BOARD REPORT:

Brian Patten could not be present to report. His notes on the 7/7/21 Recreation meeting include: Baseball – Fall Ball registration is open; season set for Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> through the end of October. One tournament for 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> coming up. Knoch Baseball will be holding workouts on Wednesdays starting later in August. [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com)

Pool - The August school schedule MAY cause reduction in pool hours beginning on August 26 (hours may be 3 PM to 8 PM). They will post this on website/social media if it is necessary. The pool is scheduled to close for the season at the end of the day – Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day. [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com)

Softball – The summer season is over. The last tournament is Aug. 6-8; Fall Ball registration will then begin for ages 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 19U. [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org)

Soccer – Fall registration is open; season starts Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org)

## RECREATION, cont.:

Two Action Items: 1) Soccer would like the township to inspect the tree growth around the perimeter of the soccer fields and trim as necessary. The Supervisors discussed the matter, noting that the Township has not done so in the past (this would be outside the soccer fence. They said the road crew cannot spend this amount of hours at the park and away from the road/equipment maintenance duties. 2) Pool President, Greg Bauer, wants to be sure that HRG, who is conducting the pool study, understands the likelihood of reduced hours due to lifeguard schedule conflicts in August (this year.) Manager Leo Rosenbauer noted that HRG was informed of the reduced pool hours this past Friday and that the pool study should be completed within 4 months; this is needed so that payment can be made and reimbursement sought before the end of 2021.

## ROAD REPORT:

John Cypher read the road report submitted. The Bonniebrook Road project is coming to an end. Fog lines are scheduled to be painted. The third (and final) berm mowing for 2021 is to start around August 24<sup>th</sup> and end about Labor Day. 350 ton of salt has been delivered under the old contract. The new salt contract has been delayed (we may not know the price until October.) 300 ton of anti-skid for this 2021-22 winter season has been ordered and should be delivered by mid-August.

The road foreman would like to purchase a used ‘thumb’ for the 420E CAT Backhoe. This piece of equipment is needed for moving and setting large rocks and /or logs (fallen trees). Chairman Cypher wants to offer \$2,500. *Motion* by Braden Beblo to proceed with the purchase. John Cypher *seconded* the motion. All agreed and *motion carried*. Chairman Cypher asked the other Supervisors to consider setting a limit on purchases for ‘maintenance items for roads and equipment’ that can be authorized by the manager. They are to think about it.

The road crew has been touching up broken road edges and other work in early preparation for winter. Some crack sealing is to be done while time and weather allows.

The Golden City Road bridge is on the scour critical list. LTAP was contacted to do an inspection and shortly after PennDOT did a bridge inspection and notified the Township that the bridge needs to be repaired. Manager Rosenbauer said Supervisor Beblo recommends removing the sand bar before repairing the bridge (which will make it easier to make the bridge repairs.) A GP-3 is needed for stream work and HRG is to give us an estimate to prepare the GP-3. Three quotes will likely be needed. We already have a GP-11 for the bridge work. *Motion* by John Cypher to proceed in all haste to do the bridge repairs. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

In addition to the report submitted, the road foreman asked for input on tree trimming needed on Oak, May, Douglas and Alana Drives. There was discussion mainly about Alana Drive, where property owners ‘wanted’ to trim the trees themselves last year, but failed to do so. The Supervisors are in favor of the tree trimming – 30 ft. up. The manager will notify the President of the Homeowners’ Association of Countryside that all residents will have approximately one month in which to have their trees shaped; otherwise the Township will proceed as needed. The manager will acquire quotes to perform tree trimming in Countryside and in Forest Glen.

Chairman Cypher reported meeting with Pavement Technology, Inc. representative (Zach) about their product “reclamite”. It is a maltene or petroleum-based product used to extend the life of paved roads. It is not yet PennDOT approved. Then, they met with Russell Standard representative (Brian Cancio) about their product “veritas green”. It is organic oil based used to preserve newer asphalt. It is not yet PennDOT approved. Use of these materials will cost much less than tar and chip applications. John Cypher *moved* to proceed to do Frazier Rd. and a portion of Bullcreek Rd. – one side with veritas green (at no cost via Russell Standard) and the other side with reclamite (to be quoted by Russell Standard), if feasible this year, depending on the quotes. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leo Rosenbauer (Planning Chairman) reported on the July 19, 2021 P.C. meeting. A DEP sewage planning module was submitted for Jim Chick (Acme Investments Plan/DEP Module Plot). The P.C. discussed the background of the original submission and the matter of the remnant not being permitted for sewage. This permit changes the property (approx. 64 acres) from non-building to a building lot per DEP regulations. The P.C. voted to approve the DEP sewage planning module for Jim Chick subject to final review by the SEO. *Motion* by John Cypher to approve the DEP Sewage Module for Jim Chick. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. was notified that the Township received an 'extension letter' via S. D. Graff Surveying on behalf of their client, John R. Goodlin, (J.R. Goodlin Jr. Plan No. 2 on North Pike Rd.) The expiration date is 120 days from July 9, 2021 (Sat., Nov. 6, 2021). This means the P.C. must take action by their Sept. meeting and the Supervisors must take action by Oct. 11, 2021. The P.C. members acknowledged the extension and determined that the stormwater and land development requirements must be met. The Supervisors acknowledged this and had no objections.

It was noted that Senate Bill 554 (Act 65 of 2021) has been adopted by the State. We are now required to post ALL public meeting agendas (including the Planning Commission meeting) on the door and on the township website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

John Cypher was present at the P.C. meeting. He thanked the P.C. members for their volunteer positions on the Planning Commission and urged continued dedication to follow the township ordinances and the 'PA Municipal Planning Code' in reviewing and approving plans and modifications submitted to them.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

It was noted at the July meeting that an email was received from Wendy Leslie, Butler Co. CDBG Coordinator, regarding the COVID-19 CDBG funds. There have been NO qualified 'rent/mortgage/utility assistance' applicants, and she asked us to think about reallocating, but uses are very restrictive and must be used 'to respond to, to prevent, and/or to prepare for COVID-19.' This was noted again at this Aug. 9, 2021 meeting: there are no new 'ideas' on uses for these funds.

The 2021 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) regular funds total \$109,583 (\$89,924 is for projects/activity and \$19,659 is for administration.) *Motion* by Lois Rankin to designate the 2021 CDBG funding for housing rehabilitation. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

*Motion* by Lois Rankin to adopt Resolution # 472 designating the County of Butler to administer the CDBG and authorize entering into contract (signing the contract) with the County. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

*Motion* by Lois Rankin to adopt the "three-year plan" Resolution # 473 (designating the use of the funds.) *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

*Motion* by Lois Ranking to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution # 474 (stating non-discrimination). *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Fuel bids were advertised for opening this evening. Only one fuel bid was received. That bid was from Purvis Brothers, Inc., which was opened and read as follows:  
Up to 6,500 gal. on-road diesel OPIS \$2.1550 + \$.15 differential = \$2.305. (Winterization \$.40 additional.)  
Up to 1,000 gal. unleaded No Ethanol gasoline OPIS \$2,2323 + \$.70 differential = \$2.9323.  
Up to 2,500 gal. regular unleaded gasoline OPIS \$2.1491 + \$.15 differential = \$2.2991.  
A bid bond and insurance certificate were enclosed. *Motion* by John Cypher to award to Purvis Brothers, Inc. as bid. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. submitted a letter, today, requesting the Township 's continued consideration to provide financial support through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The matter of them being a 501(c) (4), instead of the 501(c) (3) non-profit as designated as a requirement by ARPA is still a matter of confusion.

Lois Rankin noted that she attended the PSATS Erie Forum, at which they reported on the ARPA funds. They urged Townships to wait for the final regulations to be developed and distributed to townships. PSATS has submitted comments to the US Treasury regarding the need to include 501(c)(4) non-profits (which is the classification of MANY volunteer-fire companies.) The Township will wait and see what happens.

## MISC. BUSINESS:

The Township received NOTICE from Penn United Technologies, Inc. that they are applying for renewal of the State Only Operating Permit for its facility at 196 Alwine Rd., Saxonburg.

Marcy Mustello, State Representative, is holding a Family Fund Night at the Butler Memorial Park Rotary Shelter, 100 Memorial Drive, Butler, PA on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 P.M. for the Community. Admission and food are free. There will be door prizes and giveaways, food stands, and vendors.

## ATTENDANCE:

Michael A. and Michael T. Pintirsch, Monica Rummel, and Jim Rankin.

## ADJOURN:

*Motion* by Lois Rankin to adjourn at 9:00 PM. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be Monday, Sept. 13, 2021 at 7 P.M. at the municipal building.