

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

June 14, 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 June 14, 2021. All rose to pledge the flag.

ROLL CALL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT:

John Cypher noted that the Supervisors met in executive session for about ½ hour prior to the start of this meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

MINUTES:

Motion by John Cypher to approve the May 10, 2021 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 May 10th meeting and the June 14, 2021 meeting totaled \$5,915.06. Bills paid from the General Fund bills this evening totaled \$14,924.88. A bill from Shields Asphalt was presented for payment from the State Fund this evening for \$49,916.62. The balance of all funds after payment of the bills presented totaled \$1,903,809.34. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented and any others that come and are due prior to the July 12, 2021 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Lt. Rocco Russo from the PA State Police Butler barracks was present to report on their activities since the first of the year: 1,452 total calls (which John Cypher noted included 'school district' visits); 8 DUI's; 24 crashes; 117 traffic stops; 3 non-traffic deaths; 95 warrants. He offered to have an officer come to work with the road crew to check signage on Bonniebrook Rd. (i.e. weight limits and speed limits.)

Dave Johnston was to attend to talk to the Board about services provided by the Rotary Club services, but he was not present.

Mr. Floyd Lauer was present with his subdivision plans (Trempos Lane). Manager Rosenbauer explained that according to the ordinances he should have submitted them 15 days prior to the Planning Commission meeting. The P.C. (an advisory board) reviews all plans prior to the Board of Supervisors' review. Mr. Rosenbauer will look at them and determine when the P.C. will review them (if not June 21st, then July 19th.)

RECREATION BOARD REPORT:

No Report. No May or June minutes were submitted; Brian Patten has not been able to attend in May and was not present tonight.

Manager Leo Rosenbauer reported that he finally got a quote from HRG, Inc. (via Jim Feath and the collaborating company's representative) for the 'pool study'; however, even though we contacted 6 or 7 companies who 'could not offer a quote', we still need to follow the process to advertise for RFP's (request for professional proposals). So, we hope to be ready to make a formal decision next month.

ROAD REPORT:

John Cypher read the road report submitted. The road crew worked on the boom mower and replaced the pivot assembly, welded the deck, and replaced the skids. Grass cutting at the park and around the building continues to be done as needed; the second berm mowing is in progress. An underdrain on the north bound lane at 122 Bonniebrook Rd. was installed to alleviate water discharge.

Storm work and ditch line reconstruction was completed on Bonniebrook Rd. prior to the paving to be done. The Supervisors were asked to consider berms to be backfilled on Bonniebrook Rd. 'post-project'. After some discussion, the Supervisors said they would like to see some prices to outsource the work and get confirmation from PennDOT if it is permissible to do this 'outside' of the multimodal grant. It was noted that this work should be 'under' the bidding threshold and no prevailing wage. The road crew helped Summit Township push up millings earlier this month in exchange for some of those millings.

The road crew attended the SEI (Stephenson Equipment Inc.) open house and thanked the Supervisors for the opportunity.

The rough estimate on replacing the 99 IH530 (for Oct. 2022) is \$210,000. (It takes 1½ years to get it after it is ordered.) The grant program that the manager was looking into does not open for application until Oct. 2021. Supervisor Braden Beblo said perhaps the market may come back down.

350 ton of salt is needed to fill the salt building. Under the current contract ending July 2021 the cost is \$75.21 per ton. After some discussion Lois Rankin *moved* to proceed to order on the current contract. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leo Rosenbauer (Planning Chairman) reported on the May 17, 2021 P.C. meeting. Nathan & Kelsey Shulik, 154 Nursery Lane, were present to request a side property line set-back modification to replace the deck and steps with a new deck to be only 14 ft. from the Gwen Mentel property (11 ft. modification). A notarized letter of permission was submitted. Leo Rosenbauer said he would be more comfortable allowing the same set-back as the house. The P.C.'s decision was a tie; three members recommended allowing a modification to match the house set-back (17 ft.) and three members recommended approval as submitted for a 14 ft. set-back. After some discussion, Lois Rankin *moved* to grant the requested 14 ft. set-back. Continued comments were made by John Cypher for clarification, after which Lois Rankin *confirmed her motion* to approve the Nathan & Kelsey Shulik 14 ft. side set-back (an 11 ft. modification) as submitted. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. reviewed a request for a modification to replace an existing shed with a 40' x 48' pole building to be only 10 ft. from the property line of James K. Miller, by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Allison, 764 North Pike Rd. A notarized letter of permission was submitted. The hardship noted was due to location of the leach field and drainage of the yard. It was discussed that the proposed structure will need some 'fill' and therefore could be moved further away from the property line. After some discussion, the P.C. voted to recommend approval of a only a 5 ft. modification (for a 20 ft. set-back). The Allisons were NOT present this evening and Mr. Rosenbauer reported that *Mr. and Mrs. Allison withdrew the application at 4:27 PM today* due to a change of plans. They will reapply if/when needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McCrea presented their Lot-Line Revision on Neupert Rd. The change was needed because the property line ran through the garage. They are acquiring .30 acre from McRandals to increase their lot to 1.48 acre. An easement for the neighboring driveway has been added, all the structures have been labeled 'non-conforming', and the set-back dimensions have been inserted. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the McCrea Lot Line Revision as presented. The Supervisors reviewed the information. *Motion* by John Cypher to approve the McCrea Lot Line Revision as presented. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goodlin's Land Development (Plan #2), at 718 N. Pike Rd., Cabot, was submitted by Graff Surveying for the May 17, 2021 P.C. meeting. The Goodlins were not present. The P.C. tabled action on the plan (on May 17th) due to extensive list of incomplete items (per HRG letter of 5/13/21.) Nothing new has been submitted! Deadline for Supervisors to take action is Aug. 9, 2021.

PLANNING COMMISSION, cont.

Nothing was submitted to the P.C. from Kevin Miller (Stoneybrook Phase II Land Dev.) for their May 17, 2021 meeting. The original 90-day review period expired May 16, 2021, and Kevin Miller requested a 62-day extension which expires June 21st. This timing deadline forced the P.C. to vote on May 17th to deny the Stoneybrook Phase II Land Development due to the incomplete submission. Kevin Miller and Graff Surveying were notified that another extension was needed to avoid denial by the Supervisors at tonight's meeting (6/14/21). Kevin Miller submitted a 'withdrawal letter' in lieu of an extension letter. *Motion* by John Cypher to accept the 'withdrawal of the Stoneybrook Phase II Land Development letter' submitted for consideration this evening, June 14, 2021. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. Further discussion involved mud and standing water on the cul-de-sac. It should be 'maintained' or corrected by Miller Construction. Additionally, the Board may consider requiring use of Audrey Lane when/if the land development is resubmitted because of the potential damage by construction vehicles to the longer 'adopted' section (Phase I) of Stoneybrook Dr. Audrey Lane is much shorter.

Sister Christina from the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery was present to explain that a water study was completed by Moody Services. They found 3 large fractures (of water) on the property, and they plan to do 2 testing wells. The Supervisors and the Manager said this is a good idea! Manager Rosenbauer noted that the septic permit has finally been approved and he is working on the building permit application process. The Land Development plans (he only received 8.5 x 11") will be signed when received.

Supervisor Rankin inquired about the Kuhn septic permit; Mr. Rosenbauer said the small flow treatment facility was approved by DEP.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Cypher noted last month that the Supervisors would like to help the Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. with some of the American Rescue funding (ARPA); however, we understand from the U.S. Treasury's 'interim final rule' (and PSATS notifications) that they must have a 'non-profit' designation of 501(C)(3). During tonight's discussion, it was noted that a 501(C)(3) is: a tax-exempt, charitable organization. "Charitable" is broadly defined as being established for purposes that are religious, educational, charitable, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering of national or international amateur sports, or prevention of cruelty to animals and children. The Saxonburg Fire Department is a 501(C)(4) which is: a social welfare group which can engage in more advocacy and lobbying efforts if the causes coincide with organization's purpose.

Lois Rankin said County Commissioner Boozel contacted her (as BCATO President) regarding a possible 'brainstorming' meeting to discuss uses of the ARPA funding.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MISC. BUSINESS:

Update received from the South Butler Community Library: 1) As of June 1st, the library will continue to ask people to wear masks with consideration for those who are fully vaccinated. 2) \$5 bag "used book sale" every day the library is open. 3) 2 Fundraisers this year – Gift Card Raffle will be June to Nov. (gift cards donations due by May 21st) and Booktoberfest German Dinner in October, and 4) SummerQuest 2021 "Tails & Tales" registration began on May 24th. Go to: www.southbutlerlibrary.org

Manager Rosenbauer noted that he filed citations on the Victory Rd. burning incidents last week. He noted that Riemer Gas was informed of the Board decision last month regarding their proposed 'gas line (i.e. that there is already a gas line on the Saxony Farm side of Riemer and another line would further limit the Township's use for maintenance and possible future improvements.)

Supervisor Rankin mentioned the PSATS Northwest Forum to take place in Erie on July 20, 2021 if any of the Supervisors are interested.

MISC. BUSINESS, cont.:

John Cypher reported that the Jefferson Township Road Crew won 2nd place in the 'Build a Better Mousetrap' program promoted by PSATS. They won for the pounder post and snow fence installation. Good Job, Jefferson Road Crew!

ATTENDANCE:

Ken & Cindy McCrea, Nathan & Kelsey Shulik, Bill & Mandi Foertsch, Bernie Shulik, Mr. Lauer (and son), Evie Gross, and two sisters from the Nativity of Theotokos Monastery.

ADJOURN:

Motion by John Cypher to adjourn at 8:08 PM. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be Monday, July 12, 2021 at 7 P.M. at the municipal building.