



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 2018 Newsletter

NOTICE

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Re-Organization Jan. 2, 2018

As required by state law, all municipalities must hold their organization meeting on the first Monday of the year unless it is a holiday (Monday was the observed holiday.) The Jefferson Township Organization meeting was held on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018 followed immediately by the regular meeting *as advertised* (no meeting on Jan. 8th.)

The Supervisors voted to appoint L. John Cypher as Chairperson and to appoint Lois J. Rankin as Vice-Chairman. Other Township officials were appointed or re-appointed *as follows*: Lois J. Fennell, Township Secretary/Treasurer and Planning Commission Clerk; Code.sys™ Code Consulting, Inc. as the building inspectors (except electric) for all permits under the PAUCC (residential, commercial & industrial) and BCO for all permits under the PAUCC with Dave McGuigan as our primary contact and BCO (building code officer); Allegheny Inspection Service, Inc. as the electrical inspectors for all permits under the PAUCC with Max Summerville as our primary contact; Danielle Sedlak as the Code enforcement Officer, Building Permit/Site Inspector, Flood Plain Administrator, & Special Projects Coordinator; D. Ben Cypher as fire marshal; Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham as solicitors with Matt Marshall as our primary contact; Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc. as the Township Engineers with Rob Arnold as our primary contact; Dennis Sybert as the dog control officer; Adam Hartwig as the emergency management coordinator; Eric Butler as the assistant emergency management coordinator; Keith Bachman and Kevin Miller as the members to the Appeals Board for 2018, but appointment of a third member and an 'alternate' were tabled. Larry Plowman was re-appointed as our 'webmaster' for 2018. Viki Nulph was re-appointed to the Recreation Committee for another 3-yr. term 2018, 19, 20. Lois J. Fennell was re-appointed as primary delegate and Erma Mowry as alternate delegate to the Butler Co. Tax Collection Committee; and Lois Fennell and Lois Rankin were re-appointed as representatives to the Butler Co. Association of Township Officials. Doug Duncan was re-appointed as primary sewage enforcement officer (with a new 2018 fee schedule) with David Ice re-appointed as alternate. Bob Wetzel and Leo Rosenbauer were re-appointed to the Planning Commission for 4-yr. terms and Dan Driscoll was appointed to a 4-yr. term (vacancy) on the Planning Commission. The Supervisors appointed Merge & Hill, P.C. (certified public accountants) to examine and audit the 2017 accounts of the Township (for the DCED report due April 1, 2018.) The 'elected' auditors will meet only to set the 'working supervisors' pay'. The Supervisors tabled appointment of a vacancy board member.

Other decisions at the re-organization meeting included: re-appointment of the cleaning person (Lois Rankin - working-supervisor); keeping First Commonwealth Bank as our primary depository plus a CD at Nextier and savings accounts at PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT); authorizing supervisors and secretary/treasurer to attend the annual state convention in Hershey (if they so desire) and pay the usual expenses, but tabled naming a voting delegate; setting the mileage reimbursement at going IRS rate; setting the treasurer's bond at \$800,000.00; and setting the monthly meetings on the second Monday monthly at 7:00 P.M. except Jan. 2, 2018. The Planning Commission has changed their meetings to 7:00 P.M. on the 3rd MONDAY of each month. The Recreation Committee meets the 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. (except Nov., Dec. and Jan.)

The regular business portion of the meeting began at 7:23 P.M.

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the report submitted by the road foreman, Bill Foertsch. They have used about 300 ton of salt and 100 ton of anti-skid so far (as of this meeting) for winter maintenance. The road crew has been servicing some of the small equipment between snow events. The 2019 Mack truck and equipment accessories have been ordered and delivery should be in July or August 2018. The Supervisors authorized signing of the agreement with Insight Pipe for the Great Belt Rd. slip-liner project. John Cypher reported that Wayne Township Supervisors came to look at the Ford bucket truck and may submit an offer; they may also offer on the 96 International. Otherwise the bucket truck has been authorized to sell on Municibid and the International will be traded on the new Mack truck.

Recreation Committee

There are no meetings in November, December and January; therefore no report on Jan. 2, 2018.

Planning Commission

P.C. Secretary, Evelyn Gross, reported on the Dec. 14, 2017 Planning Commission (P.C.) meeting. The P.C. had preliminary discussion with Sister Christina regarding their proposed land development (new monastery building: church, living/working quarters, art studio (parcel 190-2F10-30A). First, they asked about dividing off approximately 2.25 acres for the lot out front (on which they just built a modular home with septic system). They were told that Stan Graff will be able to complete the paperwork & survey and will indicate the septic test sites; then it can be brought before the P.C. and Board of Supervisors for review and approval. In regards to the new development, they asked how far from the property lines can the proposed 'construction road' be built. They were told there is no 'set-back' for a driveway, but they need to check with Stan Graff for the best placement (site distance, etc.) and they need a driveway permit. They would like to use the 'construction road' for a permanent access to the new building instead of using St. Elias Lane. There was discussion on their interviews with architects; the NPDES application; the land development application process; the building permit application; their intention to get RFPs for a geotech firm; septic tests/permitting the easement needed for the septic location on the adjacent property; and storm water management.

The P.C. reviewed and discussed very briefly the letter of interest received from Dan Driscoll for the vacant position on the P.C. beginning Jan. 1, 2017 and voted to recommend that the Supervisors appoint Dan Driscoll at their reorganization meeting. The Supervisors voted during 'organization' to appoint Mr. Driscoll.

The P.C. voted to authorize a letter of support for the joint application for the PennDOT Multimodal Grant (2018-2019 round). There is no conflict with our Subdivision and Land Development or other ordinances of the Township.

Changing of the meeting 'day' was proposed at the November meeting. The Supervisors said they had no objection to the proposed change. The P.C. voted on Dec. 14th to change the P.C. meetings to the 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM.

Jan. 2, 2018 Unfinished Business

There was no 'unfinished business' discussed at the Jan. 2, 2018 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Jan. 2, 2018 New Business

The Supervisors adopted a revised Sewage Fee Resolution #408 (reflecting the 2018 SEO rates); the revised Professional Services Fee Resolution #409 (reflecting the 2018 legal and engineering rates) and the general Fee Resolution #410 to update 2018 fee schedule.

The Supervisors discussed briefly a 'request' from the state association to adopt a resolution to oppose HB 1620, which pre-empts local zoning for wireless facilities. The Supervisors said no, especially since we do not have zoning.

Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - Jan. 2, 2018

- Notice received from Moody & Associates, Inc. - PennEnergy Resources, LLC intends to withdraw 0.576 million gallons of water per day from the PA American Water - Butler water system - *source on private property, no street address or owner name provided.*

John Cypher noted receipt of a letter from Buffalo Township requesting a 'notice be placed in our newsletter' that residents living along the Butler-Freeport Community Trail be considerate when plowing snow from their property. It is being plowed onto the trail and in front of the gates which blocks emergency vehicle access. If there would be an emergency, EMS/First Responders would have difficulty getting to the scene. The Supervisors agreed to place this notice in our newsletter.

Major Expenditures since the Dec. 11, 2017 through Jan. 2, 2018:

Highmark Blue Shield - health ins. premium - Jan.	\$3,297.71
PSATS - 2018 dues, magazine, etc.	\$1,577.00
Traffic Control Equipment - maint. on light (Marwood/Rt.356)	\$1,011.10

The Newsletter

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 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 - 352-2324.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM & Friday mornings - 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Office phone #724-352-2324 Fax #724-352-8850

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

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.), Danielle Sedlak, (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Gary Stone, Robert Wetzel, Robert Williams and Dan Driscoll.

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (no meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: Brian Patter (Chair.), -vacant- (Secretary), Viki Nulph, Greg Bauer (Pool), Mike Comely (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.

The Tax Collector is Nadine Grabe – 724-352-3288

245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288

⇒ During the winter months, as per the Township Ordinances, NO ONE is to park on the cul-de-sacs 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.

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Redevelopment Authority County of Butler

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