



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 2017 Newsletter

Re-Organization Jan. 3, 2017

As required by state law, all municipalities must hold their organization meeting on the first Monday of the year unless it is a holiday (Monday was the observed holiday.) The Jefferson Township Organization meeting was held on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017 followed immediately by the regular meeting *as advertised* (no meeting on Jan. 9th.)

The Supervisors voted to appoint L. John Cypher as Chairperson and to appoint Lois J. Rankin as Vice-Chairman. Other Township officials were appointed or re-appointed *as follows*: Lois J. Fennell, Township Secretary/Treasurer and Planning Commission Clerk; Code.sys™ Code Consulting, Inc. as the building inspectors (except electric) for all permits under the PAUCC (residential, commercial & industrial) and BCO for all permits under the PAUCC with Ron Young as our primary contact and BCO (building code officer); Allegheny Inspection Service, Inc. as the electrical inspectors for all permits under the PA UCC; David R. Vaughan as the code enforcement and building permit officer; D. Ben Cypher as fire marshal; Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham as solicitors with Matt Marshall as our primary contact; Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc. as the Township Engineers; Dennis Sybert as the dog control officer; Adam Hartwig as the emergency management coordinator; Eric Butler as the assistant emergency management coordinator; Danielle Sedlak, Keith Bachman and Kevin Miller as the members to the Appeals Board for 2016, but appointment of an 'alternate' was tabled. The appointment to fill a vacancy (3-year term) on the Recreation Committee was also tabled. Lois J. Fennell was re-appointed as primary delegate and Erma Mowry as alternate delegate to the Butler Co. Tax Collection Committee; and Lois Fennell and Lois Rankin were re-appointed as representatives to the Butler Co. Association of Township Officials. Doug Duncan was re-appointed as primary sewage enforcement officer (with a new 2017 fee schedule) with David Ice re-appointed as alternate. Monica Rummel was re-appointed as the township representative on the South Butler Community Library Board for another 3-year term until 12/31/19. There were no appointments needed on the Planning Commission this year.

Other decisions at the re-organization meeting included: re-appointment of the cleaning person (Lois Rankin - working-supervisor); keeping First Commonwealth Bank as our primary depository plus a CD at Nextier and savings at PA Local Government Investment Trust; authorizing supervisors and secretary/treasurer to attend the annual state convention in Hershey (if they so desire) and pay the usual expenses; setting the mileage reimbursement at going IRS rate; setting the treasurer's bond at \$800,000.00; and setting the monthly meetings on the second Monday monthly at 7:00 P.M. except Jan. 3, 2017. The Planning Commission will continue to meet at 7:00 P.M. on the 3rd Thursday (except Nov. & Dec.) The Recreation Committee meets the 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. (except Nov., Dec. and Jan.)

The regular business portion of the meeting began at 7:26 P.M.

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher summarized the report submitted by the road foreman. The road crew had a new JD544K and a Cat 930m Wheel Loader delivered to the township site as demos and hope to compare them with a Volvo L70H and a Case 621G. They would like the Board to consider approval for a 'quick hitch' and a second bucket with teeth when the Supervisors decide to move forward with the purchase of a new wheel loader.

The road crew worked with property owners along Mushrush Road and approximately 20 dead ash trees (that were a danger to motoring public) were safely felled. There was an icing problem for several years at 354 West Jefferson Rd. After doing a PA One Call, they determined that water was traveling along a gas line and seeping out of the ground there. They fixed the problem by installing an under drain and tapping into the existing under drain that runs alongside West Jefferson Road.

The road crew ordered 600 ton of salt on the new contract and plans to order another 300 more ton in the first or second week of January. This will complete the minimum purchase requirement on the 2016-2017 winter contract.

The Mack truck has been at Walsh Equipment since Dec. 27th. If all goes well, the Township should have the truck around the 16th to 20th of January 2017.

The foreman is working on a list of roads to be paved and seal coated this summer. He will have it ready before the February meeting, so the Supervisors can review it and each can talk to him about it prior to the Feb. 13th meeting. Hopefully, they can authorize advertisement of bids at that meeting.

In regards to building maintenance needed in 2017, the foreman proposes to get bids or quotes on replacing the roofs on the township office/meeting room building and the grader shed (next to the fuel tanks.) Also, rusted man doors need replaced and/or re-paint the good ones. All rain gutters, down spouts and fascia need to be repaired or replaced and snow guard should be installed on all three main buildings for safety! The Supervisors agreed that he can begin gathering prices for the roofing.

The road crew hopes to cut brush, pull general maintenance on truck and equipment, and work on the signage throughout the Township....when they are not plowing and salting the roads!

Recreation Committee

There are no meetings in November, December and January; therefore no report on Jan. 3, 2017. The Supervisors discussed the need for a volunteer to oversee scheduling of certain events (i.e. pavilion rental) at the park plus opening, stocking and locking the restroom (for pavilion rental) as well as opening and locking the gates before & after certain events. They voted to NOT rent or reserve the 'ladies' pavilion' until further notice, with the understanding that the pavilion is still available on a first come first served basis (as is, use of restroom not guaranteed.) Until a volunteer is found to handle the park matters, the Board has no other choice.

Planning Commission

The advertised December 16, 2016 Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of business. There was no report this evening.

Jan. 3, 2017 Unfinished Business

HRG, Inc. has completed the 'advanced' written MS4 Waiver Approval Application and submitted it on Dec. 29, 2016. Now we wait to hear if the PA DEP Bureau of Clean Water will approve submittal of the actual waiver application.

Chairman Cypher commented on the future auditor needs for the township. He expressed concern that Auditors should be elected and not 'solicited' for appointment by the Board. All three (2 yr., 4 yr., and 6 yr.) auditor positions will be on the ballot for this year's municipal election.

Jan. 3, 2017 New Business

The Supervisors authorized contacting the Township Attorney to begin the process of revising the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and Fee Resolution in regards to required reimbursement of professional fees by developers/property owners.

The Supervisors voted to accept the insurance package renewal (liability, property & vehicle) and authorize the secretary to sign the renewal papers. The package increase is about 4%, including a standard 2% property value increase.

The Supervisors received a letter of interest from Penn Energy for a possible lease of property owned by the Township at the park. They agreed to have an 'informational meeting' for Penn Energy's representative to explain the offer before they discuss and decide on the matter at a regular meeting.

The Supervisors reviewed and approved the proposed "Procedure to Add to Agricultural Security Area During the 7-Year Period".

Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - Jan. 3, 2017

Monica Rummel presented a brief report on the South Butler Community Library. The interim director, Michelle Lesniak, was chosen out of other applicants to be appointed as the new Director. They also filled some clerk positions. They have completed and paid for the new roof on the library. They continue to offer programs for all ages and she said to keep checking their website and their sign out front for new programs and fundraisers. A big fund raiser is the sale of old books donated to the library. They research each

book; some are sold on Amazon and some at their book store. The Supervisors expressed many thanks for her dedication to the library and for reporting them about the 'goings-on' at the library.

The Board referred to the Fee Resolution discussion (under new business) and voted to adopt a revised Fee Resolution (#392) to include the updated sewage enforcement officer fees for 2017.

The Supervisors considered and authorized transfer of funds (about 1/2 or more) from PLGIT/I Class to PLGIT Prime for a higher dividend rate, so long as any time restraints are no more than 6 months at a time.

Major Expenditures since the Dec. 14, 2015 through Jan. 3, 2016:

Highmark Blue Shield - health ins. premium - Jan.	\$3,096.44
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American Rock Salt - road salt	\$16,682.98
Beth's Barricade - Hannahstown Rd. barricades rental	\$2,000.00
Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc. - MS4 waiver appl.	\$4,794.41
Purvis Brothers, Inc. - diesel	\$1,477.00
PSATS - 2017 dues, magazine, etc.	\$1,078.08

The Newsletter

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM & Friday mornings - 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

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.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

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

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (no meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: Brian Patter (Chair.), -vacant- (Secretary), Viki Nulph, Greg Bauer (Pool), Mike Comely (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.

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

245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288

⇒ During the winter months, as per the Township Ordinances, NO ONE is to park on the cul-de-sacs so that the road can easily be cleaned of snow. Please DO NOT PUSH SNOW ONTO THE ROADS when plowing your driveway. Should this cause an accident, you could be named in a claim or lawsuit. In addition, this is a reminder that the Township is NOT responsible for replacing or repairing mailboxes damaged during the plowing/salting process.

Do you live in Jefferson Township?

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



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improvements including
making your home more
Energy Efficient. Also, if
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