

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP OCTOBER 2018 Newsletter

## Trick or Treat

**Wednesday, Oct. 31st from 6 to 8 PM**

### Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. 300 ton of salt will be ordered from the 2018-2019 contract before next month's meeting. The road crew will keep an eye on the temperatures and get the Ladies' Pavilion winterized as needed. M & M Limestone has a sale of 2RC stone. Sale price is \$130 per tri-axle (about 23 ton) and since they are the 'bid award' for 2RC this year, we can purchase at the sale price and save considerably. Supervisors discussed material, which is 'good for compacting' projects. The Supervisors voted to proceed to purchase up to 600 ton before the sale ends on 10/31/18. All scrap has been cleaned up and sold; total was \$875.28 receipted and deposited to checking. The road department is currently looking at getting demonstrations for zero-turn mowers to replace the current Hustler. It has 1800 hours and is using oil. They will report to the board later. Snow fence is set to start after Oct. 15th, as weather and time allow. Penn Energy paved the first portion of Victory Road with hot mix pavement (E-skid resistant stone) at no cost to the Township (following several discussions with the road foreman this year.) The following invoices were sent for 2018 chip seal program: XTO Energy for 50% of Burtner Rd. \$16,454.53; Penn Energy Resources for 70% of portion of Victory Rd. \$7,780.83; Erie Insurance for damage claim on portion of Victory Rd. \$4,968.05 (paid) and Penn Township for their portion of Heller Rd. \$3,847.66 (paid.)

### Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten, could not be present to report on the Oct. 3, 2018 meeting. He provided a copy of the minutes by e-mail. There were three main 'action items' discussed by the Supervisors: They voted to approve purchase of 'bench seating' as quoted by NRS for cost of \$4,045.85 (freight to township included) for baseball. The Wayne Deaner donation fund of \$2,025 plus additional an \$2,020.85 from Township will cover the cost. The Supervisors discussed the security system coverage. They are in agreement to re-aim the existing 5-way view camera and install an additional 5-way view camera. They believe these changes will provide the coverage needed. They voted to accept the bid from Dreamhome Electronics for the new 5-way view camera at \$1,454.00 (no tax) includes labor. The Supervisors were urged to finish review and revision of the Park Rules and Regulations. They have agreed to re-read/review and commit to a revised version so that it can be advertised, adopted, and posted at the park. John Cypher noted that the Supervisors should consider updating the master plan for future grant applications!

Pool: [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com) Softball: [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org) Soccer: [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org) Baseball: [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com)

### Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported on the Sept. 17, 2018 Planning Commission (P.C.) meeting. He was not present on 9/17/18, but the vice-chair. and secretary were not available to attend this evening. There was only one plan to review: AT&T Land Development for a proposed 10' x 4' pad with generator to the existing cell tower at 750 Dinnerbell Rd. (on Thoma's Meat Market property). The P.C. approved the plan contingent on two items. The Supervisors reviewed 'what was submitted', which was incomplete. The

Supervisors voted to approve the AT&T Land Development for the proposed 10' x 4' pad with generator with the same two contingencies set by the Planning Commission: 1) update land development and 2) submit official application.

The P.C. discussed the possible development of a flag lot off Green Manor Dr. Several matters need to be addressed re: correct boundary line between Summit and Jefferson Township; location of proposed house; stormwater management plan; verification of prior testing of septic testing. The P.C. took no action; advised them to seek professional assistance. The Supervisors had no action to take this evening, 10/8/18.

The Supervisors received a draft developers agreement from Kevin Miller and the attorney's revised draft. They have been passed around for review. They indicated that the attorney should proceed.

## **October 8, 2018 Unfinished Business**

Good News! Jefferson Township received word that Penn DOT has approved the Multi-Modal Grant Application that we submitted jointly with Summit Township for Bonniebrook Rd. (for reconstruction/repairs from Rt. 356 in Jefferson Township to Rt. 422 in Summit Township). Total grant is \$1,299,525; total 'project' is \$1,856,456. Our shared 30% is \$556,940.

## **October 8, 2018 New Business**

The 2019 Proposed Budget was introduced to the Board of Supervisors this past week. No discussion this evening; no workshop was planned; they will discuss at the Nov. 12th meeting.

The Supervisors voted to authorize township officials (supervisors, sec/treas., elected auditor and tax collector, planning commission members, codes officer) to attend the Fall Convention, Tues. evening, Oct. 23, 2018 in Slippery Rock. The township will pay registration and reimburse for mileage.

A letter/invoice was received from Saxonburg Borough for Jefferson Township's share of the volunteer fire and ambulance workmen's comp. insurance. A check for \$15,914.57 is included with the bills paid tonight.

A notice was received from Butler Co. Emergency Services (9-1-1) regarding addresses for private lanes in Butler County with two or more houses or lots. The Township Codes Officer asked for input from the Supervisors. Several matters were discussed. The Board agreed to cooperate with the 9-1-1 request and send a letter to the 10 private lanes identified by 9-1-1. The township will provide a sign & post for a cost of \$350 at the expense of the resident(s), but will install at no cost to the residents. 3) a copy of the 9-1-1 notification showing that the township is 'forced' to comply be included with the proposed letter to residents.

The Supervisors voted to accept the health insurance renewal with Highmark Blue Shield, an approx. 6.5-7% increase over last year. Policy year runs 12/1 to 11/30. At this time, it does not include dental or vision coverage.

An L273 Course on "Managing Floodplain Development" is scheduled for Oct. 29, 30, 31 and Nov. 1st. The Supervisors voted to authorize the Codes Officer/Floodplain Administrator to attend and pay the registration and usual expenses.

## **Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - October 8, 2018**

Received NOTICE from XTO Energy/Mountain Gathering is applying to DEP for well permits for A-Unit 2H, 4H and 5H in Penn Township off Hicks Rd.

Received NOTICE of NPDES permit application filed for Saxonburg Authority renewal for continued operation of the sewage plant (in Renfrew.)

Received Notice from XTO that they are applying for a well permit from DEP for the proposed Bachelder Unit 2H well in Penn Township off Crisswell Rd.

Received NOTICE from Civil & Environmental Consultants that they are applying to DEP for authorization for Pine Run Midstream under the ESCGP-2 Permit for the W55 to W57 pipeline project in Jefferson & Winfield Townships (pipe line crosses Rt. 356 south of Winfield Rd.)

Notice was received regarding the SWPA Commission's "Public Hearings". Butler County's is Oct. 25th at County Government Center from 5 to 7 PM. The S.W. PA Commission is updating its regional long range transportation and development plan.

## PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Chris Balina and Brian Jack were present from the Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. to request a one-time donation to the fire department of \$25,000. They reported that in addition to the County funding, they are also seeking funding from Jefferson Township, Winfield Township and Clinton Township towards the required 9-1-1 radio system enhancements. Discussion noted that should we 'not' have a volunteer fire department, the municipality would have to have a paid department which would be much costlier! Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. is our 'primary' fire service. The Supervisors voted to donate \$25,000 toward the required 9-1-1 radio system enhancements, in addition to our regular annual donation to Saxonburg Vol. Fire.

### **Major Expenditures since the Sept. 10th meeting through Oct. 8, 2018:**

Code.sys Code Consulting - inspections	\$ 1,211.56
McClymonds Supply & Transit - antiskid	\$ 9,878.03
PSAB Municipal Retirement Plan - required twp. contribution	\$ 3,162.66
Highmark Blue Shield - health ins. premium Oct.	\$ 3,297.71
HRG, Inc. - land dev. reviews	\$ 1,679.01
Dan Olesnevich - weld/repair F550	\$ 3,102.40
Saxonburg Borough - share of volunteer fire + ambulance W/C	\$ 15,914.57
Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. - Foreign Fire Tax rec'd/paid	\$ 27,445.04
Williams & Willman - line painting	\$ 8,992.51
Selective Insurance Co. - w/c audit due (officials/employees)	\$ 1,782.00

### **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 – 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.), Danielle Sedlak, (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah, Robert Wetzal, Robert Williams and Dan Driscoll.

#### **Recreation Board – 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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: 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

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