



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

MARCH 2018 Newsletter

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the report submitted by the road foreman, Bill Foertsch. The 1984 Ford Bucket truck has been sold and delivered to Wayne Township for \$4500 and a \$500 deposit was received on the 96 International; Wayne Township understands that the 96 IH cannot be released until July or August.

The Supervisors voted to hire a vacuum truck and operator to sweep all of the housing plans, as we did last year. Estimated cost is \$3000. This will get them cleaner for the 2018 fog seal and chip seal (and helps to eliminate dust caused by dry sweeping). After the winter weather breaks, the road crew will sweep all other roads with the township brooms.

The Supervisors voted to advertise for 'double seal coat' of selected roads for 2018. Bids to be due by and opened at 2:00 PM on Monday, April 9th. Award will take place at the regular Supervisors' meeting at 7 P.M. that evening.

The Supervisors voted to purchase road salt for the 2018-2019 season through CoStars contract. The amount filed for is 1500 tons. The new contract will be out around July.

Snow fence tear-down and storage is to start after March 12th. Tree trimming has been started. John Cypher reported talking to the property owner across the creek from Creek Rd. The property owner did not submit a 'list of concerns' that John was expecting, but submitted a legal document requiring the Township and the Watershed Alliance to sign and 'guarantee' the work 'forever'. The Township will not be executing that document and will do the necessary repairs to the opposite side (creek bank next to Creek Rd.) under the emergency permit issued by DEP.

Bill Foertsch asked the Board to consider whether to repair or replace the 2004 F550 4-door dump truck. The estimated repairs including all 8 injectors is approx. \$3,500. Bill provided two quotes for a replacement truck: 1) 2019 Ford F550 4x4 V10 gas w/aluminum dump + central hydraulics for \$73,022 less \$4500 trade - finish build date Nov. 2018. Diesel version add \$9,200 and 2) comparable Dodge Ram for \$71,592 less \$4,500 trade - finish build date Dec. 2018. Diesel version add \$9,200. Chevy is coming out with a 5500HD, but will not start building them until fall of 2018, finish date would be 1st quarter of 2019. The Supervisors voted to table any decision on the proposed new truck so it can be looked into further. The Supervisors voted to replace the radiator on the 04 Ford truck until further decisions can be made.

The Supervisors voted to approve purchase of PennDOT approved catch basins and grates for 2018 box and pipe projects from Wine Concrete Products, Inc. Total including delivery is \$9,920.

The Supervisors voted to approve purchase of ADS plastic pipe for the 2018 projects, estimated cost of \$7,000 delivered.

The Supervisors voted to rent an excavator from Groff Equipment for two weeks (May 29 through June 11 for \$4500 for work on Great Belt and West Jefferson before chip sealing) and then again for two weeks (July 30 through Aug 10 for \$5000 for work on Alwine before school starts).

"Roads To Be Oiled" signs will be placed in housing plan (that are to be fog sealed) by the end of April to help notify residents of the upcoming work expected in late May or June 2018. Then the signs will be moved to all housing plans on the 'double seal' list (work expected in August 2018.) The only housing plan NOT scheduled for any sealing work is Stoneybrook.

John Cypher noted that Peoples Natural Gas Co. asked for our list of scheduled road work. They will be given a list of the roads to be fog sealed and chip sealed this summer.

Recreation Committee

Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten, reported on the March 7, 2018 meeting. A Park-Wide Clean Up is set for Saturday, March 24 at 10 A.M. The Township is planning to rent the Ladies' Pavilion this year; the park associations will contact Danielle Sedlak with their tournaments or events so as not to have a conflict with pavilion rental. The park will need to be opened starting March 15th due to port-o-johns being delivered that day; the first games are March 19th (BC3 on softball field). Softball, Baseball, and Soccer trash dumpsters are to be delivered before March 24th. The Pool's dumpster to be delivered by April 22nd.

Baseball: They asked if the township will be doing something with the water/erosion at fields 6 and 7. John Cypher said it depends on the weather and other road crew scheduling, but they will try to get to it this year. The water is to be turned on at the upper concession stand on April 15th. They ask if anything needs done before hand; John Cypher said he would check on the matter. Opening day is May 5th. Colt & Legion registrations remain open: www.saxonburgbaseball.com

Pool: Applications for life guards are being accepted. Deadline for discounted 2018 pool season passes is April 30, 2018. See website: www.sebcopool.com They hope to remove pool cover by mid-April.

Softball: Registration is now open - see Website: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: Practices for 'in-house' teams begins March 26th. Website: www.knochsoccer.org

Danielle Sedlak asked that the Board discuss after hours use of the parking lot at the park, as she received a call for use of the pavilion for a picnic, then a bus would be taking them to the Pirate Game. The cars would need to remain there until after 10 or 11 P.M. The Supervisors agreed that they must be out at dusk. Lois Rankin said they could contact St. Lukes' about using their lot.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the February 19, 2018 Planning Commission (PC) meeting. The P.C. reviewed the Subdivision Plan #1 for the Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery. They are dividing off Lot 1 of 2.675 acres with existing modular home and septic system. Parcel A, a flag lot with 120 ft. frontage on Golden City Rd. is the 'residual' of 21.453 acres with a 10 ft. easement for the septic location on the adjacent lot (also owned by the Monastery). The P.C. approved the Sewage Facilities Planning Module and Subdivision contingent upon the signed dedication being provided and the site distance being written on the plan for the proposed driveway for Parcel A. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted approve the Component 2 Sewage Facilities Planning Module and Resolution #412 (Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development); and then voted to approve Subdivision Plan #1 for the Nativity of the Theotokos Greek Orthodox Monastery as revised (contingencies addressed).

The P.C. reviewed the Calvary Baptist Church Lot-Line Consolidation Plan, which was approved by the P.C. contingent upon satisfying all (9) of the township engineers comments (HRG, Inc. letter dated 2/16/18.) Leo Rosenbauer stated that those contingencies appear to have been satisfied and HRG, Inc. has found the plan in overall conformance with Township regulations. The Supervisors voted to approve the Calvary Baptist Church Lot-Line Consolidation as revised. The Church's engineer is still working on the land development for paving of the parking lot, etc.

Rich Craft submitted the Stoneybrook Phase II Plan prior to the P.C. meeting on Feb. 19th, at which he gave a brief overview. The plan was tabled until technical questions can be answered by the Township engineer, etc. A meeting with all stakeholders (both engineers, the township attorney, the codes enforcement officer, the road foreman, and at least one Supervisor) to discuss bonding, how to address road spec. changes since Phase 1 and other questions was discussed. The Supervisors took no action on the plan, but agreed to setting up an 'information gathering' meeting.

The P.C. discussed the change to Monday meetings which now affects the 15 day deadline to submit subdivisions and land developments (now falls on a Sunday). They agreed that submissions will be accepted the next day, Monday, by noon. Other matters discussed: Post-Letter of Final Determination meeting at County Government Center to be attended by Evie Gross, Leo Rosenbauer, and Danielle Sedlak. Danielle will be looking at revisions to the burning ordinance; it will be discussed further by the P.C. in the future. Danielle is working on 'tracking' storm water impervious areas; applicants will be asked to provide information on the building permit application.

Lois Rankin noted that Gary Stone resigned from the Planning Commission and said she mentioned the vacant position to Herb Maurhoff in case he calls to inquire. Evie Gross suggested that Lois Rankin ask him to submit a 'letter of interest.'

March 12, 2018 Unfinished Business

Some 'good news' is that the Township is in receipt of the MS4 Waiver Approval letter from DEP dated 3/8/18. It will expire in 5 years; in 4 ½ years another application will have to be submitted to try for a 'waiver' extension.)

The Supervisors voted to approve the estimate from General Code for a codification update to our Code of Ordinances (one ordinance and several resolutions.)

The Township was NOT awarded the 2017-18 MultiModal Grant, but the joint application with Summit Township (approved by the Supervisors last fall) for the 2018-19 funding has been submitted.

The township attorney reviewed the draft Armstrong Cable renewal agreement. The Supervisors voted to authorize the township attorney to send his revisions to the Armstrong 'proposed' agreement to negotiate better terms.

The Supervisors voted to authorize the township attorney to communicate directly with Leslie Rhodes (who is preparing revised floodplain ordinances for municipalities across the state). The version she is working on will not be in 'code' form; it should save the township money to use a form 'already approved by FEMA' for other municipalities they represent.

The Butler County Parks Renovation Grant application was prepared and submitted to Butler County on Feb. 22nd. It was for 'fall safe' surface for the playground next to the Ladies' Pavilion. Chairman Cypher reported that they are looking at paving the trail, but need specific approval from DCNR. He noted that DCNR will not fund this project...he was told the trail as constructed should last 10 years. The Supervisors voted to authorize the chairman to prepare a letter to Kathy Frankel at DCNR to request permission to pave the trail (discussed under Unfinished Business earlier in the evening.)

March 12, 2018 New Business

The Township received an updated quote for a server (a 1-time expense to hopefully protect the computer information if there is a 'crash'.) The Supervisors tabled a decision to get more information.

The Supervisors voted to proceed with the purchase of a lap-top computer for the new Codes Enforcement Officer/Flood Plan Administrator/Stormwater Coordinator...as soon as she determines what is needed for the various software programs. The Supervisors have no problem with switching the fax machine to the copier.

The Supervisors voted to authorize Danielle Sedlak to attend the March 27th Storm Water Class in Monroeville, and the May 2nd Flood Plan class in Pittsburgh.

The Supervisors voted to approve a 'temporary' increase in hours for Danielle Sedlak - to be used expressly for the special projects she is working on (i.e. grants; burning ordinance research/review; flood plain and storm water ordinance reviews in order to better enforce and track, etc.)

The Supervisors voted to approve registration and mileage for township officials (supervisors, sec/treas., tax collector, auditors, codes officer, and P.C. members) to attend the Spring Convention on May 17, 2018 at the Country Club.

Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - March 12, 2018

The Township appointed CPA, Rich Hill, attend the March 12th meeting to report on the completed audit for the 2017 Financial Records. He found the books to be in good order and will prepare a report to be placed in the Butler Eagle.

- Received NOTICE from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy, LLC is applying to DEP for Permit Applications to Drill & Operate Unconventional Gas Wells on Bauer Rd., Cabot, PA - Winfield Twp. PER W60 1H -7H wells.

- Received NOTICE from ESI (Environmental Solutions & Innovations, Inc.) that Pine Run Midstream, LLC is applying for coverage under the Erosion & Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGP-2) for Earth Disturbance Associated with Oil & Gas Exploration. This pipeline runs adjacent to Golden City Rd.

from the Stasiak property (Victory Rd.) to the existing well pad well on Golden City Rd.

- Received NOTICE from PennDOT (an Act 14 Notification Letter re: minor road crossing/cross-pipe slip-line) on Rt. 356. They wanted a municipal land use letter, which has been sent to PennDOT District 10-0.

- Received NOTICE from Environmental Solutions & Innovations that Pine Run Midstream, LLC is applying to DEP for coverage under the Erosion & Sediment Control General Permit (ESCGF-2) for Earth Disturbance with Oil & Gas Exploration, Processing or Treatment Operations or Transmission Facilities - W-70 to NIBA S008 Tap (proposes the construction of 2,575 linear feet of 12" diameter pipe south of Golden City Rd.

- Received NOTICE from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for Permit to Drill & Operation Unconventional Gas Wells- at 220 Neupert Rd., Cabot, PA West Pad 55, 4H Well.

A price list was received from Phil Hay & Sons for various equipment available for rental. Also received a price list from Wain Landscaping & Lawn Care. An invitation from the CDC (Community Development Corporation) for the Township Officials to attend the Annual Meeting on April 6, 2018.

Major Expenditures since the Feb. 12, 2018 through March 12, 2018:

County of Butler - Hannahstown Road bridge work	\$91,559.75
<i>(off set by insurance claim received for vehicle accident at bridge \$15,184).</i>	
American Rock Salt - road salt	\$ 8,585.11
County of Butler General Fund - tax processing costs	\$ 1,296.74
Highmark Blue Shield - health ins. premium April	\$ 3,297.71
Insight Pipe Contracting - final on Great Belt Rd.	\$21,728.25
Purvis Brothers, Inc. - diesel fuel	\$ 1,049.99
Selective Insurance - renewal of ins. liab/auto. package	\$17,292.00

The Newsletter

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM (CLOSED on Fridays.)

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 Wetzell, 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), 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.

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

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

Tax Collection hours at 245 Heller Rd. - for the Discount period for the Spring taxes:

March 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 Hours are 4:30- 7:30 PM

April 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 & 30th Hours are 4:30-7:30 PM

By mail anytime, other times by appointment only, please call for an appointment!

NOTICES

Residents living along the Butler-Freeport Community Trail are being 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 / First Responders would have difficulty getting to the scene.

During the winter months, as per the Township Ordinances: NO ONE IS TO PARK ON THE TOWNSHIP ROADS OR CUL-DE-SACS so that the road can easily be cleaned of snow. 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 or posts damaged during the plowing/salting process.

FYI: Article in Butler Eagle 2/28/18: Announcement from "Disability Options Network" (DON) Grants offered to rural homeowners. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture through its Housing Preservation Grant program, which provides up to \$3,000 matching funds to help cover repair and renovation work at 'rural owner-occupied' very low and low-income households. Grant recipients will be required to provide either 25 hours of 'sweat equity' toward the project or volunteer 25 hours with an agency or organization that benefits their community. For more information contact 'DON' at 724-652-5144 or visit their website at www.doninc.org/HPP. Their office is located at 831 Harrison St., New Castle, PA.

VACANCY ON PLANNING COMMISSION: Persons interested in 'volunteering' for an open position on the Jefferson Township Planning Commission should submit letters of interest before the April 16, 2018 meeting for consideration and recommendation to the Supervisors. The appointee must reside in the Township and be willing to attend monthly meetings (3rd Monday at 7 PM) at the Municipal Building, 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002



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