



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

August 2023

NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the road report as follows:

- The chip seal and fog coat project was completed on Simon Rd., Caldwell Dr., Green Manor Dr., Rancindin Rd, Bullcreek Rd., Mushrush Rd., Knoch Rd., Fisher Rd., Cobham Lane, Whitaker Rd., and Charlemagne Dr. Patterson Rd. and Fisher starting at Audrey Ln. will be fog sealed next week or so. Russell Standard did a great job, no issues.
- Under drain and an inlet were installed on the south side of Frazier Rd. to alleviate the wet ditch line caused by pasture run-off.
- Multiple washouts were fixed (several times) at the park on the trail and on the roadway to Rt. 356. The road crew will haul millings over to raise the grade in the main parking lot to sheet-flow the stormwater instead of a concentrated flow.
- The spreader on the new MACK was tested and seems to be operating properly.
- Maintenance on the 2-door Ford truck was performed.
- A second large leaf blower was purchased for about \$600.
- The road crew hauled free topsoil to our current stockpile.

Recreation Committee

Brian Patten, Recreation Board Chairman, reported on the Aug. 2, 2023 Recreation meeting.

Baseball: Fall ball registration is ongoing. A new scoreboard will be installed on Field #1 in August.

The lower concession stand remodel is to start August 21st. There will be a new baseball representative appointed to replace Jamie McSwaney. The Supervisors will be notified to approve the new representative at the Sept. meeting.

Pool: The pool's operation is going well...there are no major issues at this time. A new A/C unit was installed in the concession stand. They are working on matching funds toward the pool renovation.

DONATIONS toward the Pool Renovation Project, whether individual or business/corporate,

PLEASE contact Greg Bauer at 724-524-3663; otherwise call the Township Office at 724-352-2324.

Softball: They are planning renovations to the dugout after the annual tournament (Aug. 4th to 6th.) Fall ball registration will be opening the week of August 7th. They are looking at new management software.

Soccer: Their soccer camp was moved from the park location to the high school. The fall season will begin Sept. 9th.

Action Requests: None. The next meeting is Sept. 6, 2023 at 8 P.M.

Pool: www.sebcopool.com

Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com

Softball: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org

Manager Leo Rosenbauer added the following comments regarding the park/pool:

1. Renovations to the existing restrooms are to begin the end of this month.

2. The two new restroom units will be ordered soon. A ‘gated’, extended maintenance road will be placed between the Legion and T-Ball fields.
3. The pool president, Greg Bauer, met with HRG’s representative and the contractor regarding the pool renovations. Bids will go out in December. The Supervisors voted to send thank you letters to various people who have donated to the pool renovation (including the Christian Leadership Network which donated \$5,500.00.)
4. Lois Rankin commented that she would like to have a ‘financial report’ from the pool association and that the print-out from them which lists the prices for pool use and various classes is not what she wanted.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported that the July 17, 2023 Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of business. The August meeting was held at 6 PM on August 14, 2023 due to the advertisement, so there will be no meeting on August 21st. The remainder of the P.C. meetings in 2023 will be the third Monday at 6 PM.

August 14, 2023 Unfinished Business

The Board voted to adopt Resolution #514 to approve and authorize execution of a Confirmatory/Corrective Deed for the Laura J. Doerr Memorial Park. This is for the DCNR grant paperwork for the pool renovation.

The manager is working on a revision of Chapter 15 of the Jefferson Township Code of Ordinance to set the speed limit on Bullcreek Rd. to 35 MPH per a recent study done by LTAP (PA’s Local Technical Assistance Program) and other changes needed. The Supervisors would like to see the draft ordinance before authorizing advertisement.

The revised Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Winfield Township for sharing of the Emergency Management Coordinator was prepared by the Township Attorney, Matt Marshall. He recommended that an ‘ordinance’ be adopted which will include a repeal of the prior ordinance. It was forwarded to Winfield Township last week for their Board to review. We are now waiting for the Jefferson Township Attorney to check on the matter with Winfield Township’s Attorney.

August 14, 2023 New Business

The workmen’s comp. renewal invoice was received for \$19,702.00. It was due on 8/1/23, so it has been paid. The increase is due to the recent W/C audit & reclassification of the manager position and the additional wages (including the new (4th) full-time road employee.)

The annual fuel bids were advertised for opening and probable award this evening. Read by Chairman Cypher as follows: Purvis Brothers, Inc., which was the only bid received. A bid bond was enclosed, and the insurance certificate was received. Item 1 – up to 6,500 gal. on road diesel fuel - Unit price \$3.3220 & \$.17 (cents) differential = \$3.4920 per gal. + winterization per gal. \$.04 (cents).

Item 2 – up to 1,000 gal. unleaded (E-Zero) gas -Unit price \$3.2725 + \$.80 differential = \$4.0725 per gal.

Item 3 – up to 3,000 gal. regular 87 Octane gas – Unit price \$2.7337 + \$.17 differential - \$2.9037 per gal.

The Supervisors voted to award the bid to Purvis Brothers, Inc. (the only bidder) as bid for all three items.

The Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for our Pension Plan for 2024 is \$23,700. The Supervisors voted to authorize this amount to be included in our 2024 budget.

Leo Rosenbauer asked for authorization to select a contractor to install an epoxy floor in the garage ‘office, breakroom, locker room and bathrooms.’. Cost quoted: \$3,540 for a single coat epoxy and \$3,875 for a double coat. The contractor who quoted the double-coat, did not recommend a painted baseboard. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to accept the quote of \$3,875 for the double coat epoxy floor (no baseboard.) The motion carried 2 to 1.

The Supervisors voted to do road ‘line-painting’ (standard list plus Bonniebrook Rd. once it is sealed.) Three (3) quotes will be obtained.

The Supervisors voted to purchase a new cover (canvas type) for the salt storage building to be installed when it comes in. The cost, estimated at \$5,000 or \$6,000, will be paid from the ARPA funds.

The manager received a request from Liberty Pointe Partners to release the amount of \$34,456.38 for the rock construction entrance and 90% of the silt sock installation or Phase I of the ‘letter of credit’. The

Supervisors voted to authorize the release of the \$34,456.38 from the Liberty Pointe letter of credit. The manager prepared a letter to be sent to Liberty Pointe Partners. The manager noted that the project has been delayed due to the pond's location being too close to the mature oak trees in the Stoneybrook Plan.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – Aug. 14, 2023

Notice of well drilling received from PennEnergy Resources that they are applying for permits for Clinton Township for Well 1H through 5H at Sarver Rd.

Notice of well drilling received from Moody & Assoc. (on behalf of PennEnergy) applying for Permit to Drill and Operate unconventional wells in Middlesex Township on Logan Rd. (PER Reno for 6 wells.)

Notice of well drilling received from Moddy & Assoc. (on behalf of PennEnergy) applying for Permit to Drill and Operate an unconventional well in Middlesex Township on Glade Miller Rd. (PER Ferree 3H).

Lois Rankin asked about quotes requested for the township audit this year. The manager responded that one audit quote was received from Bowser Accounting (CPA), but we are waiting for the other firm to respond to our inquiry, and they have until Sept. 1st.

Lois Rankin asked about the 103 Blakely Rd. driveway access matter. The manager said there was no response yet to the letter that was sent.

Lois Rankin asked about the progress on the Concordia shelter matter. There was some discussion, including that the township's responsibility is to enforce the land development and building permit and setback regulations. Lois Rankin asked if the manager would inquire as to who handles state inspections of childcare facilities.

The manager reported that PA American Water did an unpermitted 'open cut' across Knoch Rd. after it was sealed. They must mill & pave, then tar & chip, that section, to match the rest of the road.

John Cypher noted that Lois Rankin made up a very nice basket for the South Butler Community Library Booktoberfest. The manager will have it delivered or have someone pick it up.

Major Expenditures since the July 10th meeting through August 14, 2023

Teamsters #261 & Health & Welfare – Aug. 2023 premium	\$ 6,043.24
Encova Insurance – workmen's comp. renewal premium 8/1/23 to 7/31/24	\$19,702.00
James D. Miller & Sons – repair/replace roof panels & gutter on garage at twp bldg.	\$ 1,922.00
RA Services – Mini-Dell Computer with SSD drives, battery backup, etc.	\$ 1,595.00
Chase Card Service – USPS stamps, McAfee renewal, street sign materials	\$ 1,614.59
Compass Minerals – salt	\$30,373.39
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – diesel and 87- gasoline	\$ 1,986.21
General Code – code analysis and updates for code books	\$ 1,010.00

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.

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

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 6:00 P.M. (Change beginning Sept. 2023)

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Evelyn Gross, Michael Gaston, James Jones,
Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Martha Fleming (Secretary), Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik.
Robert Wetzel is alternate P.C. member.

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

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Kristi Wise, Greg Bauer (Pool), Jamie McSwaney (Baseball),
James C. Jones (Softball), and Brad Emsurak (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.

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd, Butler, PA 16002 - 724-352-3288

Pay by mail or call for an appointment. Never leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's personal mailbox. There is a secure payment drop box located on the porch.

COLLECTION HOURS for School Taxes this year are:

Aug. 9th, then Sept. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, & 28 from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM.



The 2023 Butler County Recycling Guide

is available on-line at www.butlercountypa.gov then type in "Hard to Recycle Guide 2023"

ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓



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 is also not legal for property owners to place any storm/rain/wind debris from their property along the township road rights-of-way.



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: 2023 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS "recycling events"
Butler County has just received DEP collection permit approval to hold its 2023 Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics collection events for our county residents as follows:

- September 2 at 157 Airport Road, Butler (Penn Township)
- November 11 at 690 Valencia Road, Mars (Adams Township)

Residents will be required to pre-register to attend these events and are scheduled for an approximate arrival time which helps to keep attendees from waiting in long lines. The Noble Environmental web site can be found here: <https://nobleenviro.com/> or they can call 412-567-6566. At the top of the web page, click on "Ewaste and HHW Collections" to find the registration page and details about attending an event. Please note that only cards are accepted for payment. Cash and checks are not accepted.



Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of 'ordinary' (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, yard waste, wood, and other similar items) by residents to 'dawn to dusk'; see *on-line ordinance for excluded items*.

PLEASE use common sense! Many items that cannot be burned can be recycled. All fires are to be completely extinguished before being left unattended. Recreational fires are permitted by Ordinance #459 (Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances.) PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and do NOT permit leaves and other 'allowed' materials to be left smoldering after dusk.

ALL COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES, NON-RESIDENTIAL and MULTI-FAMILY are PROHIBITED from ANY burning at ANY time per the Dept. of Environmental Protection.

Do you live in Jefferson Township?

You may be eligible to have your windows, furnace, roof or more replaced!



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

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.



Call, Stop-in, or Email:

Redevelopment Authority County of Butler

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