



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

**"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!**

## Road Report

John Cypher read the Road Report submitted. The 2019 Ford 550 truck was inspected. Front tires are still leaking on the payloader. Equipment maintenance will continue to be done as needed; misc. parts were picked up. Sweepster broom was reassembled (with new parts received) and tested.

The road crew installed inlet and additional storm pipe was modified at 331 Hannahstown Rd. to accommodate the SFTF per DEP requirement.

The pool chairs and pool cover were returned to the pool as requested. The new leaf blower is mounted and ready for use. Park maintenance is in progress.

The second area of Schnur's road edge (Bonniebrook Rd.) was filled and graded Oct. 7 and 8. Brush was trimmed at O'Hara Rd. and Dinnerbell Rd. A shed that was blown onto Great Belt Rd. roadway was removed 9/30/20. A hanging tree limb was removed over Patterson Rd. Township grounds were mowed and groomed. Roads will be reviewed prior to winter for ponding water and corrected if necessary. A written compliment was received about road crew for berm mowing and increasing site visibility. Patterson Rd. has been crack-sealed. Other roads (i.e. Rennick, Marwood, Neupert and West Jefferson Roads) cannot be done safely unless the road crew gets more help.

Snow fence to start after Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>. The foreman may pick and choose what to put up due to lack of help and possible mild winter (predicted by the Farmers' Almanac.) Trucks will be changed over for winter maintenance in early November, depending on the weather/forecasts.

Weeds and brush were mowed on Frazier at intersection with Saxonburg Rd., so the road crew could locate a pipe outlet that crosses Frazier Rd. The road crew would like to continue to mow that area. The Supervisors indicated that the manager should contact PennDOT about 'in kind services' (agility or shared services program) for this area and perhaps Rt. 356 at Great Belt Rd. The manager will also talk to PennDOT again about the vehicles parked on Saxonburg Rd. (state road) across from the vehicle repair shop.

## Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chairman, reported there was no meeting on Sept. 21, 2020 as there was no business scheduled. The Ferraro Plan Sewage Module was finally approved by DEP and since the 90-day recording window has expired (it was approved in March 2020 contingent upon DEP approval) and it must be reaffirmed as approved. The Supervisors voted to re-approve the T. Ferraro Plan with contingency met.

**REMINDER: Subdivision Plans, Land Development Plans, and Modification Requests are REQUIRED to be submitted 2 weeks prior to the Planning Commission meeting!**

## Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee Chairman reported on the Oct. 7, 2020 Recreation Committee. Action Items: 1. Road crew to winterize the water service at the baseball concession stand as time permits. 2. Dumpster removals should be scheduled per the 'revised' dates provided: pool 9/30; baseball and softball 11/2; and soccer 11/9. 3. Review/inspect the parking lot (between softball and baseball areas) in front of the Lions pavilion to determine if a remedy for the large aggregate is possible. 4. Road crew to lock park gates for the winter early in November. (Soccer's last game is Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and soccer's dumpster removal is Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>.) Mr.

Patten noted that the associations were reminded to 'lock up' after each time the gates are opened for misc. work.

It was noted that the Pool Association is in search of a new maintenance person for the upcoming year. Interested persons can contact Greg at [gregobau@aol.com](mailto:gregobau@aol.com) This IS a paid position; please contact Greg for details.

## October 12, 2020 Unfinished Business

The proposed, revised Burning Ordinance was reviewed by the attorney and the 'corrected' copy was received. Only a few changes were made to clarify wording and to re-number the ordinance in chapter form. After some consideration, the Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement of the Burning Ordinance #459 as revised for adoption at the Nov. 9, 2020 meeting. Supervisor Rankin stated that she is not happy with the DEP regulations regarding prohibiting commercial burning (or anything other than single family/duplex residential burning). The manager noted that it was DEP that strongly suggested that the burning ordinance be revised. The motion carried 2 to 1.

## October 12, 2020

There was a very lengthy discussion with Ms. Marie Grabe regarding the use of an existing septic system for a proposed modular home due to the system being placed within a utility right-of-way. The manager distributed a drawing and a copy of the letter sent to Ms. Grabe under the direction of Attorney Marshall to each Supervisor to review. Although there was some confusion, it was finally determined that Ms. Grabe must exhaust all efforts to find an alternate viable site for a septic system.

## Miscellaneous Business – October 12, 2020

Members of Cub Scout Pack #51 from Saxonburg with their leader Mr. Perry Dawson and several parents were present to observe. The Supervisors introduced themselves and explained how local government works, how the supervisor election process works and explained the difference between state and township governing. The Planning Commission Secretary, the Recreation Committee Chairman and the Road Foreman introduced themselves and explained their responsibilities. Mr. Dawson thanked the Board for talking to the scouts and noted the good job that the road crew does on the township roads.

Received notice from Endeavor Professional Services that PennEnergy, LLC is applying to DEP for Permit Applications to Drill and Operate Unconventional Gas Wells (W57 1H-5H) at 133 Darby Lane, Sarver (Winfield Twp.)

Received notice from Gannett Fleming that PA American Water is applying to DEP for a renewal of a surface water withdrawal from the Connoquenessing Creek & its Tributaries, the Allegheny River, Thorn Run, and the interconnect with PA American Waster Ellwood.

### Major Expenditures since the Sept. 14 meeting through Oct. 12, 2020

Teamsters #261 Health & Welfare – Nov. health ins.	\$ 4,387.17
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal fees Sept.	\$ 2,133.00
PA State Assn. of Boroughs – Municipal Retirement Trust – pension due	\$ 16,000.00
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – gas and diesel	\$ 1,021.90
Saxonburg Borough – fire + ambulance – share of workmen's comp.	\$ 11,551.06

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

#### **Board of Supervisors – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan.)**

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

#### **Planning Commission – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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: 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- 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

Sheryl Kelly, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator (PROP-Certified Recycling Professional)

124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208, Butler, PA 16003 Phone 724.284.5305

Email [skelly@co.butler.pa.us](mailto:skelly@co.butler.pa.us)

Web Site [www.recyclebutler.us](http://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](http://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](mailto:jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net) - 352-2324.

⇒ **During the upcoming winter months**, as per the Township Ordinances, NO ONE is to park on the cul-de-sacs or any public road so that the road can easily be cleaned of snow. Please **DO NOT PUSH SNOW ONTO THE ROADS** when plowing your driveway. Should this cause an accident, you could be named in a claim or lawsuit. In addition, this is a reminder that the Township is NOT responsible for replacing or repairing mailboxes damaged during the plowing/salting process. Mailbox installation guidelines are available at the USPS website - "Regulations for Installing a Mailbox."

Also, residents living along the Butler-Freeport Community Trail are asked to be considerate when plowing snow from their property. Some residents are plowing snow onto the trail and in front of the gates, which blocks emergency vehicle access. If there would be an emergency, Emergency Services / 1st Responders would have difficulty getting to the scene.

⇒ **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.

⇒ **TRICK OR TREAT is set for Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 PM to 8 PM**  
**at residents' own discretion; please follow CDC's Covid-19 guidelines.**

⇒ **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**



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