

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR MEETING

May 10, 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 7:03 P.M. on May 10, 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 rode along with the Road Master and Manager for the annual 'road inspection' on April 26, 2021. There was no executive session prior to tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

### MINUTES:

*Motion* by John Cypher to approve the April 12, 2021 regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### FINANCIAL:

John Cypher read the financial report as follows: Bills paid between April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting and the end of April totaled \$1,828.32. Bills paid from the General Fund bills this evening totaled \$21,181.64 (included Check #16391 dated 5/4/21 for \$168.05). There were no bills presented from the State Fund for payment this evening. The balance of all funds after payment of the bills presented totaled \$1,860,389.87. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented and any others that come and are due prior to the June 14, 2021 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Ms. Donna Eakin was present on behalf of Joe Kubit, candidate for Common Pleas Judge. She promoted Mr. Kubit's work ethic and experience (30 years). Mr. Kubit arrived later this evening and he was given a few minutes to speak regarding his candidacy.

Mr. Richard Goldinger was present to introduce himself as candidate for Common Pleas Judge. He expressed his experience as current district attorney, court room experience and other organizations.

Mr. Lloyd Brewer had submitted a request to speak to the Supervisors and commented regarding 'ethics and conflicts of interest to be a supervisor'.

### RECREATION BOARD REPORT:

Brian Patten was unable to be present tonight and did not have the Recreation Meeting minutes from May 5, 2021 available for this evening.

Manager Leo Rosenbauer reported that he and Greg Bauer attended a zoom meeting with Jim Feath (HRG, Inc.) and a representative from Councilman Hunsaker to discuss their collaboration regarding the 'pool study' and a RFP (request of proposal) for future renovation of the SEBCO Pool. It appears the RFP could be completed in about 4 months. CDBG admin. funds will be used to pay for the study. There was a brief discussion about the pool patching done for this 2021 season.

Mr. Rosenbauer noted that the YMCA will rent the pavilion again this summer. They have a new contact person and they plan on a couple of special events for the kids during those rental days.

#### ROAD REPORT:

Manager Leo Rosenbauer was contacted by Jeff Riemer from Herman Gas desiring to install a new gas line the entire length of the northern side of Alwine Rd. There is already a gas line on the Saxony Farm side of Riemer Rd. The existence of this gas line is a deterrent to maintenance (i.e. storm drainage) as well as possible future improvements. John Cypher said he does not favor a gas line too close to the road on the north side which would further limit the Township's use for maintenance and future use. Manager Rosenbauer reported that Attorney Marshall said the Township does NOT have to give approval for a new gas line. It was further noted that Mr. Riemer contacted Concordia for a possible easement; they were not interested. The Supervisors agreed to table the matter pending further research by the Manager and Supervisors.

John Cypher read the road report presented by the manager and road foreman. The road crew picked-up 36" diameter culvert pipe for O'Hara Rd. culvert crossing. They worked on the boom mower, cleaned and washed the mower & side deck. Mowing to start on May 17 or 19. New rear tires put on the boom mower by Skander Tire (approx... \$1,575) and 2 rear tires were leaking on the Case 930M' serviced by Good Tire Service. The road crew removed tree on Frazier Road following a call out from Lois Rankin and a call from the State Police on 5/3/21. Milling areas were marked on Bonniebrook; the road was swept to prepare for the milling. Trimmings were removed from Bonniebrook Rd. which had not been removed by the residents. They rearranged the maintenance shop office for placement of the used air conditioner. Mowing was done at the park and township building. Leaves were removed from ditch lines with the twin turbine blower. Recalls on the Bobcat were performed. Catch basin and culvert pipe with an extension cross pipe were installed at 255 Bonniebrook Rd. in preparation for the paving project. Water drainage issue on the north bound lane (at 122 Bonniebrook Rd.) should be repaired by the end of this week. The road crew will assist Summit Township on 5/17 and 5/18 to push up millings from Bonniebrook Rd.

Manager Rosenbauer suggested allowing the road crew to attend the Stephenson Equipment Customer Appreciate Day and Luncheon on May 27<sup>th</sup> (Thursday). The Supervisors have no objection to a couple of hours off if the schedule works out okay. He noted that the flagger training 'certification cards' should be coming soon.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission's April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was cancelled. However, Leo Rosenbauer (Planning Chairman) reported that he received by e-mail a letter dated 4/15/21 from James K. (Kevin) Miller requesting an extension of time for the Stoneybrook Land Development Phase II of sixty-two (62) days from the P.C. meeting of April 19, 2021 to a new deadline of June 21, 2021. Chairman Cypher noted that this means the land development MUST be approved with conditions or approved as presented or denied by the Planning Commission on May 17, 2021, so that the Supervisors can take action by their June 14, 2021 meeting. With this understanding, John Cypher *moved* to accept the extension request as stated in the letter. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. Leo Rosenbauer reported that the developers' agreement, cost estimate and bonding are still outstanding.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Summit Township received only one bid for the Bonniebrook Road Multimodal Project 'line painting' for \$24,510.75 from Williams and Willman. Manager Rosenbauer noted that this is less than the original \$30,000 estimate. Chairman Cypher said that about one-fourth of this is Jefferson Township's cost. *Motion* by John Cypher to accept the award to be made by Summit Township for the line-painting from Williams and Willman for \$24,510.75. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Cypher noted that the Supervisors are still considering how to help the Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. using the American Rescue funding. They will also be looking at other uses for the funds, including reimbursement to Township for lost revenue due to the COVID-19.

## MISC. BUSINESS:

A notice was received from R.A.R.Engineering Group, Inc. regarding the application by PA American Water GP-5 for the Thoma Meat Market Utility Line Stream Crossing.

The Township received info. from the South Butler Community Library: 1) Open from visitors since March; 2) 2 Fundraisers this year – Gift Card Raffle will be June to Nov. (gift cards donations due by May 21<sup>st</sup>) and Booktoberfest German Dinner in October; and 3) SummerQuest 2021 theme is “Tails and Tales”. For more info go to [www.southbutlerlibrary.org](http://www.southbutlerlibrary.org)

Leo Rosenbauer noted that ‘E-Code 360’ is up and running. He is very pleased with it. There is no charge for 2021 for this service. Attorney Marshall commented to him that this could easily save the township \$500 a year just from his use of the on-line township code. Manager Rosenbauer further noted that he is working on ‘fillable forms’ for use on the website and an announcement section called ‘Monthly Happenings’.

John Cypher noted that the **Primary Election is Tues., May 18, 2021**. Precinct I is the Municipal Building at 157 Great Belt Rd.; the office will be ‘closed’ for regular business. Precinct II has been moved from the Jefferson Grange to the Calvary Baptist Church at 199 Great Belt Rd.

## ATTENDANCE:

Richard Goldinger, Donna Eakin, Bill & Mandi Foertsch, Jim Rankin, Robbie Rankin, Evie Gross, Lloyd Brewer, and Joe Kubit.

## ADJOURN:

*Motion* by John Cypher to adjourn at 8:15 PM. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7 P.M. at the municipal building.