



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

July 2023

NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the road report as follows:

The new boom mower (with the JD tractor) has been delivered. All is working well after they tightened some loose fittings. A second shoulder mowing should be completed this week.

The road crew made a stencil "Dump Every Game" and used it to label all the trash cans next to the ball fields at the park. It seems to have helped.

Drainage work at Charlemagne Dr. is almost complete. Five C-tops and grates were replaced (all five needed some mortar and brick work.) A new catch basin and 30 ft. of pipe were added to help with run off from Dinnerbell Rd. Removal of an old collapsed head wall and landscape work will be done in a week or two.

The 80 ft. rusting metal 36-inch pipe at Oak Dr. has been replaced with a new 36-inch plastic pipe but extended to 100 ft. to keep the outlet hole away from the road. Rip-Rap and large sandstone were also added for retention wall protection at the inlet and scour protection at the outlet of the new pipe. Screened topsoil was added, seeded down, and straw was used for mulch. It seems to be working fine. John Cypher commented that 'it really is a nice job!'

The 2023 chip seal is projected to start in the first week of August.

380 tons of salt will be ordered and shipped this month to meet our minimum order from the 2022-2023 winter season contract. This will fully fill the salt shed for the upcoming winter season. The new prices for the 2023-2024 contract should be available next month.

Recreation Committee

Brian Patten, Recreation Board Chairman, notified the township office that they had no quorum on July 5, 2023, so there was no meeting and no minutes to report.

Pool: www.sebcopool.com

Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com

Softball: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org

DONATIONS toward the Pool Renovation Project, whether individual or business/corporate, PLEASE contact Greg Bauer at 724-524-3663. If not reachable, contact the Township Office at 724-352-2324.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported on the June 19, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. They had no regular business, but spent time reviewing Chapter 22, Parts 4 through 8 for revision purposes. They asked that the Supervisors approve a change in their meeting start time from 7 P.M. to 6 P.M beginning in August 2023. They meet on the 3rd Monday each month. The Supervisors voted to approve the 6 P.M start time beginning with August 21, 2023. An advertisement will be placed in the Butler Eagle this month to advertise the P.C. start time change for the rest of 2023. The time change will be changed on the website and various forms.

July 10, 2023 Unfinished Business

The Township Attorney has provided the final clean copy of the new Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Winfield Township for sharing of the Emergency Management Coordinator. He recommends 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. Once we get their response, our ordinance will be advertised for adoption (advertisement previously approved at the April meeting) in August or September.

The speed study on Bullcreek Rd. was completed by LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program). The study indicates that the speed should be 35 mph (instead of the posted 40 mph...as per the previous speed study and ordinance). Manager Rosenbauer noted that there are several housing plan roads that need to be added and some corrections as well to Chapter 15 (speed limits and stop signs), before the advertisement can be placed for the revised ordinance. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to approve the 35-mph speed limit revision for Bullcreek Rd. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Wendy Leslie, CDBG Coordinator, needs a final decision on the project designation no later than September 1, 2023 re: use of the 2023 funding totaling \$88,663 projects + \$19,384 admin. (= \$108,047 which is an increase of \$35 from 2022). The Supervisors voted to designate the 2023 CDBG Funds for ‘housing rehab’ and sign the cooperation agreement received from Wendy Leslie. The Supervisors voted to adopt the “three-year plan” Resolution #511 which designates the use of the funds. The Supervisors voted to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution #512 (non-discrimination resolution).

Supervisor Rankin asked the Manager about several unfinished items to which he responded.

July 10, 2023 New Business

We received via our checking account on June 30, 2023, the 2022 Impact Fee of \$221,392.11. We need to adopt a Supplemental Budget Resolution for the amount over \$100,000.00 that we had budgeted (for the \$121,391.11). The Supervisors voted to adopt the 2023 Supplemental Budget Resolution #513 for the extra Impact Fee funds received.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – July 10, 2023

A notice was received from South Butler Community Library regarding their 5th Annual Booktoberfest. They need sponsors, donations, baskets, and/or attend dinner on Oct. 22, 2023 at Armstrong Farms in Sarver, PA. Lois Rankin is willing to do a basket again this year. The Supervisors voted to set an amount of ‘up to \$70’ for the basket and items for the Booktoberfest.

The Butler County Election Bureau is holding ‘voter education presentations’ throughout Butler County. A notice will be placed on the website and the flyer will be posted at the township.

A notice was received from Clearfield Township regarding work to be done on Herman Rd. and Grady Hollow Bridge using DCED/CFA Multi Modal Transportation Funds.

The manager noted that we are planning to use all the ARPA Funds by the end of the year. This has and will include equipment purchases (reimburse General Fund for the 2023 Mack Truck and the new JD tractor with boom mower) and cost increases on the two new restroom units at the park, plus other road maintenance expenses.

Major Expenditures since the June 12th meeting through July 10, 2023

Vettori’s – new Hustler pressure washer	\$ 1,199.00
John Deere & Company/Ag & Turf Gov. Sales – new JD tractor	\$ 104,351.54
Teamsters #261 & Health & Welfare – Aug. 2023 premium	\$ 6,043.24
Div. of Alamo Sales Corp. – boom mower (attached to new JD tractor)	\$77,505.58
Hampton Concrete – risers/grates	\$ 2,903.00
Wine Concrete Products – inlets and tops	\$ 2,075.00

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 August 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.

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:

- July 15 at 191 Election House Road, Prospect (Franklin Township)
- 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.

⇒ **The 2023 Butler County Recycling Guide**
is available on-line at www.butlercountypa.gov then type in "Hard to Recycle Guide 2023"



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!



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.

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