



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

AUGUST 2018 Newsletter

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. The Creek Road stabilization project is complete and the paperwork has been submitted for final approval to the Conservation District. John commented 'kudos' to Bill Foertsch, Braden Beblo, the road crew and all others involved in getting this project done. Thanks to Bill Foertsch for securing the grant from the "Dirt & Gravel Roads Program" administered by the Conservation District.

The pipe project (cross pipe replaced and catch basin installed) at 148 and 149 Hannahstown Rd. area has been completed. Thanks again to the road crew and to Supervisor Beblo for his assistance.

After some discussion on the request last month for Board to consider bidding out tree cutting along Alwine, Rennick and Smith Roads, the Supervisors voted to authorize bidding out the tree trimming/cutting as discussed (straight up 20 to 25 ft. to right-of-way width).

There has been no word on the GP11 application (Alwine Rd.) sent to DEP by HRG, Inc. in early July.

The Supervisors voted to authorize contracting for line & legend painting the same roads as last year. Quote from Williams and Willman is \$8,985.00.

The 2019 Mack Truck is at Super City and should be ready to go to Walsh Equipment by Labor Day. We hope to receive the completed truck by Nov. 1st. Wayne Township would like Jefferson Township to release the 96 International (they paid deposit on it and are in need of it). The Supervisors voted to give the foreman authorization to proceed when he is ready to release it and sign the transfer papers.

The road crew will start the 3rd and final berm mowing soon; hoping to complete it by Sept. 10th. "Dry salt" was ordered under the 2017/2018 contract (400 ton at \$55.94 ton) for stockpile. John commented "kudos" to the road foreman, since the new contract price went up to \$62.93 per ton. 600 ton of anti-skid has been ordered for stockpile as well. The road crew is working on seeding down the area behind ball field #4.

The Supervisors voted to contract with Glen Heilman as an independent contractor for quality control consultant to oversee the Russell Standard chip seal project this year.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee moved their July meeting to Wed., July 11th at 8 PM due to 4th of July Holiday. Therefore there was no report to the Supervisors at their 7/9/18 meeting. Brian Patton, Committee Chair, reported that all of July 11th's information is included in their August minutes. He reported:

Pool: www.sebcopool.com The Pool Association will hold a Community Day, similar to last year's, on August 18th from 12 to 4 PM. They are hoping to do it again in 2019, perhaps the first weekend in August. John Cypher reported that the State Police investigated a 'possible' break-in at the pool. He also reported that one of the security cameras was repaired.

Softball: www.sagsa.org The Softball Association is planning a tournament for Sept. 7th to 9th this year. Fall Ball season begins Sept. 8th, see website for details. They have a new president, Corey Purcell; however, Jim Jones will continue to be the Recreation Board representative for now.

Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org Fall Registration is now open - see website for details.

Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com They requested that the upper dumpster be removed by the end of July.

Park Projects: The resurfacing of the playground is now complete and ready for use. The Recreation Board expressed 'thanks' to the Township for arranging for this work.

Action Items: 1. Check on power supply to the Hannahstown Road entrance camera (done/there is power.) 2. Discuss new contact for Thrower Communications replacement for servicing the security cameras (done/John Cypher will get contact information to Brian.) 3. Check with Butler Co. Parks and Recreation about purchasing help with a bleacher for

the baseball Pony Field to match existing bleachers. (done/Brian Patten has e-mailed Mr. Welliver.) John Cypher suggested contacting Snider Recreation (Steve Baker) about a possible quote for bleachers.

Lois Rankin suggested that the pool association install their own camera to obtain footage as well...in regards to alleged break-ins, etc. John Cypher suggested that the Township mount another camera to better capture the park entrance at the road (gate).

John Cypher reported that he has received letters from Senator Don White and Representative Brian Ellis in support of our DCED application for "PA Greenways" funding for proposed paving of the walking trail. He was able to meet with Senator White's representatives Joe Pittman and Jeremy Diaz, but was unable to secure a personal meeting with the Senator to promote our interests. It will be a few months before the award decision is made.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported on the July 16, 2018 Planning Commission (P.C.) meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved a request for a second driveway (a modification to Chap. 21.C) at 175 O'Hara Rd. after the owner explained that the well is in the front; the remainder of the lot in the back is wooded and steep; and that there is a ditch at the road with a 19" drop. The Supervisors approved the request contingent upon adequate site distance and compliance with all other township regulations.

The P.C. reviewed and approved a side set-back modification for a proposed garage at 160 Dreher Rd. to be only 10 ft. from the property line. A notarized letter of permission from the neighbor was submitted. It cannot be build any further back due to the lot narrowing in the back, which would require a greater modification. The Supervisors approved the 10 ft. side set-back as requested.

The P.C. discussed 7 responses from the Olsen-Craft letter dated 7/12/18) to the township engineer's comment letter (HRG, Inc.) letter dated 7/11/18), which include, but are not limited to: discussion on building 9B which will need a DEP (floodplain) permit; the need for a letter from PA American Water regarding water supply to the development; possible change of position to Bldg. #24 and therefore a requirement for access onto Audrey Lane (extension); updated stormwater (DEP) worksheets; and four modifications that the P.C. voted on in order to give the developer and Olsen-Craft some direction in planning. The P.C. Chair. reported that since the last P.C. meeting, Mr. Miller has considered the cost associated with repositioning Bldg. #24 and will go back to planning for Bldg. #24 to access Stoneybrook Dr. with no re-positioning. The four modifications recommended by the P.C. are: 1) Ordinance states minimum slope of street center line grades shall not be less than 2%. The P.C. indicated that a minimum slope of 1% is acceptable. 2) Ordinance states street right-of-way shall be 50 ft. and the cartway width shall be 24 ft. The P. C. indicated that a street r/w width of 40 ft. and a cartway width of 20 ft. is acceptable to 'match' Phase I on Stoneybrook Dr. only. 3) Ordinance states that all inlets must be set back (or 'eared') as shown on the standard details. The P. C. indicated that the Road Master has been consulted and has no objection to the inlets being the same as in Phase I. 4) Ordinance states that sidewalks *may* be required on both sides of the street in subdivisions where multifamily structures are planned. The P.C. indicated that a sidewalk only along east side is acceptable. There was no action for the Supervisors to take at their Aug. 13, 2018 meeting.

The P.C. discussed with our engineer from HRG, Inc. the 'set-backs from stormwater collection controls' and discussed a inquiry from a property owner on Leggens Lane in regards to the plan being approved in 1996 based on the developers bringing public sewer in and failing to do so or provide for it.

August 13, 2018 Unfinished Business

The workmen's compensation insurance policy was renewed with Selective Insurance Co. for one year (8/1/18 to 8/1/19) at a cost of \$14,151.00. The invoice was paid with the other bills at the 8/13/18 meeting.

August 13, 2018 New Business

The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement to bid for fuel this year: up to 8,000 gal. On-Road Diesel; up to 1,000 No-Ethanol gasoline; and up to 2,500 gal. Regular 87-octane Gasoline for opening on Sept. 10, 2018. All bidders MUST supply prices for all three items.

The Supervisors voted to designate the 2018 CDBG funds to 'low income housing rehabilitation'. If a project is introduced, the funds can be redirected by change order through the County's CDBG office. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #418 designating the County of Butler to administer the CDBG and authorize entering into contract with the County. They voted to adopt Resolution #419, which is the three year plan designating the use of the funds; and they voted to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution (#420). Since the

July meeting, the Butler Co. CDBG Coordinator, Wendy Leslie, reported that the 2018 CDBG Allocation will be \$102,944 (an approx. 9% increase from 2017.)

The Supervisors voted to accept the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) at \$17,262.00 and authorized the amount to be included in the 2019 pension budget.

The Supervisors voted to authorize the Road Foreman to attend 'CDL Probable Cause Training' on Aug. 21st in Butler County. The Supervisors voted to authorize Planning Commission members to attend an "Essentials in Planning" seminar in Mars on Oct. 12, 2018 and the township will pay registration, mileage and lunch if not included in the fee. The Supervisors voted to authorize the Secretary/Treasurer, the Codes Officer, and Supervisor Rankin to attend the "Grant Writing & Funding" seminar on Aug. 23 at BC3. It is sponsored by Butler County Tourism. Several other seminars were considered, but the Supervisors had no interest in attending or sending a township official to them.

Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - August 13, 2018

A letter signed by residents from Rancindin Dr. was received. It expresses their concern about exiting onto Caldwell Dr. John Cypher said the tree 'greenery' appears to be encroaching (hanging) into the Township right of way. The Supervisors agreed that Mr. Cypher would inspect the site with the road foreman and begin talking to the neighbors.

A resident from Aderhold Dr. in Saxonburg Borough was present on 8/13/18, stating that she and her neighbors have considered asking for a 'boundary change' to move the plan from Saxonburg Borough into Jefferson Township. After some discussion, it was communicated (agreed by all three Supervisors) that the Jefferson Township is NOT interested in any such proposed boundary change or annexation.

Notice was received from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for a permit to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well on Cornetti Rd. in Winfield Twp. PER W22 Well Pad.

Notice was received from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for a permit to Drill and Operation Unconventional Gas Wells in Winfield Twp. - on Bicker Rd. - PER W45 3H+4H.

Lois Rankin announced that the Butler County Safety Conference is scheduled for Oct. 10, 2018 at Coleman Hall (Tanglewood). Registration is \$10 person. The Supervisors voted to authorize paying registration for road crew, secretary/treasurer, codes officer, and Supervisors to attend.

Lois Rankin asked for approval to prepare and donate a basket for the So. Butler Community Library for their 'Booktoberfest' on September 28 at Cooper Hall. They are having a silent auction, basket raffles, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and entertainment. The Supervisors voted to approve approx. \$35 for the basket.

Lois Rankin invited Evie Gross, John Cypher and Leo Rosenbauer to attend the 10th Anniversary Thorn Creek Restoration to be held by XTO Energy on Thurs., Aug. 23rd. They are to let her know.

Major Expenditures since the July 9th meeting through Aug. 13, 2018:

American Rock Salt - paid from State Fund	\$ 19,802.74
" and paid from General Fund	\$ 2,407.66
Code.sys Code Consulting - bldg. permit inspections	\$ 1,866.16
HEI-WAY - coldpatch	\$ 7,370.24
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic - engineering/land dev. review	\$ 12,614.51
Highmark Blue Shield - health ins. premium Sept.	\$ 3,297.71
Selective Insurance - W/C premium (renewal 8/2018-8/2019)	\$ 14,151.00
Beblo Excavating - bal. on Creek Rd. project (place stone, etc.)	\$ 3,300.00

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, Brian Noah, Robert Wetzal, Robert Williams and Dan Driscoll.

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (rescheduled July's to 7/11/18) (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.

TAX COLLECTOR

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

COLLECTION HOURS FOR THE 2018 SCHOOL TAX BILLING:

August 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 -- **September** 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

Hours are **4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** - @ **245 Heller Rd.**, Butler, PA 16002

Anytime by mail. Other times by appointment only; please call for an Appointment



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.



Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections:

2018: Saturdays: Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, 2018

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

124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208

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Butler, PA 16003

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