

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR MEETING

Oct. 9, 2017

### CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors, held at the municipal building on 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA, was called to order by Chairman John Cypher at 7:00 P.M. on Oct. 9, 2017. All rose to pledge the flag.

### ROLL CALL:

Those present were John Cypher, Lois Rankin, Braden Beblo, and Sec/Treas. Lois Fennell.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Supervisors met in a brief executive session just prior to this evening's meeting to discuss ongoing legal issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

### MINUTES:

John Cypher *moved* to approve the Sept. 11, 2017 regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. Lois Rankin *seconded*. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### FINANCIAL:

Bills paid between the Sept. 11th and the October 9, 2017 meetings totaled \$38,258.38 (includes pay out of the foreign fire tax allocation received in September - \$30,034.77). Bills presented for payment from the General Fund this evening totaled \$50,305.26. No bills were presented from the State Fund this evening. Total of all funds after payment of the bills was \$1,115,505.13. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented plus any regular bills that may become due before the Nov. 13, 2017 meeting. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT: None.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Brian Patten reported on the Oct. 4, 2017 Recreation Committee meeting. Baseball asked that the dumpster be removed as of Nov. 1st. They will also be ready by Nov. 1st to have the road crew 'winterize' the upper concession stand. The Pool is now closed and covered. They are researching possible replacement of some of the water features at the pool for 2018. Work needs done to the failing retaining wall at the pump house. It cannot be removed (with a backhoe) due to buried gas line there. Roger Cypher said they are considering how to proceed. There was no Softball report. Soccer is mid-way through the fall season. Games will end of Oct. 29th and they are planning a clean-up/winterization day for Nov. 4th.

Brian said they never heard back from Butler Co. Parks and Recreation in regards to a 'quote' for the bleachers. They have contacted Stadium Solutions ...details to follow at a later date.

Brian said Mr. Miller is still waiting for a response from E.H Griffith Co. in regards to a 'lightning detection/warning system....and they will continue to research other possible courses for such system.

In regards to inquiry about the cost and feasibility of adding additional cameras to the current system, they have decided to first re-aim the one camera near the upper pavilion to over the parking lot. If that works, then they may not need additional cameras.

The Recreation Committee does not meet again until Feb. 7, 2018.

John Cypher added that over the winter months, the Supervisors and the Recreation Committee and the Planning Commission need to look more thoroughly at the 'Park Rules and Regs' ...before getting the Attorney more involved.

## ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Chairman Cypher read a brief road report. Berm mowing has been completed for this year. Catch basins have been raised to appropriate height along all the paved roads. Shoulders have been backed up and raised on all freshly paved roads. Three culvert pipes and two new catch basins were installed in preparation for next year's paving and chip seal projects. New gutters and two additional down spouts were installed on the municipal building. Roof work is done; doors have arrived and will be painted before replacing the (5) old ones. The park walking trail was repaired again and redesigned to prevent another wash-out in that particular spot. The bridge on Hannahstown Rd. is still not open, but progress is being made. It may be another week or two before it can be opened to the public. Chairman Cypher noted that the road foreman, Bill Foertsch, was working on a 'long-term' budget for 2018, 19 & 20 road work. He and the Board are considering reclaiming the berms on Hannahstown Rd. with possible new drainage and then a chip seal in addition to other paving and chip-seal projects in the coming years. They are also planning to re-apply this year for the PennDOT Multi-Modal grant for Bonniebrook Rd.

## PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leo Rosenbauer, Chairman of the Planning Commission reported on their Sept. 28, 2017 meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved the Hayden/Minton Plan No. 2 off Dinnerbell Rd. He is dividing off Lot 2 of 0.521 acres for his daughter. It has sufficient frontage and access to public sewer and water. The residual farm is 31.0 acres more or less. The Supervisors reviewed the plan at tonight's meeting. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to approve the Hayden/Minton Plan No. 2 with the condition that a note be put on the plan that Lot 2 is subject to a State Highway permit. *Seconded* by John Cypher. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. reviewed a Lot Line Revision for James & Denise Foertsch AND Harold W. Foertsch on West Jefferson Rd. James & Denise currently have one acre with a 25 ft. easement (ingress & egress) through the farm. Tract 1 of 8.434 acres (included family cemetery with right to use the private access) will be added to the existing one acre lot for a total Parcel B of 9.43 acres. The residual farm is reduced to 100 acres. The P.C. approved the Lot Line Revision for James & Denise Foertsch AND Harold W. Foertsch contingent upon 1) a note being added to the plan that Tract 1 cannot be further subdivided and 2) that the right-of-way/easement be moved slightly so that the existing metal & frame building is NOT on the r.o.w. Both conditions have been met; revised plan submitted for this evening. The Supervisors discussed briefly a concern that the grange lot is not indicated on the plan, but Leo believes the grange lot does not abut the Harold Foertsch property. *Motion* by John Cypher to approve the Lot Line Revision for James & Denise Foertsch AND Harold W. Foertsch as presented. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. Evie Gross said she would check with Cheryl from Land Surveyors regarding the 'grange lot.'

The P.C. discussed the possible subdivision of the Nowicki properties on Fisher Rd., Nowicki Lane and Hannahstown Rd. with Stan Graff. Stan Graff agreed to talk with Mr. Nowicki about consolidation of all or at least some of the residual farm acreage and about the rights-of-way for the proposed divisions (with existing farm houses) which will need to be flag lots.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Revisions to the burning ordinance were discussed briefly. The Board and the P.C. have been given copies of the proposed revision. The P.C. will discuss it at the Oct. 26th meeting. John Cypher noted that we want to keep it as simple as possible, even though we are not required to have an ordinance, we are required to enforce DEP regulations.

Last month it was noted that Act 21 of 2017 changed the regulations of the sale of personal property 'under \$2000.00'. The Board reviewed the actual Act 21. *Motion* by John Cypher to adopt Resolution #403 (selling personal property valued at under \$2,000.00) which supersedes the old Resolution #234. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The Supervisors received a 'Non-Renewal Notice' from Professional Government Underwriters for Public Officials Insurance via Darwin National. They have negotiated with XT Caitlin for the coverage. \$5,774.00 (which is the same premium amount as the expiring policy.) *Motion* by John Cypher to accept the Public Officials Insurance quote from XL Caitlin for the coverage. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The 2017 Budget proposal was introduced to the Board of Supervisors. They did not wish to discuss it this evening. They plan to discuss the proposed budget at the Nov. 13, 2017 meeting.

The Butler County Infrastructure Bank Program "Kick-Off" presentation is Thurs., Oct. 12th at 6 P.M. at the Penn Township Municipal Building, 157 E. Airport Rd., Butler. No interest indicated.

The Supervisors received a letter from the Borough of Saxonburg for the workmen's compensation billing (township's share) for the fire dept. and ambulance service. Total \$13,719.60. The Board had no objections as we are required to pay workmen's comp. for emergency services. The check has been prepared, but not listed with the other bills this evening.

## MISC. BUSINESS:

- Received NOTICE from XTO Energy that they are applying for well permits for proposed Briston B Unit 5H Well - in Butler Township.
- Received NOTICE from Beran Environmental Services that PennEnergy, LLC is proposing to re-permit the W14-1H wellhead off Mushroom Farm Rd. in Clearfield Twp.
- Received NOTICE from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying for Permit Applications to Drill and Operate Unconventional Gas Wells to DEP for West Pad 60, 7H Well Permit - 300 Victory Rd., Saxonburg.
- Received NOTICE from Civil & Environmental Consultants that PennEnergy Resources is applying for a renewal of coverage for a Permit to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well - W74 Well Pad, Clinton Township, Lardintown Rd.

The Township received the 2017 Foreign Fire Tax allocation, which is 'pass-through' funding for Fire & Relief Associations. The \$30,034.77 received, was paid out to Saxonburg Vol. Fire & Relief Assn. on 9/26/17.

The Township is also in receipt of the Act 205 Pension Aid of \$11,755; an additional \$2,057 is due to the Pension Plan (PSAB MRT) based on the 2017 Min. Municipal Obligation budgeted last year (\$13,812). This disbursement is included with the bills this evening.

Board did not discuss **Trick or Treat** at the Sept. meeting. (Buffalo, Penn, Clinton, and probably Winfield...will be the same night). It has been set for the night of Halloween traditionally. This year: Tues., Oct. 31st (Halloween) 6 to 8 PM.

## ATTENDANCE:

Evie Gross, Leo Rosenbauer, Sue Hartzell, Lil Bachman, Brian Patten, Harold Foertsch, and Roger Cypher.

## ADJOURN:

*Motion* by Lois Rankin to adjourn at 8:17 P.M. Braden Beblo *seconded* the motion. All agreed and *motion carried*. The next regular meeting at 7 PM on Monday, Nov. 13, 2017 at the Township Building, 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler.

*Respectfully submitted by Sec/Treas., Lois Fennell*