



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP DECEMBER 2018 Newsletter

## Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. The road crew had locked the park gates, but a few days later someone had unlocked the Hannahstown Road entrance gate and left it open. The Supervisors agreed that it should be locked and the Recreation Committee should be notified that if someone opens the gate(s), they should re-lock them during these winter months.

The ice and snow storm clean up has gone well; all roads have been covered multiple times and brush is either pushed back or has been chipped off the Township rights-of-way. The park and walking trail had a lot of damage. Two residents helped clean branches from the trail and the road crew cleaned up branches and blew the leaves off the walking trail. The road crew still have some cleaning up to do this week at the park. The leaves in the park will have to wait until the ground dries up. A BIG THANKS from the Road Crew and the Board of Supervisors to the two ladies who helped with the trail cleanup!

John Cypher gave an update on the 'missing pedestrian crosswalk lights and hardware' at the Rt. 356/Marwood Rd. traffic light. Per Mr. Cypher's conversation with PennDOT on Dec, 4, 2018, he was informed that as PennDOT was planning update and paving of Rt. 356 that the intersection did not meet pedestrian safety & ADA standards, so the lights and hardware were removed, and a "No Pedestrian Crossing" sign was installed.

Bill did not receive any calls or interest in the proposed tree trimming bid. No bids were received.

The 2019 Ford F550 should be here around Christmas, but will need to be undercoated and have the 2-way radio, antenna and decals installed before it is put into service (early January.)

The 2004 Ford F550 4-Door Truck was advertised for bid in 'as is condition' via Municibid. The highest bid was \$7,900 from Paulo Almeida (New Jersey). The Supervisors voted to accept the highest bid of \$7,900. That is \$3,400 over the trade offer! They also voted to authorize the road foreman to sign the transfer papers on behalf of the Township.

In regards to the proposed new mower, after some discussion, the Supervisors tabled decision on purchase of a new mower; subsequently, sale of the old mower was also tabled.

The guide rail located just past the church on Frazier Rd. was damaged by a hit and run. The road foreman indicated that LTAP looked at it during a past study and it meets the criteria for complete removal. Therefore, the Supervisors voted to remove the damaged guide rail. It will not be replaced.

There was a brief discussion on part-time help for winter maintenance. The Supervisors voted to add Doug Lefever and Darcy Lehnerd as possible call-out help. Roger Cypher will also be called for part-time snow removal.

## Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee does not meet in Nov., Dec. or January. Chairman Cypher reported that the Supervisors discovered, since the last meeting, that the Township can use remaining 2014/2015 CDBG Admin. funds for a new (updated) park master plan and we can use our own engineer. No request for proposals needed. HRG, Inc. was contacted Nov. 26th to proceed.

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

Evie Gross, P.C. Chair. Secretary, reported on the Nov. 19, 2018 Planning Commission (P.C.) meeting. The P.C. reviewed the modification request from Hobart and Eunice Kenton, owners of Lot 2

Kenneth F. Neupert Plan No. 2 on Keck Rd. They want to remove the non-building waiver indicated on their lot and they request modification for moving the location of the driveway. The P.C. discussed the matters in light of Attorney Marshall's responses to the Codes Officer's inquiries. The P.C. members agreed that in this case per the attorney's responses: 1) the lot is NOT 'AG only' as per private covenant and 2) the driveway is merely for one lot and does not trigger application review under 22.303. Therefore no action was taken by the P.C. There was no action for the Supervisors to take at this meeting 12/10/18.

The P.C. reviewed the Evan Toth Subdivision on Rennick Rd. This was the P.C.'s first review, since the plan was submitted too late for their October meeting and had to be held for November 19th. The current lots are positioned with both lots having frontage on Rennick Rd. The proposed subdivision creates Lot 2 of 4.61 acres in the front with most of the frontage. The back lot with existing house, outbuildings, and pond will be a flag lot. After significant discussion the P.C. noted the seven items to be corrected/revised on the Toth Plan and *tabled action* on this plan until those revisions are submitted by Land Surveyors. Chairman Rosenbauer was to contact Land Surveyors (Cheryl Hughes.)

The P.C. reviewed the Lee Harbison Lot Line Revision. No one attended to present it. It consists of: 5 lots to be increase in size (varying .20 acre to .62 acre) on Jones Rd. at the intersection with Bonniebrook Rd. P.C. Chairman Rosenbauer noted the 5 matters that need to be addressed by the surveyor, Jarrod R. Tezik. The P.C. tabled action on the plan. Chairman Rosenbauer was to contact the engineer, Mr. Tezik.

The township secretary reported to the P.C. that she received a call from Darrel Patterson stating that he would attend their Nov. 19th meeting. He did NOT attend. This is in regards to questions and discussion surrounding the Montgomery Plan on Leggens Lane. After a very brief discussion the P.C. agreed that Mr. Patterson needs to present a new plan showing either the sewage easement for all four lots or consolidating the lots (with a sewage easement for public sewer or for adequate acreage for on-lot septic).

Danielle reported that AT&T is submitting a new land development for the cell tower property at 750 Dinnerbell Rd. (Thoma's Meat Market property). Chairman Rosenbauer said since the plan was already approved by both the P.C. and Supervisors at prior meetings, there is no need for them to come back to township meetings. He will review the AT&T submission and determine if it is satisfactory...prior to building permit issuance.

The P.C. reviewed the responses from Attorney Marshall to Chairman Rosenbauer's questions in regards to the right-of-way on the Toth Plan and to Codes Officer, Danielle Sedlak's questions in regards to 'non building waiver lots' and driveway 'relocation' during the review of modification form submitted by Kentons.

It was noted that the Supervisors want the P.C. to begin review of Chap. 21 Streets and Sidewalks, especially section 303.4 to consider how best to revise the ordinance. Evie Gross noted that the P.C. should look into 'some regulations' in regards to 'institutional development' (for example Concordia or St. Elias Monastery) as they don't really belong under 'multi-family' regulations. John Cypher noted issue with Chap. 21- 303.4 may be simply removing the 'comma' after the word 'Supervisors'. Attorney Marshall suggested the Board and P.C. keep a 'running list' of revisions needed to the SALDO for a future combined action.

## **Dec. 10, 2018 Unfinished Business**

The 2019 Budget was introduced to the Board in October. One change was made then: \$25,000 one-time donation to Saxonburg Volunteer Fire (to be paid in 2018.) The budget was advertised for final review and adoption this evening, 12/10/18. One additional change was noted this evening: \$150,000 additional from the Impact Fee Funds for possible disbursement toward our 30% share of expenses of the Multimodal Transportation Grant approved by PennDOT. The Supervisors voted to adopt the 2019 Budget Resolution #421 as revised; the Real Estate Tax remains at 1 Mill.

## **Dec. 10, 2018 New Business**

The Intergovernmental Cooperation Ordinance #422 was advertised for adoption. It authorizes signing of the 'intergovernmental cooperation agreement' with Summit Township due to the 'joint grant' award for Bonniebrook Rd. (PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Grant.) The Supervisors voted to adopt Ordinance #422. Subsequently, they voted to enter into the intergovernmental cooperation agreement upon approval of the final document by both Attorney Marshall and Summit Township's Attorney, Mike Gallagher.

John Cypher announced that they have reached an agreement in collective bargaining. The Supervisors voted to approve the new contract for 1/1/19 through 12/31/21.

NO bids were received for the advertised 'tree trimming project'. No action by the Board this evening.

The Sec/Treas. asked the Board to consider proceeding with the purchase and installation of a 'server' for the township's one office computer. She noted that: *the advantage of having a server for a single-computer environment is that all of your data (accounting, documents, spreadsheets) will be written to two drives on the server simultaneously. Each drive is a mirror image of the other. So if one drive breaks, you have an exact duplicate of it that can be used in another computer with next to zero down time.* The Supervisors voted to proceed with the purchase of the server from RT Tech for a total of \$2610.00.

The Sec/Treas. also reported that our webmaster has asked us to find someone else willing to do the website. She is expecting a quote from TJB Consulting. Summit Township used her services for their website. Our current webmaster, Larry Plowman, also knows her.

## **Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - December 10, 2018**

Received NOTICE from Gannet Fleming re: XTO Energy, Inc. - Notice of Termination ESCGP - Christensen Temporary Waterline. All earth disturbance activities related to this project have ceased/site stabilized.

A notice was received from II-VI, Inc. The plan early warning system tests on Fri. 12/14 at noon and Sat., 12/15/18 at noon.

Received PSATS 97th Conference materials (April 14-17, 2019). Registration is 'on-line' beginning Jan. 14 9 AM for both the conference and accommodations.

Mr. Mead and Mr. Taylor were present about 671 Mushrush Rd. They submitted building permit applications recently for two 'sheds' that were placed on the property some time ago without permits. The Supervisors and Attorney Marshall reviewed the file left by the codes officer, Danielle Sedlak. In addition to a notation "for Residential Use Only", it should be noted on the permits that "any future change of use is subject to applicable township regulations". That would include Jefferson Township Code of Ordinances, the PA Uniform Construction Code, and the DEP Sewage Laws.

### **Major Expenditures since the Nov. 12th meeting through Dec. 10, 2018**

Highmark Blue Shield - Dec. 2018 premium	\$ 3,539.04
County of Butler Recreation Dept. - reimb. county 2016 grant share	\$ 5,746.59
Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. - 1-time donation toward radio system	\$ 25,000.00
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham - legal - Nov. 2018	\$ 3,816.50
Purvis Brothers, Inc. - diesel	\$ 1,141.97
R A Services and R T Tech - accounting update & computer services	\$ 1,250.00
Teamster's #261 Employee Health & Welfare Fund - Jan. 2019	\$ 3,334.23
Teamster's #261 " " - Feb. 2019	\$ 3,334.23

### **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

**Board of Supervisors – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan.)**

**Note: next re-organization meeting is Jan. 7, 2019 at 7 P.M.** (no meeting on 2nd. Mon. 1/14)

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 – 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.*

### **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.

## TAX COLLECTOR

Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288 - Pay by mail or call for an appointment.

**NEVER leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's mailbox.**

The Tax Collector is NOT responsible for envelopes left there by individuals other than the Mail Carrier.

MAIL your taxes, or bring them 'in person' or put them in the 'Drop Box' in front of the house!!!!



## 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.**



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.

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.

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**Do you live in Jefferson Township?**  
*You may be eligible to have your windows, furnace, roof or more replaced!*



**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.*

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 **Call, Stop-in, or Email:**  
**Redevelopment Authority County of Butler**  
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 **www.housingauthority.com**