



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER September 2017

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. The double seal-coat project was completed on Sept. 1st. All chip sealed roads will have been vacuumed within 5 working days. XTO Energy is contributing \$21,673.75 towards the total invoice of \$224,256. All the shoulders on newly paved roads have been backed-up with millings and MC-70 oil was applied on Friday, Sept. 1st. 400 ton of millings have been ordered from Wiest Asphalt to re-stock our supply and 250 ton of anti-skid has been ordered from McClymonds Supply and Transit for the stockpile. The Hannahstown Road 'culvert-bridge' parts were on order and should be delivered by Sept. 8th; repairs were to begin the week of Sept. 11th and Butler County Bridge Dept. hopes to have it ready for asphalt by the end of September. The line and legend painting will have been done by the end of September. The road crew installed a light switch in the Ladies' Pavilion as requested by the Recreation Committee last month. A used leaf-vac was purchased from Ron Kozik for the agreed price of \$2,800.00. Repairs to the 2016 chip sealed roads will take place in the summer of 2018 (roads included: Alana, Audrey, Janice, Brian, Whitaker, Charlemagne, Mushrush, Marwood, Golden City & Tower.)

Recreation Committee

Recreation Chairman, Brian Patten, did not submit any minutes for the scheduled Sept. 6th meeting. Roger Cypher said they basically discussed ongoing matters and nothing new on the bleacher quote that the Board requested Mr. Patten get from the County Parks & Recreation Dept.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, Planning Commission Chairman, reported on their August 24, 2017 meeting. The P.C. reviewed a subdivision plan for Raymond B. & Nancy A. Sawyer on Great Belt Rd. Lot 1 is 3.60 acres. It is a triangle with no frontage, but with access to a 50 ft. right-of-way at the existing farm's access lane. The now 61.955 acre farm will also use the 50 ft. right-of-way. The P.C. approved the plan subject to the Township Attorney's review and approval of the 'driveway maintenance language'. At the Supervisors meeting on Sept. 11th, the attorney noted that the driveway maintenance language and the agreement document have been reviewed. The Supervisors then voted to approve the Raymond B. & Nancy A. Sawyer Subdivision and voted to adopt Resolution #401 (Plan Revision for New Land Development) for submission with Component 2 Module to be sent to DEP for approval.

The P.C. talked at length with the Nowicki Family about possible subdivision of their properties on Fisher Rd., Nowicki Lane and Hannahstown Rd. They wish to divide off the farm houses from the rest of the farms. Leo Rosenbauer noted that suggestions were made at the P.C. meeting, but no decisions. Surveyor Stan Graff is still trying to work out the matter to best be in compliance with the township regs.

Mr. and Mrs. Simms attended the P. C. meeting for preliminary discussion on a proposed land development to be submitted. They submitted a building permit application and construction drawings and 'plot plan', but not a signed land development agreement and appropriate certified drawings. They said the construction drawings were submitted to Code.sys Code Consulting. They were told that a building permit cannot be issued until the land development has gone through the approval process. The land development (with signed application and appropriate drawings) needs to be submitted 15 days prior to the planning

commission meeting. In order for the Planning Commission to review a land development (or subdivision) on Sept. 28th, it would have to be submitted by Wed., Sept. 13th. All land development other than single family dwellings or duplexes are subject to these regulations. Each step must followed for appropriate approvals.

August 14, 2017 Unfinished Business

The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #402, adding two properties to the Ag. Security Area as requested (and acknowledge in March 2017.) According to our 'procedure' the applications from Dave & Dane Fine and Raymond Sawyer were held 180 days, until deemed approved. The secretary will have them recorded this week.

John Cypher reported that the MS4 Waiver Application has been completed by HRG, Inc. and is due to DEP by Sept. 15th. The DEP has required that the Township pay the \$5,000 MS4 Waiver Application. The signed application pages and the check are to be picked up at the township office on Tuesday by Rob Arnold.

In regards to the revisions to the Solid Waste Ordinance and the Burning Ordinance, Attorney Marshall will work on them (more urgently, the Burning Ordinance) and will forward suggested revisions for final review.

August 14, 2017 New Business

The Supervisors authorize attendance and payment of registration (\$10 person) for the road crew, supervisors, and secretary/treasurer to attend the Safety Seminar on Wed., Oct. 11, 2017.

An invitation was received from Butler County Planning to participate in the Public Outreach Community Meeting on Oct. 3, 2017 at Middlesex Township Municipal Building - 6:30 PM. It is free for anyone to go - RSVP is requested.

Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - August 14, 2017

- Received NOTICE from XTO Energy that they are applying for well permits for proposed Christensen B Unit 6H well and 7H well on Saxonburg Rd. in Jefferson Township.

- Received NOTICE from Rex Energy that application to DEP is being made to drill or alter Hofer Unit's 2H, 4H, 6H and 8H natural gas wells (Penn Township - Anderson Rd./E.Cruikshank Rd. area)

Two residents from Reay Lane spoke to the Supervisors about 'burning' by a neighbor. The Supervisors were told by Mr. Murin that DEP is making this a top priority to investigate and the Supervisors agreed that since this is probably a 'commercial' burning, that contacting DEP was the best action for him to take. Mr. Murin also complained about not being able to subdivide his 6.5(+/-) acres on Reay Lane. The Board, P.C. Chair., and Attorney tried to explain that current ordinances allow only three lots on a private lane and no additional dwellings are allowed on lots with existing dwellings.

Supervisors Lois Rankin and Braden Beblo may attend the Butler County Federated Library System's "Open House" at BC3 on Sept. 20th. and will RSVP to the invitation if they decide to go.

Major Expenditures since the August 14th meeting through Sept. 11, 2017:

Kosinski Contracting - dep. of renovations	\$ 5,000.00
Ron Kozik - leaf vac. with diesel engine	\$ 2,800.00
Commonwealth of PA - MS4 Waiver Appl. fee (for DEP review)	\$ 5,000.00
Hei-Way - coldpatch	\$ 1,210.53
Highmark Blue Shield - ins. premium for Oct. 2017	\$ 3,096.44
Russell Standard Corp. - MC-70 oil for berms on newly paved roads	\$ 13,366.00
Russell Standard Corp. - double seal coat project	\$ 224,253.60
McClymonds Supply and Transit - anti-skid	\$ 1,340.09

The Newsletter

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

L. John Cypher, Chairman

Lois Rankin, Vice-Chair.

Braden Beblo, Supervisor

Planning Commission – 4th 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 Wetzell, and Robert Williams

Recreation Board – 1st 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

NEW HOURS beginning JULY 2017: 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

- ⇒ **Collection hours for the School Tax billing this fall, at 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA. September 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 - Hours at 245 Heller Rd. are 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. 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 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!



The Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program
assists homeowners in renovating their homes!

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