



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Report

John Cypher read the Road Report as submitted. Vegetation was removed for safety concerns at 103 Great Belt Rd. Sweeping on Hannahstown, Great Belt and Nursery Lane was done in preparation of seal coat project. Some patch work was also completed. Chip seal 2020 started this afternoon 8/10/20 and should be completed tomorrow 8/11/20.

The manager met with Summit Township officials Larry Osche and Roxanne Stickney to review the 'payment application/request' from BOVA Construction. Storm pipes were measured prior to the discussion. The manager noted that Summit Township's deposit on the project for which they requested State reimbursement (of the 70%) should be received soon; it took about a month.

Dead tree limbs were removed on Bonniebrook Rd. The road crew repaired a culvert crossing at Robinson's on Bonniebrook Rd. (due to complaints about a bump). The second road-berm mowing is in progress. Alwine and Riemer Roads were bermed, backfilled and rolled after completion of the paving project. Stone has been applied 'as needed' to chip sealed roads as needed during hot weather. Salt (164.42 tons) and antiskid (112.32 tons) were delivered. The park is being mowed. High vegetation at Nittany Lane was removed. The road crew picked up parts for the sweeper broom. The recall on the track loader was completed at no charge (hose covering on the engine.) Signage was installed prior to the chip sealing project start. Graffiti on the Creek Rd. bridge was removed.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chairman, reported on the Planning Commission meeting on July 20, 2020. Michael and Barbara Kesler, 144 Blakley Rd., submitted two modification requests for review this evening: Pool - The P.C. discussed the proposed 33 ft. round above-ground pool to be only 5 feet from the property line of Bill and Mary Ellen Broman's property (a notarized letter of permission was presented.) After significant discussion on location of sewer line and basement door, the Planning Commission voted to approve the 20-ft modification for a 5 ft. set-back from 142 Blakely to right of the Kesler home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kesler also requested a modification for side set-back on the other side of their house for a proposed two stall garage to be only 13 ft. from the property line of William and Amy Broman, 146 Blakely Rd. (a notarized letter of permission was presented.) A decision was tabled by the P.C. until the property line is established.

This evening, August 10, 2020, the Supervisors reviewed the modification request for the pool which was 'recommended for approval' by the P.C. The modification for a 5 ft. set-back was denied by the Supervisors because it could prohibit access for emergency vehicles or access to the rear yard and septic system.

The modification request for the garage set-back must be reviewed by the Planning Commission for their recommendations prior to the Supervisors taking any action.

Chris Remley from CEC (engineering firm) was present with Sister Katherine and Sister Christina from the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery to discuss their land development. It was approved in February by the Planning Commission with 8 contingencies and there have been two extensions approved, the last one expiring today, Aug. 10, 2020. Leo Rosenbauer, Township Manager, reported that three contingencies remain

to be resolved: 1) an easement must be given and indicated on the plan for the septic system to be on one parcel 190-2F10-30B for the new construction on the other parcel 190-2F10-30 (since the lots were not combined!) 2) Pit and Perk locations must be indicated on the plan and in the DEP Component with satisfactory review by the SEO, Doug Duncan. 3) The water well capacity is needed. The Supervisors voted to approve the Nativity of the Theotokos Monastery Land Development with the three contingencies as listed.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee did not meet on August 5, 2020, therefore, there was no report.

August 10, 2020 Unfinished Business

The consulting firm, Mullin & Longeran, is to provide the ‘needs assessment’ for the CDBG-CV19 funding (\$5,000 & \$48,130 activity and \$11,615 admin. available)

The Supervisors voted to approve use of funding for: \$5,000 for the 2-1-1 system to cover increased calls (279%) since Coronavirus started and the remainder for community rent, mortgage and utility assistance to be processed by the Housing Authority and the Center for Community Resources.

The Supervisors voted to adopt the following: Resolution #454 authorizing submission of the application to DCED for funding through the CDBG-Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program and Resolution #455 designating the County of Butler to administer the CDBG-CV Program funding for Jefferson Township.

The Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) for 2020 regular funds total \$107,993 (projects \$88,620 and administration \$19,373). The Supervisors voted to designate the 2020 CDBG Funds for ‘park restroom renovations’ and voted to adopt: the Fair Housing Resolution # 456 (non-discrimination); Resolution # 457 designating the County of Butler to administer the CDBG and authorize ‘entering into contract’ with the County; and “Three-Year Plan” Resolution # 458 (which designates the use of the funds).

The 2020 Cooperation Agreement will be executed later, per Wendy Leslie, CDBG Coordinator.

There was a lengthy discussion on the proposed Burning Ordinance revisions. The manager spoke with Denise Campbell, DEP Solid Waste Specialist. Further revisions will be considered before the Supervisors authorize advertisement.

August 10, 2020 New Business

The 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Jefferson Township Pension Plan is \$19,400. The Supervisors voted to accept the report and authorize the amount to be included in the 2021 Budget.

The Township received an email from So. Butler Community Library director Michell Lesniak with a summary of their 7/8/20 meeting. Their website is www.southbutlerlibrary.org to obtain information.

The manager explained that we received a phone call from Rick Emery regarding his parent’s house on Bonniebrook Rd. After significant discussion about the various costs (appraisals, purchase, right-of-way acquisition and eventual road work, the Supervisors agreed that they have no interest in pursuing the possible purchase of the Emery property.

Miscellaneous Business – August 10, 2020

Received notice from Gateway Engineers re: PennEnergy Resources proposed gas well sites (W46-2H, 3H, 4H, 5H + 6H) on Cornplanter Rd. in Winfield Township.

Supervisor Rankin asked for an update on the E & E Auto Salvage (junkyard) permit renewal. The bond was executed and submitted to the Township. The license renewal was issued for 8/1/20 to 8/1/21.

Supervisor Rankin reported that the Butler County Association of Township Officials has cancelled the 2020 Safety Day and the Fall Convention due the COVID19 restrictions.

Major Expenditures since the July 13th meeting through Aug. 10, 2020

Shields Asphalt and Paving – paving project	State Fund	\$270,000.00
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Teamsters #261 Health & Welfare – Sept. health ins.		4,387.17
Vogel Disposal Service - July and Aug. service fees		1,017.37

Selective Insurance Co. – workmen’s comp. for 8/1/20-8/1/21	11,538.42
Detroit Salt Co. – road salt	12,528.00
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal fees July	1,125.00
Summit Township – reimburse for inspector fees (Bonniebrook project)	2,197.00

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors – 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan.)

L. John Cypher, Chairman Lois Rankin, Vice-Chair. Braden Beblo, Supervisor

Planning Commission – 3rd Monday at 7:00 P.M.

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Robert Wetzel, Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik.

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (no meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Kristi Wise (newly appointed for 2020), Greg Bauer (Pool), Scott Kriley (Baseball), James C. Jones (Softball), and Shane Huffman (Soccer)
 Location for all meetings listed: 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - Any changes are advertised and posted.
 Please see websites for the park associations under ‘Recreation Committee’ above.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

REGULAR HOURS: Monday through Thursday - 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM (CLOSED on Fridays.)

Office phone #724-352-2324 - Fax #724-352-8850 Manager: Leo Rosenbauer Sec/Treas.: Lois Fennell
 Holidays, Vacation, & other days off/office closures are posted on the door.

WE ASK THAT IF YOU HAVE BUSINESS AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE TO PLEASE CALL AHEAD, SO WE KNOW YOU ARE COMING -724-352-2324. Masks required.

The Township is endeavoring at public meetings to limit attendance to protect Township residents and the possible spreading of the virus.

We urge you to take precautions attending any event or 'scheduled' meeting.

We hope you will limit exposure to others, including at the township building.

Practice social distancing, such as no longer shaking hands and staying six feet apart, No more than ten (10) people at a meeting place and washing hands often or using hand sanitizer!

ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net – 724-352-2324

STAY at HOME applies, especially if you are sick!

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288 - Pay by mail or call for an appointment.
 Posted changes due to the Coronavirus Pandemic: **She WILL be collecting taxes at 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 on August 11, 2020 from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M.; Sept. 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 28th, 29th and 30th from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. for the 2020 School Taxes.** Otherwise, if you wish to ‘drop-off’ your payment, there is a ‘locked drop box’ located on her porch. By MAIL anytime. Whether dropping off or mailing, if you wish to have a receipt, please include the entire tax bill with your payment (no cash or credit cards) and a self-addressed stamped envelope for her to mail back to you. It is NOT secure to leave cash at any time!! Her phone number and address are on your tax cards! **NOTE: Resolution #452 was presented and approved by the Board of Supervisors to extend the 2020 Real Estate ‘at face’ due date through and until November 30, 2020. No penalties, fees, or interest if the real estate tax is paid in full before Nov. 30, 2020.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓

⇒ **Butler County’s Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections - 2020: Saturdays- July 18, Aug. 22, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 and Dec. 19**

By Appointment (pre-registration required) CALL 1-866-815-0016; Location: 129 Ash Stop Rd., Evans City, PA 16033
 Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management 124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208
 Sheryl Kelly, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator Butler, PA 16003
 PROP-Certified Recycling Professional Phone 724.284.5305

Email skelly@co.butler.pa.us Web Site www.recyclebutler.us

⇒ **THE NEWSLETTER** is only available On-line OR via e-mailing OR can be picked up at the Township Office.
 Our Web Site is: www.jeffersonbutler.com If you want to have the newsletter e-mailed to you or if you have not received your e-copy, please contact the Township Secretary: jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net - 352-2324.

⇒ **THIS SEASON**, when **MOWING** your grass, PLEASE do not allow the cut grass to accumulate on the roadway. It is a safety issue - especially if the grass becomes wet. It could cause a vehicle to lose traction and 'you' could be held responsible.

⇒ **NOTICE:** Jefferson Township's responsibility during & following storms and excessive rain events is to clear and protect the Township rights-of-way. The Township is NOT authorized to clean-up any private property; the only exception would be for Emergency access for 9-1-1 responders! It also not legal for property owners to place any storm/rain/wind debris from their property along the township road rights-of-way.

⇒ **NEED HELP during COVID19:**

You can contact (dial) 2-1-1 for help or contact one of the 'community resources' below:

- **Food For Kids** Program information: <https://files.constantcontact.com/5061598a001/e62a6eb1-16b1-48d2-ad5c-349fc68f4395.pdf>
- **Food Bank** Information: <https://files.constantcontact.com/5061598a001/2d7ca64b-ee3d-4b4f-8ad9-45aa6cc125a3.pdf>
- **Link for Butler County Food Bank donations:** <https://anrinfo.org/product/butler-county-food-bank-donation/>
- **Butler County Health and Human Services** Resources are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week at, <http://pa211sw.org/> or by calling 211
- **The Center for Community Resources** is also available 24 hours a day 7 days a week at (855)-284-2494. You can also chat with them at their website, <https://ccrinfo.org/>
- **24 Hour Crisis Services Local Hotline** (800) 292-3866
- **United Way of Butler County** – Check with them for help, but also to give donations that will help Butler County citizens. 724-283-4883 <https://www.butlerunitedway.org/butler-county-emergency-relief-initiative-beri>


⇒ **Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance**

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of 'ordinary' (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, leaves, wood, and other similar items) by residents to between the hours of 6 AM to 6 PM from Monday through Saturday. **Items intended to be 'excluded' from burning are:** sewage, all putrescible animal & vegetable matter resulting from handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food, rags, old clothes, leather, rubber, carpets, furniture, tin cans, glass, crockery, masonry, metals, chemicals, tires, shingles and petroleum products such as (but not limited to) paint, grease, oil and plastic products. PLEASE use common sense! Many items that cannot be burned can be recycled. All fires are to be completely extinguished no later than 6 P.M. PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and do NOT permit leaves and other 'allowed' materials to be left smoldering after 6 PM.

BUSINESSES/COMMERCIAL (ALL non-residential) and MULTI-FAMILY, according to the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection, are PROHIBITED from ANY burning at ANY time.

TIRES are NEVER to be burned by ANYONE. Dumping of Tires is ILLEGAL and subject to fines.

Do you live in Jefferson Township?
You may be eligible to have your windows, furnace, roof or more replaced!



The Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program
assists homeowners in renovating their homes!

APPLY TODAY:
financial grants up to \$12,500 to assist eligible low to moderate income homeowners with home improvements including making your home more Energy Efficient. Also, if applicable, an additional \$2,500 is available to make handicap accessibility modifications to your home.

Don't miss your chance to make some home improvements before the cold weather hits!

Call, Stop-in, or Email:
Redevelopment Authority County of Butler
114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001
724.287.6797/1.800.433.6327/TDD: 1.800.545.1833 x772
www.housingauthority.com

