

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

July 8, 2019

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 7:01 P.M. on July 8, 2019. 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:

Chairman Cypher announced that the Supervisors met in brief executive session following the end of the June 10th meeting and prior to the start of this evening's meeting (July 8th) - both on personnel matters. He noted that the Board will also meet in executive session following tonight's meeting for personnel discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

MINUTES:

John Cypher *moved* to approve the June 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

FINANCIAL:

Bills paid between the June 10th meeting and July 7, 2019 totaled \$1,441.52. Bills presented for payment from the General Fund totaled \$13,777.35. No bills were presented from the State Fund. The total of all funds after payment of the bills reported is \$1,667,818.12. John Cypher *moved* to pay the bills plus any regular bills that may become due prior to the August 12, 2019 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Mr. Robert Damico complained about the road foreman stopping him on W. Jefferson Rd., while he was driving his horse/wagon, in regards to 'horse droppings' left on Bullcreek Rd. (near Faust property.) He said it was a Friday at 7:30 PM., but it was actually Sat. 6/22 at 7:30 PM. There was discussion about whether or not a person is legally obligated to clean up 'horse droppings' from the roads or is this just a neighbor friendly moral obligation. Chairman Cypher said the road foreman was NOT on duty and he was NOT acting as a township representative at that time, but as a private citizen. This incident has nothing to do with the township. It seems everyone has a personal opinion about it.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten sent e-mail stating that there was NO meeting on July 3rd due to lack of a quorum. He included a 'thank you' for to all who helped to put the new bleachers together on June 15th. *Motion* by John Cypher to have a placard made and placed on the bleachers 'In Memory of Wayne Deaner'. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org
Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com Pool: www.sebcopool.com Softball: www.sagsa.org

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. The 2019 paving project is to start July 8th and is expected to take approximately 10 working days to complete. Glenn Heilman has agreed to help with quality control (approved by all three Supervisors polled.) *Motion* by John Cypher to ratify this 'individual' decision to hire Glenn Heilman for 'quality control' during the paving project. *Seconded*

ROAD FOREMAN, cont.:

by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. Lois Rankin inquired and the Board discussed the possibility of 'training' for future quality oversight of the seal coat and/or paving bids. Braden Beblo said it could be looked into; however, Chairman Cypher noted that this would likely be 'ongoing annual training' which could be costly. He also noted that the Township gets a quality job with the use of a professional quality control person at minimal cost and overall future savings to the township.

After completion of the paving project the road crew will back up the pavement shoulders with screened millings. The foreman asked if quotes should be obtained to have an outside contractor shoot the millings with MC-70 oil...as was done in past years. *Motion* by John Cypher to obtain quotes from outside contractors to shoot the millings placed on the shoulders with MC-70. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Motion by John Cypher to name Austin Taylor as 'temporary road foreman' from Aug. 3rd to Aug. 18th while the regular road foreman is on vacation. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The second berm mowing is to be completed by 7/8/19. The boom mowing is way behind due to another break down. Two hydraulic cylinders had to be rebuilt (by an outside facility) and some oil leaks repaired. It will be out of service for a week or two.

The millings from Hannahstown Rd. will be dumped at the township stone yard. The Board agreed that some can be used to touch up the soccer parking area and roadway, as well as the overflow parking area.

A 24" concrete pipe on O'Hara Rd. was plugged with debris and is separating. It should be replaced after Alwine Road pipes are completed. An excavator will be needed to complete the project. The foreman asked for input from the Board.

There were 3 qualified quotes for the 'guide rail' on O'Hara Road: Green Acres \$14,359.38; PennLine \$13,431.25 and Keystone Guiderail \$11,757.50. If Board approves, estimated installation would be August or September. *Motion* by John Cypher to proceed with work through Keystone Guiderail as quoted (\$11,757.50). *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Chairman Cypher additional reported in regards to the Bonniebrook Rd. 'drainage bid' opened this morning at Summit Township. Due to PennDOT's delay, bids were advertised late this year and only three bids were received. Two of the 3 appear to be 'credible' (each came in slightly over \$800,000) and the third bid (the lowest bid at \$304,000) is basically an unknown company and may have defective paperwork. Larry Osche, Summit Township Supervisor asked our Board's opinion. Chairman Cypher said he sees only two options at this point in time for Summit Township to take, as lead grantees, at their meeting: get review/input from Allen Williams (PennDOT Municipal Services) and perhaps Summit Township's attorney as to whether to proceed with the lowest bid (if paperwork is correctly submitted) *or* reject all bids and wait until February 2020 to re-bid.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The June 17th Planning Commission was cancelled due to no business; therefore, no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Cypher gave a brief update on the Spaulding septic repair issue. Mr. Spaulding is working on getting the easement 'in writing' with a neighbor and it needs to be recorded before the SEO, Dave Ice, can complete the permitting. It is a good plan with an end in sight and therefore the Board intends to give the needed time for completion.

The 2019 CDBG Allocation was announced (via Wendy Leslie, Butler County CDBG Coordinator). Project funds are \$86,497 and Admin. funds are \$18,910. The Board has already designated these funds for housing rehab. unless something changes before the fall application is due. The 2018 CDBG 'contract' with the Redevelopment Authority is ready for the Township and County Commissioners to sign. *Motion* by John Cypher to sign the 2018 CDBG Contract with the Redevelopment Authority. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Impact Fee allocation was announced last week. Jefferson Township is receiving \$222,913.75 (based on the 2017 reporting year). This is \$122,913.75 over our estimated (budgeted) income. Therefore a Supplement Budget Resolution needs to be adopted for this increase. *Motion* by John Cypher to adopted Resolution #434 Supplement Budget Resolution noting the supplemental appropriations for possible use in the 2019 Impact Fee Budget. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

MISC. BUSINESS:

A notice from II-IV, Inc. was received 6/17/19 (between meetings) re: siren testing on June 21 and June 22 at noon. 'Notice' was sent with the June Newsletter distribution the week of 6/17: however, it did not go as usual and was re-distributed on 6/25/19.

Lois Rankin asked about the 'quote' for hiring an independent contractor with machine and attachments approved at the June meeting. Chairman Cypher noted that it was noted at the June meeting and in the minutes that McCrea gave the best price, \$7,840, well under the 'quoting requirements'.

Lois Rankin asked Larry Osche about the inquiry from their attorney regarding use of the 'rails to trails' for the proposed sewer line. Both Larry Osche and Chairman Cypher said Attorney Gallagher had 'erroneous' information. Jefferson Township did not ever give permission for 'use of the trail' for a proposed sewer line for Summit Township. Mr. Osche said they have to approach Buffalo Township.

Ann Coleman from Representative Marci Mustello's office, was present to introduce herself. She said Jefferson Township is in the top 6 municipalities in Butler County for Impact Fee receipts this year. Their office is moving in August from Lyndora to the old Kerven Subaru at 100 Barracks Rd. They will be sending invitations to their Open House scheduled for August 22nd. She said to please contact them in regards to any state grants we may apply for, for letters of support, etc.

ATTENDANCE:

Leo Rosenbauer, Roger Cypher, Amy Gonzales (PennEnergy), Larry Osche (Summit Township), Ann Coleman (Representative Marci Mustello's office), Lil Bachman, John A. Kriley, Dennis Kriley, Robert Damico and guest.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Lois Rankin to adjourn at 8:02 P.M. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2019 at 7 P.M. at the Township Building, 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler.

Respectfully submitted by Sec/Treas., Lois Fennell