

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING
December 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors' regular meeting was called to order by Chairman John Cypher, Monday, December 12, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. as advertised. All rose to pledge the flag.

ROLL CALL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The three Supervisors met briefly in executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

MINUTES:

Motion by John Cypher to approve the November 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

FINANCIAL:

The list of bills paid between the Nov. 14th meeting and December 12, 2022 totaled \$11,843.35. The list of bills presented for payment this evening from the General Fund totaled \$10,250.22. No bills were presented for payment this evening from the State Fund. The Balance of All Funds after payment of the bills presented totaled \$2,866,811.29. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented and any other bills come and are due prior to the Jan. 3, 2023 meeting. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

There is no Recreation Committee meeting in November, December, or January, therefore no 'minutes' to report. It was noted: the park is open, but the facilities have been winterized; the roof on the Ladies Pavilion almost done, and the Scout Pavilion roof still has trim to be finished; the Supervisors' would like to get quotes (this spring) to replace the T-111 siding on the Ladies Pavilion and obtain pricing for 'alternate' siding material as well; the manager is looking into a new grant and will meet with Representative Mustello and Senator Scott Hutchinson. Some of the Supervisors would be interested in meeting as well.

Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com

Pool: Website: www.sebcopool.com

Softball: Website: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: Website: www.knochsoccer.org

ROAD REPORT:

Chairman John Cypher read the road report.

- Snow fence is about 95% complete.
- The manager is planning on some tree trimming this year (work to be done before the end of March) and will be getting quotes.
- The roadcrew fixed three water issues along Great Belt Rd. and one along West Jefferson Rd.
- The rear brake pads and rotors were replaced on the 2015 F550 by our newer road employees. It was noted that they work well together and with the other road employees.
- The triple tree at the park (discussed last month) was dropped by Stephenson's Tree Service and the roadcrew did cleanup. The logs were hauled back to the township yard.

ROAD REPORT, cont.:

- Parts for the Tiger side deck mower were ordered (with a 15% discount for a total of \$2,408.78.) They are needed to get the mower ready for spring 2023.
- The Reay Lane sign was stolen; a new one will be ordered to install.
- The roadcrew is doing an overall sweep of township road edges to make any repairs and to make a list of missing road and lane name signs.
- The foreman has been checking the roads to get ready for the 2023 'road work list.'
- The 2023 Mack Truck has been delayed again; we are now looking for a build date of 12/14/22 for the chassis. They understand that we are on a time crunch for the grant deadline.
- The Township will consider bidding out stone (limestone & gravel); the foreman is to get a list ready for bidding.
- The Township may need to consider bidding some drainage pipe (due to prices increases, the costs will likely go over the quote threshold.) The roadcrew will get a list together for consideration. It was noted that we still have a grant application pending for pipe on O'Hara Road and Janice Lane.
- Supervisor Rankin asked about the Oak Drive culvert; the manager said the Township will not be replacing that culvert but excavating and placing stone.
- Manager Rosenbauer added:
 - o There was an oil spill by a Vogel Disposal truck on Golden City Rd. which was cleaned up.
 - o He noted that a 'Code Enforcement Officer assistant is being considered.
 - o There is funding available from the "Low Volume/Dirt & Gravel Road Program" which we hope to benefit from by raising Creek Rd. from the bridge about 800 ft. or so. There is some permitting to obtain...and no final cost figures yet.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported on the Nov. 21, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. The Faust Plan No. 3, a lot-line revision of the Faust property at the corner of West Jefferson Rd. and Bullcreek Rd., was submitted for their review. Revised Lot 2 of 2.00 acres is proposed with existing trailer and septic. Lot 2 was 1.50 acres, and they propose adding Tract A of .50 acre from the farm remnant. The residual would then be 80 +/- acres after conveyance of Tract A. The plan includes a waiver from Parts 5 and 7 of the Subdivision & Land Dev. ordinance. Leo Rosenbauer noted that Butler County Planning had no comments and the HRG, Inc. review was favorable. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the Faust Plan No. 3 as presented. The Supervisors reviewed the plan this evening (12/12/22). *Motion* by John Cypher to approve the Faust Plan No. 3 as presented. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. reviewed a modification request for the Knoch High School Renovations, which was Item #1 in the HRG, Inc. 11/17/22 review letter. A modification is needed to allow a third driveway along Knoch Rd. This driveway (the first one to the right coming off Dinnerbell Rd.) is to be strictly one way into the property (no exiting). The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the modification request for the third driveway (entrance only) due to the fact that this entrance creates a safer traffic circulation pattern and on the condition that the appropriate fees are paid. After a brief review on 12/12/22, John Cypher moved to approve the modification for the third driveway (entrance only) as presented. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. reviewed the Knoch High School Renovations Land Development. After review of the HRG, Inc. 11/27/22 review letter and subsequent overview presentation from Mr. John Frydrych, the P.C. voted to approve the Knoch High School Renovations Land Development contingent upon Items 1 through 11 in the HRG, Inc. 11/17/22 review letter being satisfactorily completed and submission of the O & M Agreement, the Developers Agreement, the NPDES Permit, and other required submissions from

PLANNING COMMISSION, cont.:

entities having jurisdiction (such as PA DEP, PennDOT, Butler Co. Conservation District, etc.) Mr. Frydrych was present to give a brief overview to the Board of Supervisors on 12/12/22. Following a brief discussion, John Cypher *moved* to approve the Knoch High School Renovations Land Development with four contingencies: 1) permit from PennDOT for the crosswalk changes; 2) NPDES permit; 3) Developers agreement; and 4) O & M Agreement needs recorded. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Several people were present with questions about future development on the Faust property located at the intersection of Bullcreek and West Jefferson roads and the P.C. offered some advice.

Leo Rosenbauer gave the P.C. copies of two letters of interest for the position to be vacated by Kay Foertsch on 12/31/22. They will discuss at their Dec. 19th meeting to determine a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors prior to the Jan. 3, 2022 meeting.

The P.C. discussed further the possibility of increasing the minimum lot size (for lots with well/septic) and the minimum frontage (to 175 ft. or 200 ft.) with a probable minimum lot depth. Brian Noah agreed to make a drawing to show 'samples' of various frontages. Leo Rosenbauer is to double check the 'building' verses 'structure' definitions in the MPC.

Supervisor Rankin suggested a preparing a letter to Kay Foertsch for her 'retirement' from the Planning Commission and to note this 'thank you' in the newsletter. It was noted that the P.C. will look at the 'false alarm' ordinance request at their Dec. 19th meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The 2023 Preliminary Budget was advertised for final review and adoption this evening. The preliminary budget was revised (to include \$70,000 for West Jefferson Road Bridge and \$18,000 for renovations to the Ladies' Pavilion) per discussion at the Nov. 14, 2022 meeting. There was no further discussion this evening. *Motion* by John Cypher to adopt the 2023 Budget Resolution #497 as revised with no increase in the Real Estate Tax, which remains at 1 mill. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Chairman Cypher strongly noted that he wants more information from PennDOT regarding the Great Belt/Bonniebrook Road intersection. Lois Rankin and Braden Beblo are willing to wait for more information from PennDOT regarding possible 'study/survey' required, guarantee that the proposed powered traffic device (stop sign) will actually work and the cost of said device and cost of required maintenance.

NEW BUSINESS:

The manager asked the Supervisors about the possibility of a solar (farm) ordinance. Individual houses can already be issued a building permit for solar panel installation. There was no interest at this time in regulating solar farms. There was also no interest in adopting any 'animal control' ordinances since we are a rural/farming community.

A couple from West Jefferson Road were present regarding leaf blowing done by the Township.

Tree trimming on various township roads was discussed briefly during the road report earlier in the meeting.

Under the 'union contract' a new full-time employee is to be offered health insurance after the first 30 days. Nevertheless, the Teamster's Insurance Fund would not accept Mr. Turner (new road employee) due to the policy requiring at least 50% of the insured to be 'union members' and Mr. Turner agreed to stay on his parents' insurance at least until the end of his probation. Under these circumstances, it is prudent to authorize paying Mr. Turner the 'health benefit in lieu of going onto the township policy' including prior months of Sept. through November 2022, upon proof of current coverage. *Motion* by John Cypher to proceed. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

MISC. BUSINESS:

Information was received from PSATS for the Youth Awards Contest. Applications are due to the County Association (via Lois Rankin, President) by Jan. 15, 2023. The County Association (BCATO) must forward to PSATS by Jan. 31, 2023. A notice is to be placed in the December Newsletter.

Lois Rankin noted that the Spring PSATS Conference is April 23 to April 26, 2023.

Copies of an email and attachments (financial statement and budget) from the South Butler Community Library were given to the Board. Find out about events/activities at the library on their website: www.southbutlerlibrary.org

ATTENDANCE:

Evie Gross, Jim Rankin, John Frydrych (CED/Knoch S.D.), and Robert & Inna Foertsch.

ADJOURN:

Lois Rankin *moved* to adjourn at 8:52 P.M. on Dec. 12, 2022. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is the re-organizational meeting followed immediately by the regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the municipal building- 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002. The Auditors will meet on Wed., Jan. 4, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. Both meetings will be advertised.