

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR MEETING

October 11, 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 Oct. 11, 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:

There was a very brief executive session just prior to the start of this meeting to discuss possible litigation, which was resolved.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

### MINUTES:

*Motion* by John Cypher to approve the minutes from the Sept. 13, 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 Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Oct. 11, 2021 meeting totaled \$36,649.70. Bills listed as being paid from the General Fund this evening totaled \$70,748.78. No bills were paid from the State Fund. The balance of all funds after payment of the bills presented totaled \$1,938,622.15. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented and any others that come and are due prior to the Nov. 8, 2021 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT: None.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: No report submitted; No one was present to report.

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)

Manager Rosenbauer mentioned that there seems to be a malfunctioning camera at the park, and he will contact the company that installed them to check on it. Chairman Cypher noted that we still need to work on getting the informational kiosks placed in the park. It was noted that Jim Feath (HRG) and the pool study consultant met at the pool prior to the cover being placed on the pool for the winter.

### ROAD REPORT:

John Cypher read the road report as submitted. Several quotes were obtained for tires. Two front tires were replaced on the 2019 F550 and all four tires were replaced on the John Deere 6330. The road crew has a good start on servicing the trucks in preparation for winter. They lubed and checked the overhead garage doors. They cleaned and repaired the heaters and lights in the maintenance garage. They are looking for replacement light bulbs. They painted the concrete edge on the loading dock, and the safety railing. They repaired the walking trail and the parking areas at the park which had been washed out due to heavy rains.

## ROAD REPORT, cont.:

The road foreman informed the manager that the roof overhanging the fuel tanks needs to be replaced. The manager is trying to find someone to quote the work. All four handheld 2-way radios (which are 14 + years old) need to be replaced. Two quotes were given to Manager Rosenbauer. The Supervisors had no objections. The road crew has been working on crack sealing as weather allows. Mushrush, Bullcreek (north of Mushrush) and most of West Jefferson are done. They hope to get Marwood/Neupert done this week if possible.

Snow fence installation is to start around Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> as crops come off and weather allows. The road crew will also try to keep up with leave removal in the park and road ditch-lines where needed.

The road foreman asked for 'conclusions' to the Hannashtown Rd. water issues. The manager will be contacting two property owners about the water issues along Hannahstown Rd. to discuss possible solutions.

The new salt contract came in at \$57.91 per ton, which is \$17.30 less than last season.

## PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leo Rosenbauer (Planning Chairman) reported on the Sept. 20, 2021 P.C. meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved the DEP (Dept. of Environmental Protection) Sewage Planning Module submitted for the property at 697 Mushrush Rd. The lot with existing house was tested and failed. The SEO determined that a 'small flow treatment facility' is needed. The Supervisors reviewed the module this evening. *Motion* by John Cypher to approve the DEP module as submitted. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. *Motion* by John Cypher to adopt Resolution (#475) for Plan Revision to the Township's Act 537 Plan for New Land Development for this planning module. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

A modification application which was received and approved in June 2019 for the property at 132 Great Belt Rd. has expired (the one year was up in June 2020.) The property owner re-applied for a 12 ft. set-back (or 13 ft. modification) for a building addition, but the P.C. voted to recommendation denial by the Supervisor due to failure to show a hardship (and due to having an alternate option which would not require a modification.) Manager Rosenbauer said the property owner contacted him on Oct. 4, 2021 to withdraw this modification request. *Motion* by John Cypher to acknowledge withdrawal of the modification re-application for a proposed addition at 132 Great Belt Rd. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P. C. reviewed the G. E. Waechter Estate Plan No. 2 on Heller Rd. which was submitted by Graff Surveying. The original Parcel B from the G. E. Waechter Trust Estate Plan had 51.56 acres. It is being divided into four 'non-building' lots for the purpose of estate settlement; no septic testing is required at this time. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the G. E. Waechter Estate Plan No. 2 including a non-building waiver for lots B1, B2, B3 and B4 contingent upon insertion of gas line and electric line rights-of-way widths and submission of a letter of waiver for requirements in Chap. 5 and 7 of the SALDO (Chap. 22) for minor subdivision (which includes topography, wetlands, streams, etc.) It was noted that the contingencies have been met. After some discussion Lois Rankin *moved to approve the revised G. E. Waechter Estate Plan No. 2*. *Seconded* by John Cypher. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. began discussion on possible revisions to the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance (Chap. 22); the Driveway/Private Lane and Street Ordinance (Chap. 21); and the Multi-Family Ordinance. The matters discussed have been 'accumulated' over a period of time for such discussion and possible revisions. The P.C. would like authorization to proceed with revision of these ordinances. John Cypher *moved to authorize the P.C. to begin review and research to modify or revise or add language as needed, noting that a complete 'amendment' is not desired or needed*. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

It has been 180 days since the Board acknowledged receipt of proposal to add to the Ag. Security Area from Cliff Black for 3 parcels on Bonniebrook Rd. at the April 12, 2021 meeting. Per township procedure, a resolution is needed before recording the addition. *Motion* by John Cypher to adopt Resolution #476 accepting the subject properties (listed for Clifford L. Black) as deemed approved additions to the Township Ag. Security Area. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Wendy Leslie, Butler County CDBG Coordinator, emailed to ask for authorization to reallocate the covid funding to housing rehab. It was noted that proposed use of funds could include 'ventilation or mold remediation.' The County Redevelopment Authority is willing to administer this funding, hopefully within the time-line left for use of this grant. *Motion* by John Cypher to reallocate the CDBG-CV (covid) funds for housing rehab. 'ventilation or mold remediation.' *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The 2022 Proposed Budget was introduced to the Board of Supervisors this evening. They did not want to schedule a budget workshop. They did not discuss the budget this evening, they plan on discussion for the November 8<sup>th</sup> (regular meeting) after the Supervisors have had time to review the submission.

It was noted that a letter/invoice was received from Borough of Saxonburg for Volunteer Fire & Ambulance w/c share of premium - \$15,119.79.

It was noted that a direct deposit was received on 9/28/21 for \$14,353.81 for the 2021 Pension System State Aid. The MMO for 2021 was \$19,400. We must pay the total MMO (\$5,046 over what we received from the state). A check has been prepared for this evening to PA State Assn. of Boroughs. Hopefully, we will receive a partial refund early next year.

It was noted that a direct deposit was received on 9/21/21 for the 2021 Fire Relief Aid allocation (foreign fire tax) for \$27,797.47). We are only a pass-thru for the state tax; we must 'transfer' the funds within 60 days; check has been prepared for this evening to Saxonburg VFD and Relief Association.

The Supervisors and Township Manager discussed the purchase of a new truck (via Co-Stars). After some discussion, John Cypher *moved* to proceed. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## MISC. BUSINESS:

A NOTICE was received from Gannett Fleming that they are applying for reissuance of Erosion & Sediment Control General Permit (ESCG-3) for linear project from Hinch-Smith well pad to the existing Bachelder well pad (Bullcreek and Mushrush Road/Holy Trinity area). A response indicating 'no zoning' was sent to Gannett Fleming 9/30/21.

An email was received from South Butler Community Library promoting "Booktoberfest" Sunday 10/24 from 4 to 7 PM at Saxonburg Firehall with dinner and band. Tickets: single \$40 and couple \$75...to be purchased in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/173804884087> Questions call 724-352-4810 or go to: [www.southbutlerlibrary.org](http://www.southbutlerlibrary.org) for more information.

An email was received on 9/16/21 from Jody Vettori, Saxonburg Sec/Treas., regarding an email from Chad Slater of the Civil War re-enactors group that is planning a 'preservation march' in 2022. He has asked Saxonburg Borough permission to use Roebling Park as the assembling area to start trek to Cooper's Cabin. He was to get parade paperwork and provide insurance certificate to Saxonburg Council's Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting...Leo told Jody to proceed through the Borough. This is just to notify the Board and public. The Supervisors expect a request for approval to use 'township roads' when the date of the march is finalized.

MISC. BUSINESS, cont.:

The secretary presented information for a possible purchase of new bulletin boards for the front of the building. After some discussion, John Cypher *moved* to authorize the purchase. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. It was noted that new blinds have been ordered for the township office!

ATTENDANCE:

Steve Graff

ADJOURN:

*Motion* by John Cypher to adjourn at 8:27 PM. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be Monday, Oct. 11, 2021 at 7 P.M. at the municipal building.