



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

June 2023

NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the road report as follows:

- The 2023 Mack truck has been delivered. It has been undercoated at Ziebart, graphics were done by Tyler Martin; and the 2-way radio is on order (could take 3 months).
- Possible sale of the IH 530 truck, plow and spreader is on hold. The Manager noted that the grant round is opening in two weeks, and we 'may' still get funding toward the 2023 Mack truck. So, the Township will wait until the result of that application before deciding what to do with the IH 530.
- The JD Tractor with Boom Mower is expected to be delivered this week. Once received, the old boom mower will be taken and delivered to Wayne Township by Seigworth Road Supply. The check for the old boom mower has already been received and held for deposit.
- Crack sealing has been done on the roads that are scheduled for the chip seal project this year. They will order more material in case they have time for more crack sealing this year.
- The road crew still has some road edge work and patch work to be completed before the seal coat project starts (estimated start date is 7/17/23.)
- Maintenance of township equipment and in the park will continue as needed.
- The floor in the maintenance garage office/breakroom/locker area and restrooms is worn out and coming apart. The road foreman would like the Township to consider a 'poured vinyl coating floor repair'. The manager is to look into it.

Manager Rosenbauer noted:

- Patterson Road's second fog seal application will be done at the same time as the seal coat project for this year.
- The manager has been researching the use of a 'rejuvenator' application on Bonniebrook Rd. Due to the drying time needed it has not been recommended that we use what was applied to Alwine Road. Russell Standard had recommended a couple of optional materials. Chairman Cypher said he sees no problem closing Bonniebrook Rd. for 2 hours to let the rejuvenator dry completely.
- The speed study on Bullcreek Rd. was done on June 5th; but the results are not in yet.
- The O'Hara Road culvert work, which is county funded, a 5 ft. diameter pipe cross pipe is recommended by the Conservation District for a GP7, but will be reviewed.
- The road crew is planning to do the work on Oak Dr. culvert. Three quotes were obtained for an excavator with operator. Two came in at \$3,000; one came in for \$1,950 for a 2-day project.
- The road crew has indicated that they are not comfortable doing the West Jefferson Road Bridge renovation 'in-house'.

Recreation Committee

Brian Patten, Recreation Board Chairman, presented the Recreation Committee's minutes for their June 7, 2023 meeting.

Pool: www.sebcopool.com The heater is not working and needs to be replaced. Pipes burst because of the weather conditions and the pump room was flooded twice. The heater will cost at least \$4,000.00. Lifeguard certification is now available, contact the pool for details and fees. Private & semi-private swim lessons start the week of June 11. See notes below on discussion on the pool cameras and on the fund-raising participation needed on the pool renovations.

Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com Remaining tournament dates: 7/13-16, 7/20-24, and 7/28-30.

Softball: www.sagsa.org They are looking at options for rehabbing/replacing their dugouts. They are obtaining quotes now and hope to start the project after the season ends. Their tournament will be held Aug. 4, 5, and 6 this summer.

Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org The season wraps up on June 11th. Fall registration is open (June 11th was the last day for early bird discount.)

Park Projects: The Recreation Committee discussed ideas as to where to set potential ready-made restroom units. One could be placed near the dumpster area by the farm field near the end of the walking trail loop. The other could be placed outside the fence of the pony field.

Notes/Discussion June 12, 2023: The camera system at the park was installed in 2016. Two additional cameras were added at the pool area a few years ago. The road foreman has suggested for some time that the camera system needs to be upgraded. John Cypher said the current camera system is pretty much at capacity. No decision to upgrade at this time.

Greg Bauer, Pool Assn. President, was asked to attend this evening to discuss the possible 'participation' from the pool association toward the funds needed to perform the necessary pool renovations which has been estimated at \$1.1 million. The DCNR Grant awarded is \$550,000. The township is trying to obtain another grant via DCED, which will help, but there will still be a considerable amount for which the township will be responsible. Mr. Bauer said they will put a notice up to see the manager or assistant if someone is interested in donating (any donations will be brought to the township for deposit.) They have considered asking for 'corporate sponsorship' (i.e. gold, silver, bronze) and donors will have a sign placed on their fence. Currently the pool's funds have been depleted due to the burst pipes, filling of the pool, and now the heater needs to be replaced. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Bauer will provide the township with an audit or financial report for the pool. Supervisor Rankin would like to see the Pool Association create a plan for fund raising in addition to the Township's efforts to acquire additional grant funding.

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 May 15, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. They reviewed and approved the Bossinger Plan, a Lot-Line Revision on Rt. 356. Lot 1, a flag lot with an old metal garage will be conveyed 0.380 acre (Lot A) (for additional pole width) which will make a total of 1.754 acres. Bossinger's Lot 2 will then be 2.84 acres (3.27 acres less the 0.380 acre.) All the conditions discussed by the Planning Commission were met and verified by Mr. Rosenbauer. The Supervisors reviewed the plan this evening and voted to approve the Bossinger Plan.

June 12, 2023 Unfinished Business

The False Fire Alarm Ordinance was authorized for advertisement last month. The Supervisors voted to adopt Ordinance #510 (False Fire Alarm Ordinance) as advertised.

The Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (Ordinance or Resolution) is still on hold until we get final word from the township attorney.

Following significant discussion on the West Jefferson Road Bridge Renovation, Chairman Cypher suggested an option of replacing the bridge with an aluminum arch. In the meantime, the Township has a GP11 permit for ‘maintenance’ and the scouring could be remediated.

June 12, 2023 New Business – None

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – June 12, 2023

Chris Dean from **II-VI, Inc.** (now: Coherent Corp.) has sent notice to the township of their 6-month testing of their **Community Early Warning System** ... set for **Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 12 noon.**

The manager noted that Karinne Houser from Hillsdale College with be soliciting ‘educational material’ in the area this summer.

Lois Rankin noted that we received information on the PSATS “Regional Forums”. The Cranberry Township date is August 29, 2023. No decision tonight as to who wants to attend.

Major Expenditures since the May 8th meeting through June 12, 2023

Code.sys Code Consulting – building permit inspections – April 2023	\$ 3,339.00
Teamsters #261 & Health & Welfare – July 2023 premium	\$ 5,404.21
Insight Pipe Contracting – video pool drains	\$ 3,056.76
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal May 2023	\$ 2,154.75
Crystal’s Truck & Auto – repairs to 99 International truck	\$ 1,832.86
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic – services: Austin’s Place & MIP Culvert Survey	\$ 8,333.86
Interstate Pipe and Supply – pipe for Oak Dr. project	\$ 2,688.00
Merge & Hill, P.C. – 2022 audit	\$ 3,230.00
Selective Insurance Co. – add 23 Mack Truck to policy	\$ 1,528.00
Staples – 3 new chairs; box paper, etc.	\$ 1,156.20
U.S. Municipal Supply – sign posts	\$ 2,813.50

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: jefftwbutlerpa@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 7:00 P.M.

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.

⇒ **NEED HELP during COVID19: Call (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>



PA AMERICAN WATER – ‘WaterSource’

LIHWAP – Low Income Household Water Assistance Program – contact www.compass.state.pa.us or request an application by calling the Dept. of Human Services Customer Service at 877-395-8930 (or for the hearing impaired call PA Relay at 711).

PA AMERICAN WATER – ‘Help Us Get the Lead Out’

At Pennsylvania American Water, providing safe, clean, reliable, and affordable water service is a foundation for healthy communities and our company's our top priority. **Although we do not have a problem with lead service lines or lead levels in water, we believe that removing the risk of customer-side lead service lines over time is the right thing to do for the health, safety, and peace of mind of our customers.** For this reason, we developed and launched a program with the goal of replacing all customer-side lead service lines. **If the customer-owned portion of your service line is made of lead, we'd like to work with you to replace it at no direct cost to you.** Under a signed agreement with each customer, Pennsylvania American Water will perform the work, cover the cost, and provide a 2-year warranty, and the customer will retain ownership of the new water service line once installed. Read more about how the program works. Call 877-201-7926.



DON Housing Department

USDA Access & Rehabilitation Program for Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Mercer & Westmoreland Counties.

This grant provides needed repairs and renovations for homeowners with very low to low income whose primary residences are located in a USDA eligible area. Funds awarded through an application process on a first come, first served basis. To find out more, go to www.doninc.org/HPP or phone 724-652-5144 (for hearing impaired TTY/VP: 724-652-5152). *The Township has NO involvement in the grants or processing of the applications!*

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.

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