

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

June 12, 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 June 12, 2017. All rose to pledge the flag.

ROLL CALL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Cypher reported he and Supervisor Rankin attended the BCATO Spring Convention on May 18th with several other township officials (Lois Fennell, Evie Gross, Sue Hartzell). On May 18th they had an executive conversation between supervisors concerning an employee matter. The Supervisors met prior to the meeting for a brief executive session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

MINUTES:

John Cypher *moved* to approve the May 8, 2017 regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. Braden Beblo *seconded*. All agreed and *motion carried*.

FINANCIAL:

Bills paid between the May 8th and the June 12, 2017 meetings totaled \$7,978.21. Bills presented for payment from the General Fund this evening totaled \$13,226.59. No bills were presented from the State Fund this evening. Total of all funds after payment of the bills was \$1,615,517.70. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented plus any regular bills that may become due before the July 10, 2017 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT: None.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

No report; June 7th meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for Tues., June 13th at 8 P.M. The Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten, in attendance this evening, was asked if Rod Miller had responded regarding serving on the Recreation Committee and Brian reported that Mr. Miller declined. After some discussion, Lois Rankin *moved* to appoint Roger Cypher to the vacant 'member at large' position on the Recreation Board. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. John Cypher *abstained* because Roger Cypher is his brother. *Motion carried* 2 to 0.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by the road foreman, Bill Foertsch. The Hannahstown Road Bridge is scheduled to start by Thurs., June 15, 2017 and the project will take about 2 months. The Township needs to decide between an asphalt surface or a concrete surface. We have a few weeks to decide. Berming is done with the grader, but a day or so needs to be used for light duty berming with the skid steer for part of Great Belt and Becker Roads. Heller Road has 2 dig-outs and a culvert replacement (new box) that need done before paving. The paving project is to start right after the 4th of July holiday. The chip seal project is penciled in for August 7, 2017 (approximate start date). Berm mowing has gone well; the rest of Bonniebrook Rd. will be closed and finished on Tues., June 13, 2017. Guide rails have been hand trimmed.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT, cont.:

The road crew completed several 'park projects': repairs were done to parking lot surface near the pool; the new basketball hoop and post have been installed; no leaks were found in the upper concession stand bathrooms; large trees have been felled and removed near pool; the foreman met with Keith Thrower for a quick crash course on the camera system (Mr. Cypher noted that another training/meeting is to be set for the Supervisors and others to attend); grading was finished behind the pool house and grass was planted; the walking trail was patched with millings, brush was cut and bad trees were removed from full length of walking trail; the gazebo was pressure washed (Mr. Cypher noted that linseed oil was applied to the cement and the gazebo still needs to be stained); supplies and more paint were provided for Vicki Nulph to finish painting park entrance signs; some of the road ways were bermed with the skid steer; two trees that fell in the field (new property by park) were cut up and the field was mowed.

The foreman has been discussing a 'safety rail' that should be installed by the Thrower field. The Foreman asked for approval to grind the 2 stumps by the pool and the 1 stump by Barkman field (\$350 quoted by Falling Timber Landscaping) and the road crew will do the clean-up. *Motion* by John Cypher to approve the stump grinding request at \$350. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

All four tires on the 8875 Skid Steer had to be replaced (cost from Skander Tire was \$916.) The 99 International needed some major wiring repairs done which was completed by the foreman prior to inspection. The road crew will be patching and prepping for the 2017 road projects in the next month or so.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission meeting set for May 25, 2017 was cancelled due to lack of business. The P.C. is currently looking at the 'burning' and 'solid waste' ordinances (current and samples) to determine possible revisions. They plan to discuss the ordinances at the June 22nd meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

John Cypher asked the Supervisors to continue review of the Park Rules and Regs to determine if any further changes are needed. Attorney Marshall was to review the revised park rules and regs. and to review the 'license' agreements.

Lois Rankin reported that she and the secretary, Lois Fennell, attended a meeting at Saxonburg Borough building to discuss possible joint 'electronics recycling event' for this August. (Winfield, Penn, and Middlesex Township also sent representation.) The event, which in the past has been free will definitely cost residents this year. Several companies in western Pennsylvania were contacted, but to no avail...they were either no longer in business or just not doing 'recycling events' anymore. Sheryl Kelly from Butler County said that ECS&R will do 'localized' events; expect pre-registration and payment from residents. There is a cost to the Township, but hopefully that cost would be reimbursed by a state grant. After more discussion John Cypher *moved to decline participation in a joint recycling event* due to the changes and costs. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. NOTE: Township Residents can take items, for a fee, by appointment only at ECS&R, to 129 Ash Stop Road, Evans City, PA 16033- Toll-Free 1-866-815-0016

The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Revision as drafted by the attorney was reviewed by the Jefferson Township Planning Commission in January. The Butler County Planning Commission has received the proposed SALDO revision and their letter states 'no comment' on the revised ordinance. The advertisement has been provided by Attorney Tim Bish at the request of Matt Marshall. *Motion* by John Cypher to authorize the public hearing for the Revised SALDO Ordinance #394 for July 10th at 6:45 PM prior to the regular meeting; and adoption of Ordinance #394 during the regular meeting of July 10, 2017. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

John Cypher reported that he contacted Rep. Brian Ellis to assist in getting the 'park gas lease' approval from DCNR. Mr. Tatanish has replied that the National Park Service should be getting back to him (and us) within a week or so.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, cont.:

John Cypher noted that Bill Foertsch presented building maintenance quotes a couple of months ago. After reviewing the quotes and then inspecting the building, John recommended and *moved* to award the contract to Kosinski Contracting for \$16,594.00 since the quote included the doors and snow guard and designated installation of pressure treated lumber prior to re-installation of gutters with new hangers. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. Mr. Kosinski is currently scheduling projects for August.

John Cypher said we have not received a progress report on the MS4 'appeal' application since HRG, Inc. was asked to proceed without delay to continue application for the MS4 waiver. It was agreed that Rob Arnold be should be contacted to ask for an update.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was brought to the attention of the Supervisors since our May meeting, that Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Simms opened a business at 157 Winfield Rd. without having applied for land development approval and obtaining applicable building permit (PA Uniform Construction Code) and septic permit (PA DEP). The Supervisors agreed that a letter should be sent (certified and regular mail) to inform them that before legally opening a business you must have complied with the appropriate laws. The letter was sent on May 17th; the receipt was signed on May 18, 2017. We have not received any response otherwise. John Cypher *moved* to ratify signing of the letter (which was individually approved and signed between meetings). *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. Lois Rankin believes that the matter needs to be turned over to the attorney since it has been three weeks. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to contact Matt Marshall to fill him in, ask what the next step is, and authorize him to send a letter (if that is what he advises). *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

A letter of resignation was received from Dave Vaughan dated May 10, 2017. *Motion* by John Cypher to accept the letter of resignation. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. John Cypher prepared a thank you letter and *moved* that the Supervisors sign it and send it to Dave Vaughan. Lois Rankin *seconded*. All agreed and *motion carried*. The Supervisors spoke in 'executive conversation' on May 18th about appointing Adam Hartwig to fill the vacant position. *Motion* by John Cypher to ratify that appointment. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. Adam Hartwig accepted the position at the current hourly rate (\$16.50) and began working the week of May 22nd.

MISC. BUSINESS:

- Received copy of NOTICE from DEP to XTO Energy, Inc. - a request to rescind a Water Management Plan amendment, dated May 3, 2017. DEP approved.
- Received NOTICE from XTO Energy stating that they are applying for a well permit for the proposed AK Steel A Unit 1H Well in Butler Township.
- Received NOTICE from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying for coverage for a Permit to Drill & Operate an Unconventional Well from DEP for 5 new and 1 revised gas wells - on Dinnerbell Rd. (Korim property).
- Received NOTICE from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying for coverage for a Permit to Drill & Operate an Unconventional Well from DEP for one new gas well (7H) and three revised gas wells (2H, 4H, & 6H) - off Cornetti Rd. in Winfield Twp.
- Received NOTICE from DEP that XTO Energy has submitted a Water Management Plan Amendment Application adding the Paul Smith Pond as a water source. The DEP has approved it.
- Received NOTICE from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. that PennEnergy Resource is applying for coverage for a Permit to Drill & Operate an Unconventional Well from DEP for four gas wells (1H, 2H, 9H & 10H) at PER W32 off Bear Creek Rd. in Winfield Township.
- Received NOTICE from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for Permit Applications to Drill & Operate Unconventional Gas Wells in Winfield Township, 559 Marwood Rd., Cabot PER W34 Well 5H, 7H, 9H and 10H.

MISC. BUSINESS, cont.:

II-VI, Inc. sent notice of their semi-annual testing of their Community Early Warning System on Fri., June 23rd and Sat., June 24th at 12:00 Noon.

Lois Fennell noted the maturing of the Laidlaw Sewage Escrow CD on 6/25/17 (balance is \$1,513.56). If we let it roll over, the term will be another 24 months at about the same rate (.25%). *Motion* by John Cypher to let it roll over. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Lois Rankin and Lois Fennell attended the Legislative Breakfast (sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce) on May 19th. Evie Gross attended the XTO CAP (community) meeting with Lois Rankin on May 22nd. Evie Gross, Lois Rankin and Lois Fennell attended the transportation meeting at the county government center on May 31st.

John Cypher mentioned that some money needs to be spent to clean and paint the man doors on the township building (cost will be hundreds for materials only). It was agreed to proceed.

ATTENDANCE:

Sue Hartzell, Lil Bachman, Evie Gross, Roger Cypher and Jim Rankin.

ADJOURN:

Motion by John Cypher to adjourn at 7:45 P.M. Lois Rankin *seconded* the motion. All agreed and *motion carried*. The next regular meeting at 7 PM on Monday, July 10, 2017 at the Township Building, 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler.

Respectfully submitted by Sec/Treas., Lois Fennell