



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER October 2017

## Trick or Treat

Tuesday, Oct. 31st from 6 to 8 PM

### Road Foreman's 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.

### 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.

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.

### 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. Lot 2 of 0.521 acres is 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 and approved the plan at tonight's meeting with the condition that a note be put on the plan that Lot 2 is subject to a State Highway permit.

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 approved the Lot Line Revision for James & Denise Foertsch AND Harold W. Foertsch as presented.

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.

### **October 9, 2017 Unfinished Business**

Revisions to the burning ordinance were discussed briefly. The Board and the P.C. have been given copies of the proposed revision for further consideration.

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 and voted to adopt Resolution #403 (selling personal property valued at under \$2,000.00) which supersedes the old Resolution #234.

### **October 9, 2017 New Business**

The Supervisors approved the quote received from the new carrier for Public Officials Insurance via XT Caitlin for \$5,774.00 (which is the same premium amount as the expiring policy.)

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 is \$13,719.60) for the fire dept. and ambulance service. The Board had no objections as we are required to pay workmen's comp. for emergency services.

### **Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - Oct. 9, 2017**

- 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 also received the Act 205 Pension Aid of \$11,755.00. An additional \$2,057 is due to the Pension Plan (PSAB MRT) based on the 2017 Min. Municipal Obligation budgeted last year for a total disbursement of \$13,812.00.

Board has set Trick or Treat for the night of Halloween: Tues., Oct. 31st (Halloween) 6 to 8 PM.

### Major Expenditures since the Sept. 11th meeting through Oct. 9, 2017:

Kosinski Contracting - additional due on renovation (at start)	\$ 5,000.00
Code.sys Code Consulting - building permit review	\$ 2,579.00
Saxonburg Volunteer Fire & Relief Assn. - foreign fire tax (pass thru from State)	\$ 30,034.77
Dinnerbell Garage - parts/labor 99 Intl. Truck	\$ 1,596.11
Hei-Way - coldpatch	\$ 9,878.19
Highmark Blue Shield - ins. premium for Oct. 2017	\$ 3,096.44
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic (Engineers) -MS4 waiver project	\$ 2,389.50
McClymonds Supply and Transit - anti-skid	\$ 2,317.63
PSAB MRT - remit State Pension Aid and balance of MMO to Pension Plan	\$ 13,812.00
Purvis Brothers, Inc. - diesel	\$ 1,751.81
Walsh Equipment, Inc. - signs/bolts	\$ 1,040.70
Williams & Willman - line painting	\$ 8,981.96
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham - legal fees - Sept. 2017	\$ 2,082.50

### The Newsletter

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### 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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7:00 P.M. except for Nov. 19 & Dec. 17, 2015)**

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Danielle Sedlak (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, Bill Montgomery, James Jones, Gary Stone, Robert Wetzel, and Robert Williams

#### **Recreation Board – 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (no meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)**

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, 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

**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.

**The Tax Collector is Nadine Grabe - 724-352-3288**

**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.**

## Do you live in Jefferson Township?

*You may be eligible to have your windows, furnace, roof or more replaced!*



**Don't miss your chance to make some home improvements before the cold weather hits!**

### **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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