

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR MEETING

October 8, 2018

### 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 Oct. 8, 2018. All rose to pledge the flag.

### ROLL CALL:

Those present were Chairman John Cypher, Vice-Chair. Lois Rankin, Supervisor Braden Beblo, and Sec/Treas. Lois Fennell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

### MINUTES:

John Cypher *moved* to approve the September 10, 2018 regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### FINANCIAL:

Bills paid between the Sept. 10th and the Oct. 8, 2018 meetings totaled \$282,423.87 (includes the Gen. Fund payment on chip seal project.) Bills presented for payment from the General Fund this evening totaled \$70,641.18. No bills were presented from the State Fund. The total of all funds after payment of the bills reported is \$1,341,607.87. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills plus any regular bills that may become due prior to the Nov. 12, 2018 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Chris Balina and Brian Jack were present from the Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. to request a one-time donation to the fire department of \$25,000. Winfield Township has already agreed to \$25,000 and they anticipate that Clinton Township will also donate \$25,000. They are seeking funds in addition to County funding to help with updating the radio system. Discussion noted that should we 'not' have a volunteer fire department, the municipality would have to have a paid department which would be much costlier! Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. is our 'primary' fire service. John Cypher *moved* to donate \$25,000 toward the required 9-1-1 radio system enhancements, in addition to our regular annual donation to Saxonburg Vol. Fire. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten, submitted minutes for their Oct. 3rd meeting.

There were three main 'action items' that the Supervisors were asked review:

- 1) After some discussion, John Cypher *moved* to approve purchase of 'bench seating' as quoted by NRS for cost of \$4,045.85 (freight to township included) for baseball. The Wayne Deaner donation fund of \$2,025 plus additional an \$2,020.85 from Township will cover the cost. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.
- 2) The Supervisors discussed the security system coverage. They are in agreement to re-aim the existing 5-way view camera and install an additional 5-way view camera. They believe these changes will provide the coverage needed. *Motion* by John Cypher to accept the bid from Dreamhome Electronics (Mike Sahli) for the new 5-way view camera at \$1,454.00 (no tax) includes labor. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. They are NOT buying a second camera as it was never discussed by them previously!

3) The Supervisors were urged to finish review and revision of the Park Rules and Regulations. They have agreed to re-read/review and commit to a revised version so that it can be advertised, adopted, and posted at the park.

John Cypher noted that the Supervisors should consider updating the master plan....for future grant applications!

Pool: [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com) Softball: [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org) Soccer: [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org) Baseball: [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com)

#### PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leo Rosenbauer, Chairman of the Planning Commission reported on the Sept. 17, 2018 Planning Commission (P.C.) meeting. He was not present on 9/17/18, but the vice-chair and secretary were not available to attend this evening. There was only one plan to review: AT&T Land Development for a proposed 10' x 4' pad with generator to the existing cell tower at 750 Dinnerbell Rd. (on Thoma's Meat Market property). The P.C. approved the plan contingent on two items. The Supervisors reviewed 'what was submitted, which was incomplete. *Motion* by John Cypher to approve the AT&T Land Development for the proposed 10' x 4' pad with generator with the same two contingencies set by the Planning Commission: 1) update land development and 2) submit official application. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. discussed possible development on a flag lot off Green Manor Dr. Several matters need to be addressed re: correct boundary line between Summit and Jefferson Township; location of proposed house; stormwater management plan; verification of prior testing of septic testing. The P.C. took no action; advised them to seek professional assistance. The Supervisors had no action to take this evening, 10/8/18.

The Supervisors received a draft developers agreement from Kevin Miller and the attorney's revised draft. They have been passed around for review. They indicated that the attorney should proceed.

#### ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. Anti-skid delivery has been completed. 300 ton of salt will be ordered from the 2018-2019 contract before next month's meeting. The road crew will keep an eye on the temperatures and get the Ladies' Pavilion winterized as needed. M & M Limestone has a sale of 2RC stone. Sale price is \$130 per tri-axle (about 23 ton) and since they are the 'bid award' for 2RC this year, we can purchase at the sale price and save considerably. Supervisors discussed material, which is 'good for compacting' projects. *Motion* by John Cypher to proceed to order up to 600 ton before 10/31/18 (sale ends.) *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. All scrap has been cleaned up and sold; total was \$875.28 receipted and deposited to checking. The road department is currently looking at getting demonstrations for zero-turn mowers to replace the current Hustler. It has 1800 hours and is using oil. They will report to the board later. Snow fence is set to start after Oct. 15th, as weather and time allow. Penn Energy paved the first portion of Victory Road with hot mix pavement (E-skid resistant stone) at no cost to the Township (following several discussions with the road foreman this year.) Milling and paving cost was over \$50,000. The following invoices were sent for 2018 chip seal program: XTO Energy for 50% of Burtner Rd. \$16,454.53; Penn Energy Resources for 70% of portion of Victory Rd. \$7,780.83; Erie Insurance for damage claim on portion of Victory Rd. \$4,968.05 (paid) and Penn Township for their portion of Heller Rd. \$3,847.66 (paid.) Total reimbursement expected is \$33,051.07.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Good News! We received word that Penn DOT has approved the Multi-Modal "Joint" Grant Application with Summit Township for Bonniebrook Rd. (for reconstruction/repairs from Rt. 356 in Jefferson Township to Rt. 422 in Summit Township). Total grant is \$1,299,525; total 'project' is \$1,856,456. Our shared 30% is \$556,940.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

The 2019 Proposed Budget was introduced to the Board of Supervisors this past week. No discussion this evening; no workshop planned; they will discuss at the Nov. 12th meeting.

*Motion* by John Cypher to authorize township officials (supervisors, sec/treas., elected auditor and tax collector, P.C. members, Codes officer) to attend the Fall Convention, Tues., evening, Oct. 23, 2018 in Slippery

## NEW BUSINESS, cont.:

Rock and township will pay registration plus mileage reimbursement. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

A letter/invoice was received from Saxonburg Borough for Jefferson Township's share of the volunteer fire and ambulance workmen's comp. insurance. A check for \$15,914.57 is included with the bills paid tonight.

A notice was received from Butler Co. Emergency Services (9-1-1) regarding addresses for lanes in the 'county' with two or more houses or lots. Codes Officer, Danielle Sedlak, has asked for input from the Supervisors. Several matters were discussed: Does the township pay for lane signs, since this is an unfunded mandate? Should we move forward with updating any known parcels not on the 9-1-1 list provided? Should we post updates on the website? The Supervisors reviewed the proposed letter to residents as well as reviewed notes and folder. After significant discussion the Board said: 1) yes, we will cooperate with the 9-1-1 request; 2) the township will provide a sign & post for a cost of \$350 at the expense of the resident(s), but will install at no cost to the resident and only those properties indicated by 9-1-1 will be sent the letter; 3) a copy of the 9-1-1 notification showing that the township is 'forced' to comply be included with the proposed letter to residents; and 4) there is no need to place lane name changes/updates on the website.

*Motion* by John Cypher to accept the health insurance renewal with Highmark Blue Shield, an approx. 6.5-7% increase over last year. Policy year runs 12/1 to 11/30. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. At this time, it does not include dental or vision coverage.

An e-mail was received from Dan Cohen, (Cohen Law Group) regarding 'wireless poles and antennas in the rights-of-way...pending legislation would reduce the fees for such facilities. Subsequently an e-mail was received from PSATS, Elam Herr, regarding the 'misleading and inaccurate information' being received from various third parties. The Supervisors took no action; do not want to oppose or contact state representatives.

L273 Course - Managing Floodplain Development - Oct. 29, 30, 31 and Nov. 1st. Fee is \$100. *Motion* by John Cypher to authorize the Codes Officer/Floodplain Administrator to attend and pay the registration and usual expenses. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## MISC. BUSINESS:

Received NOTICE from XTO Energy/Mountain Gathering is applying to DEP for well permits for A-Unit 2H, 4H and 5H in Penn Township off Hicks Rd.

Received NOTICE of NPDES permit application filed for Saxonburg Authority renewal for continued operation of the sewage plant (in Renfrew.)

Received Notice from XTO that they are applying for a well permit from DEP for the proposed Bachelder Unit 2H well in Penn Township off Crisswell Rd.

Received NOTICE from Civil & Environmental Consultants that they are applying to DEP for authorization for Pine Run Midstream under the ESCGP-2 Permit for the W55 to W57 pipeline project in Jefferson & Winfield Townships (pipe line crosses Rt. 356 south of Winfield Rd.)

Notice was received regarding the SWPA Commission's "Public Hearings". Butler County's is Oct. 25th at government center from 5 to 7 PM. The S.W. PA Commission is updating its regional long range transportation and development plan.

## ATTENDANCE:

Dennis Kriley and Leo Rosenbauer.

## ADJOURN:

Lois Rankin *moved* to adjourn at 8:53 PM. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed & *motion carried*. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Mon., Nov. 12, 2018 at 7 P.M. at the Township Building, 157 Great Belt Rd.

*Respectfully submitted by Sec/Treas., Lois Fennell*