



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Report - May 9th meeting

John Cypher read the road report. Snow fence removal was completed on 4/18/22. All salt spreaders have been removed and stored. Trucks and garage floors have been washed. The foreman will order 400 to 500 ton of salt before the current contract ends (7/20/22). Two large trees that fell across Bullcreek Rd. (between Smith and West Jefferson Roads) were removed by the road crew. PennEnergy Resources donated about 1200 ton of reclaimed limestone to the Township. The Township will pay about \$2,500 for trucking costs. They plan to start mowing the road shoulders on May 18th. The 2015 F550 needs a new particulate filter; it is on back order and should be covered under warranty. They are still using the truck; repairs will be done in a month or so when the part is in. The 2023 Mack Truck build date is 10/26/22. It may be Feb. or March 2023 before the truck is finally completed for our use (hydraulics, snowplow & spreader, final Allison transmission adjustments, and undercoating). It looks like the new tractor & boom mower (on order) will be delivered around Feb. 2023. A retainment wall along Jones Road at the intersection of the walking & bike trail needs to be reset. There was more discussion on the Ventrac mower for the park. After significant discussion, the Supervisors voted to authorize purchase of a new Ventrac mower with all the attachments previously quoted (deck, leaf plow, etc.) with the condition that it be 'under state contract' OR it must be bid out for current prices.

The Manager reported several items: He received three quotes for the tree trimming at the walking trail and southern entrance and Legion ballfield parking lot: Stephenson's was \$8,000; Falling Timber was \$7,800 and Toth Tree Service was \$7,200. The Board had no objection to proceeding with the lowest quote of \$7,200. He is in the process of getting quotes for the three park pavilion roofs. He received a quote for the damage done at Jones Road intersection by a semi-truck; it was \$4,000. He has recently met with Peoples Gas on the following roads (Alwine, Keck, West Jefferson and Fisher Roads) to come to an amicable agreement on their requests for pipeline installation. The Manager and Supervisors discussed the drainage issue at Robinson's at Rt.356 and Bonniebrook Rd. He has been in frequent contact with PennDOT regarding this issue. PennDOT has been continuing to pump the water that accumulates on the property. PennDOT finally awarded a contract to get repairs done to rectify the problem!

Recreation Committee - May 9th meeting

Brian Patten could not be present this evening, so Chairman Cypher reported briefly from the May 4, 2022 Recreation minutes.

Pool: Opening Day – May 28th. Prices remain the same as in 2021. www.sebcopool.com

Baseball: Scott Kriley has resigned as SABA Representative on the Recreation Board. Jamie McSwaney was nominated for appointment by the Board of Supervisors. Season opener was May 7th (rain date 5/14/ although regular games will start May 9th weather permitting. www.saxonburgbaseball.com

Softball: The season has started for the younger ages; older ages will begin after school is out. They are beginning plans to rehab the dugouts after this season is over. They asked if the road crew could paint 3 to 5 parallel lines in the gravel parking lot. www.sagsa.org

Soccer: The weather has been challenging for getting in the games & practices. Their fields have been seeded and treated; but still have some drainage issues on one field. Some minor parking lot ruts and potholes need to be rectified. Youth soccer camp is Aug. 8 through Aug. 11. www.knochsoccer.org

New Business: Several committee members expressed interest in a possible ‘multi-use building’ at the park to be used for a variety of activities. The Supervisors commented that there is nothing in ‘master plan’ for such a structure and they have no plans to build one at this time.

Old Business: ‘Doerr Park Drive’ has been approved by the Butler County 911. As a formality, the Supervisors voted to approve the name and addressing. A copy of the address map for the park will be distributed to the Supervisors.

Park Projects: Cale Patten is still working on the Kiosks/Signs at the two park entrances. The goal is to complete the project by late spring 2022. Cale and Dara are going to rehab the landscaping (mulch & flowers) at the two park entrance signs. The Supervisors voted to authorize reimbursement by the township for the mulch & flowers, as well as the new kiosk materials. The Supervisors also voted to hire Antoszyk’s Greenhouse to landscape around the gazebo up to two times this summer if needed.

Action Requests: The Supervisors voted to appoint Jamie McSwaney as the new SABA representative to the Recreation Committee. After a brief discussion on the request for the road crew to paint lines on the softball parking lot, the Supervisors commented that the road crew will not be painting any lines. Then they voted to authorize the Softball Assn. to paint lines as reported (orange was suggested).

Planning Commission - May 9th meeting

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the Planning Commission’s April 18, 2022 meeting. Luke and Lloyd Brewer talked to the P.C. about a possible subdivision alternative to the one discussed back in June 2021 for access to a new lot at 117 Neupert Rd. Subsequently, they have submitted three modification requests and a formal subdivision application for the P. C. to review on May 16, 2022.

Leo Rosenbauer said the P.C. members will continue reviewing the ordinances for revisions. Discussion began back in Sept. 2021 and continue last month... and will continue. John Cypher thanked the P.C. for their efforts!

May 9, 2022 Unfinished Business

Wendy Leslie sent us the ‘Cooperation Agreement’ with the Redevelopment Authority for the 2021 CDBG funding (which was designated for housing rehab. back on Aug. 9, 2021.) John Cypher signed (executed) the form this evening.

The Supervisors voted to authorize registration and regular expenses (mileage) for township officials to attend the 2022 Spring Convention of the Butler County Assn. of Township Officials. Two supervisors, the manager, the sec/treas. and two planning members wish to attend.

May 9, 2022 New Business

The Supervisors voted to re-hire Dennis Sybert as dog officer for Jefferson Township at a new rate of \$60.00 per call plus mileage (at the IRS rate of \$.585 per mile) as mentioned by the manager last month (under Misc. Business). It was determined to place it on the May 2022 agenda (this evening).

After a brief discussion, the Supervisors voted to hire ‘up to’ two road crew personnel. Wages are set per the range written in the current union contract and as determined by the Supervisors and the Road Foreman.

There was significant discussion on road paving and seal coat project for this year. The ‘road budget’ is approx. \$625,000 from general and state funds; plus there is ARPA or Impact Fee Funds available for use. Cory Shaffer from PennDOT Municipal Services met with the road foreman and the manager and determined that Rennick Road needs to be paved (including drainage and fabric) after a section is milled and filled, from Bonniebrook Rd. to Wally Allen’s property. The roads to be ‘single sealed’ and fog sealed are: Marwood, Patterson, Victory and Neupert Roads. They also want the Board to consider a fog seal on Caldwell, Bullcreek and Frazier Roads (these roads were paved three years ago.) Chairman Cypher expressed that the PennDOT approved fog seal is satisfactory. The Supervisors voted to authorize bidding all three ‘separate projects’ with the ‘township reserving the right to reject or award the bids or portion thereof.

PSATS is promoting the adoption of Resolution America250PA supporting the Pennsylvania Commission for the United States Semi-quincentennial. There was no interest from the Supervisors.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – May 9, 2022

Jill Cavalero was present to discuss a road drainage problem on Patterson Road in front of her mother's property. She showed pictures to the Supervisors and after some discussion, Chairman Cypher noted that he appreciates her bringing the matter to the Supervisors, but he (and the road department) needs to see the whole area, the lay of the road/land, etc. to determine what should be done and whose caused the problem with the culvert. She said she would like the dirt filled back in or perhaps a culvert and catch basin could be installed.

Leo Rosenbauer asked the Supervisors if they would want the 'pool study review' during the next meeting, July 13, 2022 and they agreed.

Mr. Rosenbauer also noted that he and the sec/treas. have contacted P.R.I.N.T. to plan for a new directory and map this summer. The last one was in 2014 and we had 3,200 copies printed. There is still no 'cost' to the township for printing or mailing. The Supervisors had no objections, and he will sign the agreement to get process started (for the same number of copies.)

Major Expenditures since the April 11th meeting through May 9, 2022

Code.sys Code Consulting – building permit inspections March 2022	\$3,398.02
Nelson Reesman – <i>labor</i> for metal roof installation (over fuel tanks)	\$1,800.00
Teamsters #261 & Employer (Health Insurance) – June 2022	\$3,158.76
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal April 2022	\$1,187.50
Herbert, Rowland, and Grubic, Inc. – engineering services	\$6,528.96

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.), Martha Fleming (Secretary), Evelyn Gross, Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), 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 Chris Tully (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.

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

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

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

OR 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.

⇒ **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>

⇒ **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 leaving 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.

⇒ **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).

⇒ **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!*

⇒ **NOTICE:** First Energy will be trimming vegetation during May and June and then applying 'herbicide' on certain properties from June to Sept. 2022. The First Energy representative has indicated that affected property owners have received notice directly from First Energy.

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
114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001

724.287.6797/1.800.433.6327/TDD: 1.800.545.1833 x772



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