



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2017

Public Business

A State Police Officer attended the August 14th Supervisors' meeting. He reported that they have responded to 95 calls in Jefferson Township from June 1st to the present. Of those calls, 16 were motor vehicle (13 reportable/3 DUI related/1 fatality); 1 burglary; 3 theft and then miscellaneous which include traffic violations and domestic issues. He reported that someone has been rattling (and sometimes opening) doors in Clinton Township with some reports from the south-east corner of Jefferson. He urges residents to keep doors locked and report any suspicious activity to the State Police.

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. The foreman had about 400 ton of salt delivered under the current contract price (via CoStars). He has contacted an electrician to install a separate light switch next to the electrical panel in the Ladies' Pavilion.

A suit was filed at the District Judge's office for sign damage at the intersection of Mushrush Rd. and Saxonburg Rd. The driver was billed, but has not remitted payment to the Township. A separate sign damage incident at the intersection of Patterson/Bullcreek Roads and Bullcreek/West Jefferson Roads resulting in sign damage was reported to the State Police by the road foreman.

As of Friday, August 11th, the Hannahstown Rd. bridge project was going well and on schedule. However, over the weekend a vehicle slammed through the barricade and landed on the new culvert pipe. The County Engineer will be getting the police report and making the damage claims. The project is now delayed until the extent of the damages and the re-construction needs are determined. The County has notified the School District that the road will not re-open before the start of school.

The 2017 paving project is completed and currently the road crew is back-filling the shoulders and gravel driveway entrances. The total invoice from Wiest Asphalt is \$555,559.86, but a good portion of that will be reimbursed to the Township by XTO Energy (\$120,000) for a portion of Becker and Great Belt Roads (which are bonded by XTO) and Penn Township (\$12,530.23) for their end of Heller Rd.

The Supervisors voted to approve purchase of MC70 oil to apply to all shoulders along the new pavement to help hold millings in place. The Supervisors voted to purchase 400 ton of millings from Wiest Asphalt (delivered at \$13.50 per ton) to begin replenishing the stockpile depleted for this shoulder work.

The Supervisors voted to purchase 250 ton of AS1 'anti-skid' material to replenish the stockpile for the winter season.

The 2017 double seal project should be completed within the next two weeks or so. The Supervisors voted to extend the 8/20/17 deadline by 2 weeks to Sept. 3rd. Russell Standard presented a proposal to 'correct' the 2016 double seal coat project which includes most of the roads seal-coated in 2016; however the Supervisors decided to inspect a few roads not on the proposal and will respond to Russell Standard as soon as possible. These roads will get what is called a 'fog coat' (or 'grip tight' coat), probably next spring.

The road crew hopes to start the third and final berm mowing by Sept. 14th. They also hope to get some crack sealing done before the winter season arrives.

The foreman reported a 'notice' from PA One Call regarding final design for intersection widening of Victory Rd. and Golden City Rd.. Golden City Rd. is to get a bituminous overlay 20 ft. wide by 2010 ft. long (not quite to St. Elias Lane) by PennEnergy, who plan to build a well pad on the Boldy Farm property.

The Supervisors approved the purchase of a used diesel leaf vac. from Ron Kosik for 'up to' \$3,000. The Supervisors approved cleaning and video inspection of the 1,005 L.F. of 15" tin-whistle pipe on Great Belt Rd. near the bike trail. Cost is about \$1500. They will then determine the extent of pipe-lining needed.

Recreation Committee

Recreation Chairman, Brian Patten, reported on the Recreation Committee meeting on Wed., Aug. 2, 2017. The **Baseball** Association is okay with the proposed 'ground work/re-grading' proposed by the road crew to control rain water run-off and reduce erosion at Fields 6 and 7. Brian reported that a tree fell on the upper batting cage near the Ladies' pavilion; the road crew will get to it as soon as possible. The **Pool** Association apparently had a successful '50th Anniversary Celebration' on Aug. 12th. They had a community picnic, games, T-shirt sales, a slide-show and other activities. They served hot dogs, popcorn and snow cones. The **Softball** Association believes the new signage placed along the sidewalks has curbed the use of bike and scooter traffic on the sidewalks. Their tournament at the end of July was a success. Fall Ball is now open: www.sagsa.org There was no report from the **Soccer** Association. The Recreation Committee is looking into the cost of a 'lightning warning system' for the park. They are also looking at costs to add additional cameras to the security system to view other areas of the park. Brian is still trying to see if the County Parks and Recreation Department can get a better price for a new set of bleachers; the current quote is \$3,699 from National Recreation Systems.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, Planning Commission Chairman, reported on their July 27, 2017 meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved the Grabe Plan No. 2 on Bullcreek Rd. for Merlin & Grace Grabe. Parcel A of the original Grabe Plan is reduced by Tract A of 0.167 acre to be conveyed to Revised Lot 3 of the Foertsch Plan increasing it to 4.546 acres with existing house, out buildings, well & septic. Parcel A is further reduced by the creation of Lot 3 (Grabe Plan No.2) of 2.457 acres with existing dwelling, out buildings, well & septic. A 'walk around' drawing provided by the SEO, Doug Duncan, notes that there were no apparent surface malfunction for Lot 3 (Grabe Plan) or on the Revised Parcel A, now 6.280 acres with existing septic system and picnic shelter. It was further noted that Revised Parcel A's water is supplied from the well on Lot 3. The Supervisors reviewed and approved the Grabe Plan No. 2 at their meeting on Aug. 14, 2017.

The P.C. reviewed and approved the Carl Lehnerd Plan (a Lot-Line Revision) on Bullcreek Rd. for Carl Lehnerd and Jon W. Disher. Original Lot 1 (owned by Disher with existing dwelling/septic) is reduced to 4.378 acres (Revised Lot 1) by Tract A of 1.336 acres to be conveyed to adjacent Revised Lot 2 now 7.496 acres (owned by Lehnerd with existing dwelling/septic). Leo Rosenbauer recused himself from voting on the plan, as he prepared and presented the original proposal to the Township in 2011 when he worked for Graff Surveying, but the owners failed to record it. Graff Surveying provided verification of the 50 ft. right-of-way (as requested by the P.C.) by way of a copy of prior L. Veselich Plan (2001) showing the same 50 ft. right-of-way (25 ft. on either side of Bullcreek Rd.) at north corner of Lot 1. The Supervisors reviewed and approved the Carl Lehnerd Plan at their meeting on Aug. 14, 2017.

The P.C. reported that they discussed a request for a second address at 258 Bonniebrook Rd. The P.C. sent a letter authorizing 258A and 258B for a 'duplex' (1st floor apartment and 2nd floor apartment) and explaining that the building cannot be used for anything other than a single family dwelling or duplex (the use since 2012). The Supervisors agreed with the P.C. and directed that a letter be sent from the Supervisors adding to the P.C. comments that *"therefore it cannot be a triplex. Also, it cannot be converted back to a personal care home without compliance with the current ordinances, land development approval, and appropriate permits."*

The P.C. reviewed the draft letter provided by Attorney Marshall as directed by the Supervisors to be sent to Patricia (Lane) Simms and Ralph Simms (re: the Rustique Roost). They voted to recommend that the Supervisors send the letter with some (type-o) corrections. The Supervisors have reviewed, signed and sent that letter which indicates that Mrs. Simms must comply by August 28th.

August 14, 2017 Unfinished Business

Only one bid was received for the advertised fuel bid. The Supervisors voted to award the bid to Purvis Brothers, Inc. for up to 8,000 gal. On-Road Diesel and up to 600 gal. Unleaded 'no ethanol' Gasoline.

The Supervisors received notice from Butler County that Jefferson Township's 2017 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Allocation is \$94,181.00 (\$77,285 for Activity plus \$16,896 for Administration.) The funds have already been designated for 'housing rehab.', unless a project is determined

and the revision is submitted. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #398 designating the County of Butler to administer the CDBG and authorizing the Supervisors to enter into contract with the County (signing the cooperation agreement); Resolution #399 indicating the "Three Year Plan" for use of the CDBG funds; and the "Fair Housing Resolution" (#400.)

The Township Attorney reviewed and approved the DCNR Resolution #397 and the Gas Lease Amendment. So, according to last month's meeting at which they approved the Resolution and Gas Lease Amendment subject to review and approval by the Township Attorney, the Supervisors executed the two documents on August 8, 2017 and forwarded copies to PennEnergy Resources and to the DCNR.

August 14, 2017 New Business

The 2018 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Jefferson Township Pension Plan was prepared by Thomas J. Anderson & Associates. The Supervisors voted to accept the report and authorize the amount of \$15,575.00 to be included in the 2018 Budget.

Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - August 14, 2017

- Received NOTICE from XTO Energy that they are applying for a well permit for the proposed Prager A Unit 2H well (but the paperwork is for Unit 1H) and also for Prager A Unit 3H well (papers do refer to 3H)...in Summit Township, Simon Dr.

- Received NOTICE from Beran Environmental Services that PennEnergy is proposing to permit and drill 4 additional wellheads on the W15 well pad - #5H, 6H, 7H, and 8H, on the Armstrong Cement Corp. property, Cornetti Rd., Clearfield Township.

- Received NOTICE from Penn United Technologies, Inc. - application to DEP being made for an Air Quality Plan Approval Permit for its facility located at 799 N. Pike Rd., Cabot, Jefferson Township.

Major Expenditures since the July 10th meeting through August 14, 2017:

HEI-WAY - coldpatch	\$ 1,222.56
Highmark Blue Shield - health ins. premium	\$ 3,096.44
American Rock Salt - paid from Gen. Fund	\$ 1,879.26
" " - paid from State Fund	\$ 20,000.00
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham - legal for July	\$ 1,411.00
Hampton Concrete Products - grates, rings, etc.	\$ 1,861.40
Purvis Brothers, Inc. - diesel	\$ 1,225.41
Selective Insurance Co. - w/co policy premium 8/2017 to 8/2018	\$ 11,256.00
Wiest Asphalt Products and Paving - paid from Gen. Fund (Paving project)	\$ 315,559.86
" " " - paid from State Fund " "	\$ 240,000.00

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 Wetzal, 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.**

August 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31

September 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28

Hours are 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Anytime by mail. Other times by appointment only.

Please call for an Appointment.

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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.

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