

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR MEETING

December 13, 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 Dec. 13, 2021. All rose to pledge the flag.

### ROLL CALL:

Those present at the meeting were Chairman John Cypher, Supervisor Braden Beblo, Sec/Treas. Lois Fennell, and Manager Leo J. Rosenbauer, III. Vice-Chair. Lois Rankin could not be present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

### MINUTES:

*Motion* by John Cypher to approve the minutes from the Nov. 8, 2021 regular meeting as written and distributed. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### FINANCIAL:

John Cypher read the financial report as follows: Bills listed as paid between the Nov. 8th and the Dec. 13, 2021 meetings totaled \$25,991.89. Bills listed for payment from the General Fund this evening totaled \$9,580.85. No bills were paid from the State Fund. The balance of all funds after payment of the bills presented totaled \$2,169,984.27. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented and any others that are due prior to the Jan. 3, 2022 meeting. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Evie Gross complimented the road crew for the nice job trimming weeds at the intersection of Rt. 356 and Great Belt Rd.

### RECREATION BOARD REPORT:

The Recreation Committee does not meet in Nov., Dec., or Jan. Therefore no report given.

Baseball – [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com)

Pool - [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com)

Softball – [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org)

Soccer – [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org)

### ROAD REPORT:

John Cypher read the road report as submitted. Ten ton of anti-skid and 155 ton of salt were used as of 12/8/21. The trucks, plows and spreaders seem to be working well. O'Hara and Dinnerbell Road name signs were stolen on Sat. morning 12/4/21. The stop sign was knocked down but okay. A police report was filed. The road foreman would like the Supervisors and Manager to consider replacing the boom mower (due to upcoming maintenance concerns) and to purchase another tractor/mower for the park to mow the hills and wet areas, and to help with walking trail maintenance and leaf removal. Chairman Cypher said they will think about these suggestions. The road crew and the manager agree that the repairs and tin work done on the fuel shed look good! Leaf clean-up at the park should be done in a few days. Snow fence installation is done.

## PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leo Rosenbauer (Planning Chairman) reported on the Nov. 15, 2021 P.C. meeting. Tom and John Morrow were there to discuss the M. Morrow Estate Lot-Line Revision (Plan No. 3) on Alwine Rd. which was reviewed and tabled at the October 18, 2021 P.C. meeting. Revised Lot 1 is 5.55 acres; Revised 2 is 15.44.; and Revised Residual is 5.97 acres. The driveways to Lots 1 and 2 and the Lot on Alwine Rd. are existing. The Planning Commission discussed the old dwelling still remaining on Lot 2. The Morrow Plan #2 was approved November 10, 2014 (and recorded as such) by the Township having been noted in the meeting minutes and indicated on the plan of Subdivision (2014) that the old dwelling is to be removed. The Morrows have indicated that they hoped to save the lumber left from the old house now labeled *partially razed uninhabitable foundation*. The P.C. decided that it MUST be completely razed by Labor Day, Sept. 5, 2022. He was informed that a demo permit must be obtained through the township office. The P.C. voted to approve the M. Morrow Lot-Line Revision contingent upon 1) removal of the partially razed structure must be completed by Sept. 5, 2022; and 2) indicate (mark) the septic location on Lot 2 and the well location on Lot 1. The P.C. also voted to approve the non-building waiver for the Residual Lot of 5.97 acres (see note on plan.) The Supervisors reviewed the plan this evening. No revised plan was submitted by Graff Surveying or the Morrows. After some discussion, John Cypher *moved to approve the M. Morrow Lot-Line Revision* including the non-building waiver on the Residual Lot of 5.97 acres and with the same **two contingencies:** (#1 - removal of the partially razed structure must be completed by Sept. 5, 2022 *note to be placed on plan to be recorded* and #2 - indicate (mark) the septic location on Lot 2 and the well location on Lot 1). *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. Agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. members discussed the Liberty Point proposed development briefly on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, since no formal submission was received (and no further contact) from the developer. It was noted this evening that there is still no formal land development submission. The December 20<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The 2022 Preliminary Budget was advertised for final discussion and adoption this evening. There being no further changes, John Cypher *moved to adopt the 2022 Budget Resolution #479* with no change in the tax millage (which remains at 1 mill). *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. Agreed and *motion carried*.

## NEW BUSINESS:

*Motion* by John Cypher to accept and approve the Collective Bargaining Contract for 2022, 2023, and 2024 as was presented to the union members. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. Agreed and *motion carried*.

The secretary/treasurer's bond renewal for Jan. 1, 2022 to Jan. 1, 2023. The invoice was received from C. W. Howard Insurance Agency; cost is \$650.00. *Motion* by John Cypher to continue the bond for \$800,000 (no increase). *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. Agreed and *motion carried*.

It was noted that the year-end mailing and 2022 dues invoice from BCATO were received. *Motion* by John Cypher to authorize any elected or appointed official if interested to be appointed. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. Agreed and *motion carried*. Official appointment at 1/3/22 meeting.

It was noted that we have received PSATS 2022 Conference materials. Registration for the April 24-27, 2022 Conference begins Jan. 11th at 9 AM for any Supervisor, Manager or Secretary wanting to attend. We usually address this at the Jan. reorganization meeting (Jan. 3, 2022.)

## NEW BUSINESS, cont.:

There was discussion on the stop sign at Bonniebrook Rd. and Great Belt Rd. (for traffic traveling north on Bonniebrook) due to some complaints. The Manager has done some research and will continue to look into the situation.

The fee schedules from the attorney and the engineer as well as the sewage enforcement office have been received. The Fee Resolutions will be revised and adopted during the Jan. 3, 2022 regular meeting. It was noted Doug Duncan, who we plan to re-appoint as primary SEO, is recommending a new 'alternate', Collin Fantasky, for appointment on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## MISC. BUSINESS:

Our long-time dog officer, Dennis Sybert, has resigned. The Manager has been in contact with the State Dog Warden's superior, Tom Wharry, from the Dept. of Agriculture. The Supervisors will consider eliminating the township's dog barking ordinance since the State Dog Warden does not enforce local ordinances. A thank-you is to be sent to Dennis.

II-VI, Inc. sent notice of the 'community early warning system tests' on Fri., Dec. 17 and on Sat., Dec. 18 at 12 Noon. This notice has already been placed on the website's home page!

The Manager reported that trees were removed at the park at Field #7 by Stephenson's. The trees were trimmed along the fence line on Field #3; the cost was shared equally by the Township and the Baseball Association. The Manager said ARPA funds can be used for 'invasive species removal' and park maintenance.

## ATTENDANCE:

Evie Gross, John Morrow, and Tom Morrow

## ADJOURN:

*Motion* by John Cypher to adjourn at 8:12 PM. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 at 7 P.M. at the municipal building, beginning with 'reorganization and appointments' and ending with the regular meeting.