



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## MARCH 2025

## NEWSLETTER

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

### Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the report as follows:

- The road crew has used about 1,050 tons of salt to date. 812.57 tons of salt has been ordered and delivered on this season's contract which exceeds the minimum needed for the contract. It will take about 250 tons to top off the salt storage which should be done by July 2025.
- 2025-2026 Salt contract for Costars is completed and is set for 1,200 tons. We will not know the price until late August 2025.
- The 2017 Mack and the 2019 Mack truck both had emission problems and were taken to Tri County Mack for repairs.
- Less than ¼ ton of patch was used to repair a couple issues so far this year. It appears spring is around the corner and there are very few signs of potholes.
- The Road Crew has been cleaning and organizing the maintenance garage, started park cleanup, and have completed both dig sites for installation of the new restrooms.
- Snow fence removal will begin this week as well as winter maintenance sweeping and clean up as the weather improves.
- The manager reported that he contacted the Butler County Department of Corrections to see if they could provide community service to help clean up the park.

### Recreation Committee

The Recreation Board met on Wed., March 5, 2025. John Cypher gave the report due to the absence of Brian Patten.

BASEBALL ASSN.: [www.knochyouthbaseball.com](http://www.knochyouthbaseball.com) Josh Harbison will be SABA's co-representative to the Rec. Comm. this year. Josh was approved by the Twp Supervisors at their February meeting.

POOL ASSN.: [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com) The Pool has the following needs/openings for this year:

- o maintenance person for this year.
- o lifeguards and concession workers for this year.
- o Board of Directors volunteers.
- o Anyone who is interested can apply at the pool's website.
- Leaving the admission/pass prices the same for 2025.
- Opening Day is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- They are starting maintenance/preparations to open for the season.

SOFTBALL ASSN.: [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org) Registrations are now closed.

- Field cleanup day is scheduled for 3/22 with a rain date of 3/29.
- The first Knoch High School game is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.
- They have rented a porta-john until the new restroom installation is completed.
- Jim again asked if some lines could be added to the parking area to increase parking organization, capacity, and safety. Chairman Cypher stated again that painting lines on gravel parking lot would not stay permanently.
- Planned tournament dates (as of now): August 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> and 8U tournament June 21 & 22.

SOCCER ASSN.: [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org) In-house teams' registrations are still open until 3/16.

- Field cleanup day is scheduled for 3/22 with a rain date of 3/23.
- Opening day is scheduled for 3/29.
- They are searching for a Director of Fund Raising for the organization.
- They are still in need of a Concessions Manager for this upcoming season in order to have concessions open for the year. Interested people can contact them through their website.
- They have also rented a porta-john until the new restroom installation is complete.

PARK PROJECTS: The installation of 2 new bathroom units in the park was scheduled for mid-February.

The manager noted that he is waiting for a call from the crane company. One is to be installed between the softball and T-ball fields (5 & 6) and the other near the soccer concession stand. It was noted that this project will be of great benefit to the park and the recreation committee thanks the township for adding these restrooms to the park. The manager thanked Representative Mustello's office for their support.

## Planning Commission

The manager, Leo Rosenbauer, reported on the Feb 17, 2025 Planning Commission meeting. Election of officers: There were no new nominations for the positions of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or Secretary. The Planning Commission voted to retain the same slate of officers (Leo Rosenbauer, Chairman – Brian Noah, Vice-Chairman – Martha Fleming, Secretary) for 2025.

A Subdivision Plan was submitted for William and Karen Jones, William and Melissa Benzinger, and Ronald and Rebecca Shaw (Jones/Shaw/Benzinger Plan). The subdivision properties (numbered lots) are entirely within Winfield Township. Because the residual 81.43-acre Benzinger property is primarily within Jefferson Township and accessed from Keasey Road via only a 16-foot-wide right-of-way south of the proposed Subdivision through Winfield and Jefferson townships, the P.C. reviewed the proposed Subdivision Plan.

The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed Jones/Shaw/Benzinger Plan with contingencies. It was noted that all contingencies were met. After review, the Supervisors voted to approve the Jones/Shaw/Benzinger Plan.

The Township's Solicitor, Matthew Marshall, Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham L.L.P., recommended language to revise Township Code Chapter 22, Subdivision and Land Development, Part 18, Violation and Penalty. The P. C. voted to approve and adopt the language provided. The Township Supervisors had already voted at their Feb. 10, 2025 meeting to advertise the Revision of Chap. 22, Part 18, for adoption.

Based on previous discussions regarding the current definition of "buildings" and "structures" in the Township Code and as suggested by Evie Gross, Leo Rosenbauer compiled definitions for these terms from various sources which were provided to the P.C. members for general discussion and for further consideration at the March 2025 meeting. The clarification is to be completed to facilitate a clearer understanding of definitions and need of consistency throughout the Codified Ordinances.

The Township's Solicitor, Matthew Marshall, reviewed modifications with addition of part 8, Grass and Leaf debris to Chap. 15 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) proposed by the P.C. The P.C. reviewed the information. The P.C. voted to approve. The Supervisors voted to advertise the Chap. 15 revisions and the Chap. 22 revisions 'in tandem' for adoption as soon as possible (Apr. or May.)

A draft of information pertinent to the development of 'solar regulations' was compiled by Mike Gaston, and other P.C. members, to promote the ease of review and discussion of an ordinance regarding solar energy, wind energy, and natural gas compression stations. The document was provided to the P.C. and Matt Marshall, Solicitor, for preliminary review. The P.C. chose not to review and discuss the solar ordinance draft to due time restraints. They will continue to work on it.

## March 10, 2025 Unfinished Business

The Supervisors discussed the following matters from last month.

Revised resolutions/agreements on 'sharing the maintenance of Constitution Ave. following Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> meetings with Steve May, Borough Manager. A Draft was prepared by Steve May, Saxonburg Borough, Manager and sent to the township manager for review. The Township Manager contacted Mr. May for an update and was notified that it is still under review by their committee.

After some discussion the Supervisors agreed to Option B (Resolution #544) Procedures for Public Business or Comment with revised sign-in sheets. Option B gives the Board discretion to hear concerns, or not hear concerns, from non -residents relative to how it affects the Township.

### **March 10, 2025 New Business**

The Supervisors voted to adopt Annual Disposition of Records Resolution #543.

The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement for bids for the pool renovation project upon completion of the design set from the Township's Engineer. The pool may close a week or two earlier than usual this summer due to future construction.

The Supervisors voted to join the Butler County COG (Counsel of Government) for membership fee \$100 for 2025.

The Supervisors voted to approve the vacation time as requested by the road department as required under the Union Contract and reviewed in Executive Session just prior to this meeting.

### **Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – March 10, 2025**

No forms were submitted this evening, however Bob Veselich commented that he was pleased that revision to Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances is almost ready for advertisement and adoption.

Representative Marci Mustello was present to remind the board about the DCED grant seminar at the Penn Theater on Friday March 14. Mark Burd was to attend with the annual report from Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Department, but he did not arrive.

The first public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) advertised by Butler County was held prior to this meeting (at 6:45 PM). CDBG Coordinator, Wendy Leslie, noted that the purpose of the hearing is to give the public an opportunity to comment on the 2025 CDBG uses. It was confirmed by the Manager, Sec/Treas., and the Board of Supervisors that no public (written or verbal) was received prior to the hearing. The 2025 Allocation has not been announced yet but is expected to be close to the 2024 Allocation of \$106,485 (\$87,382 for projects and \$19,301 for administration.) Housing rehab. applications for 2022 are under contract as well as the 2023 CDBG. There is no signed agreement with the housing authority yet for the 2024 CDBG funds. The board is to think about possible projects for use of the 2025 funds.

### **Major Expenditures between the Feb 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and March 10, 2025**

Compass Mineral – salt	\$50,598.01
Dearborn Life – quarterly life and disability	\$1,008.88
Glassmere Fuel – gasoline and diesel	\$1,716.82
Herbert Rowlands & Grubic – engineer	\$6,010.86
Teamster's 261 Employers – health insurance	\$7,575.20
Stephenson's Tree & Landscaping – tree trimming balance	\$15,000.00
Bruce Thoma – fire escrow refund	\$2,100.00
Selective Insurance – ins package renewal	\$31,710.00
Tri County Mack – repairs to 2017 and 2019 Mack	\$2,395.13
Dillion, McCandless, King, Coulter, and Graham – February legal	\$3,884.75

### **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 6:00 P.M.**

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

#### **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, Greg Bauer (Pool), Justin Thompson and Josh Hsrbison  
(Baseball- Co reps), James C. Jones (Softball), and Kody Durrett (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    Sec/Treas. Trainee Angel File

Holidays, Vacation, & other days off/office closures are posted on the door.

ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: [jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net](mailto:jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net) – 724-352-2324

## REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

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

By mail anytime. All other times by appointment only. Never leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's personal mailbox. Secure Drop Box located on the porch at 245 Heller Rd.

**March 4th, April 22, 23, 24, 28, 29 and 30th during the hours of 4:30pm - 7:30pm.**

**By Mail Anytime or call for an appointment. Secure Drop box on the porch.**

**The Tax Office will be closed May 24th through June 9th.**

## 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.

## ⇒ PA AMERICAN WATER – 'WaterSource'

LIHWAP – Low Income Household Water Assistance Program – contact [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://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).

## ⇒ 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 it 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: 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.butlerrunitedway.org/butler-county-emergency-relief-initiative-beri>

## 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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