

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

October 14, 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 7:00 P.M. on October 14, 2019. All rose to pledge the flag.

ROLL CALL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Cypher announced that the Supervisors met in brief executive session September 3rd, 4th, and on Sept. 16th on personnel matters. Supervisors Cypher and Rankin attended the Safety Seminar on Wed., Oct. 9th with several other township employees.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

MINUTES:

John Cypher *moved* to approve the Sept. 9, 2019 regular meeting minutes as written and presented (with the secretary's correction of the Co-Stars salt prices already inserted: 2018/2019 was \$62.93 per ton; 2019/2020 is \$72.60 (\$13.27 per ton more.) *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

FINANCIAL:

Chairman Cypher read the financial report. Bills paid between the Sept. 9th and Oct. 14, 2019 totaled \$880,420.76, which included the Shields Asphalt Paving project (paid from both general and state funds). Bills presented this evening for payment from the General Fund totaled \$87,887.26, which included Jefferson Township's share of the workmen's comp. insurance for Saxonburg Volunteer Fire and Ambulance; the foreign fire tax payment to Saxonburg Volunteer Fire and Relief Association that was received from the State, and the annual pension payment (which includes the State allocation.) There were no bills presented for payment from the State Fund. The total of all funds after payment of the bills presented was \$1,070,740.56. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented plus any regular bills that may become due prior to the November 11, 2019 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT: None

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Brian Patten, Recreation Committee Chair., could not be present this evening. Chairman Cypher reported on the Oct. 2, 2019 meeting.

The Baseball Association is still reviewing the need for new plumbing fixtures in the upper concession stand bathrooms. Items needed: rebuild the toilets (seats, plumbing, handles); new sink faucets and drains, and possible addition of bathroom fans. They have asked that the road crew winterize the concession stand/water well at any point beginning Nov. 4. Leo Rosenbauer said the road crew was planning to do this around Oct. 28th or 29th....it will depend on the weather.

The Pool Association is gathering information on replacing the heater next spring. They also need to get quotes for repairs on the bottom of the pool

The Softball Association's 'fall ball' continues until Oct. 26th. They had a one-day tournament on Oct. 12th with 8 teams participating. They are reviewing plans for rehabilitating the area between Fields #5 and #6.

RECREATION COMMITTEE, cont.:

They are also planning some maintenance on the drains between Fields #4 and #5.

The Soccer Association' season ends Oct. 26th. Commissioner Boozel is donating work at their fields; replacing soffit/facia boards on the concession stand, painting concession stand and tables & chairs, and repairing the stairs. They will be holding a "Socctoberfest" on Sat., Oct. 26th. It will be during their normal playing times. They will host some local area clubs. They plan on an Octoberfest-style menu along with raffles, prizes, games, etc. for fund raising.

Park Projects: The committee is discussing location and contents of proposed 'kiosks'. Ideas include: park map, park rules, contact info. for each organization; addresses for 9-1-1 calls, township office info./phone number, pavilion rental information, park hours, historical info., etc.

Misc. Business: Viki Nulph resigned last month, effective at the end of this year. Lois Rankin *moved* to send a thank you card for her service on the Committee. *Seconded* by John Cypher. All agreed and *motion carried*. Park gates need locked around Nov. 4th. Both Baseball and Softball asked that the original locks be used, so that their volunteers can continue some maintenance work into late fall.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

John Cypher read the report submitted by road foreman, Bill Foertsch. Three pipe crossings have been completed on Alwine Road; awaiting invoice from McCrea Excavating. Oak Drive tail ditching and rip-rap addition to the outlet of the 60-inch culvert has been completed. A "thank you" was expressed to Clinton Township for help with their excavator. Hannahstown Rd. crack-sealing was completed today (10/14/19.) Some concrete repairs and drainage extensions have been done to the West Jefferson Rd. bridge by the road crew. The new Mack truck had side boards built by the road crew and was sent to Neilly Canvas for a tarp installation so it can be used for the leaf vac. Snow fence installation should begin around Oct. 20th, depending on the weather and the crops being harvested. A list of roads that need tree trimming was provided to the board. After some discussion John Cypher *moved* to solicit bids for select roads (for safety and pre-paving). *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. Golden City Road had some extensive repairs done to the section bonded by PennEnergy (damages due to heavy 'gas well' hauling. More repairs still need to be addressed before winter. The foreman and manager are trying to make contact with Mr. Schwab regarding this. Lois Rankin suggested called Amy Gonzalez. The 99 International 530 truck had to be taken to Keystone Spring due to broken rear axle U-bolts – cost about \$650. The 2015 Ford F550 check engine light came on; Butler Co. Ford said it was an emissions problem with the regen. system and DPF filter plugging up. Repairs, costing \$435, were done. Any further issues will be addressed by the Township.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Planning Chairman, Leo Rosenbauer, reported on the Sept. 16, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved a Lot-Line Revision Plan #2 for James and Denise Foertsch. Previously 8.43 acres was being conveyed from Harold W. Foertsch to James and Denise. Due to 'farm preservation regulations' this had to be reversed, combining the 8.43 acres back with Tract 1 (farm with 100 acres). Revised Parcel B returns to 1 acre. Lois Rankin *moved* to approve the James E. and Denise A. Foertsch Lot Line Revision #2 on West Jefferson Rd. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P. C. reviewed and approved the Ralph Bachman Estate Lot Line Revision on Simon Drive. The house at 103 Simon Drive (190-1F153-3D3 of 0.486 acre) has been demolished; this parcel is being conveyed to existing 1.119 acre Tract A to make it 1.605 acres. In return, the Bachman Estate (farm 1F153-3) is conveying 0.500 acre (increased from P.C. presentation on 9/16/19) to tax parcel 1F153-3E making it 1.500 acres total. The Residual (farm) will be approximately 51.43 acres (not field verified). The wells and approximate septic locations have been indicated. A mylar was submitted for this evening. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to approve the Ralph Bachman Estate Lot Line Revision as presented. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. reviewed and recommended approval of the Evelyn Gallagher Sewage Planning Module for a small flow treatment facility needed to remedy a malfunctioning system at 693 Mushrush Rd. The SEO reviewed and signed the DEP Module. After some discussion, Lois Rankin *moved* to approve the 'revised'

PLANNING COMMISSION, cont.:

Small Flow Treatment Facility Maintenance Agreement. The revision requires a bond or cash escrow in the amount of 10% of the system's cost or \$1,000, whichever is greater. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to approve the sewage module and adopt Resolution #440 ("Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development" under DEP Act 537, for Evelyn Gallagher, for the single residence sewage treatment plant.) *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Lois Rankin asked about the status of the Theotokos Monastery land development approved with contingencies by the Supervisors in September. Leo Rosenbauer said they are still working on those contingencies and are bringing in a revised plan for relocating the proposed church.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Leo Rosenbauer submitted several items for consideration: 1) mobile home parks could have an annual license fee (it is already provided for in the ordinance; a fee would need to be added to the 'Fee Resolution'), 2) a timbering ordinance should be considered because companies often do a poor job of clean-up, drainage and road care, and 3) vacancy on the Recreation Board. Chairman Cypher suggested the Supervisors table these matters and perhaps discuss next month.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

John Cypher noted that the Spaulding's new septic system was permitted, installed, approved and is functioning.

John Cypher noted that the Township received a letter from the DCED stating that the "Greenways, Trails and Recreation" Grant Funding was denied. A new application may be prepared for submission in 2020, hopefully with an 'updated park master plan' and letter of support from the new Senator (Joe Pittman.)

NEW BUSINESS:

The proposed 2020 Budget was introduced to the Board of Supervisors. The Supervisors will review it and determine individually if they want a 'budget workshop' or not; if so, perhaps it can be scheduled before the next regular meeting on Nov. 11, 2019. Otherwise, they will discuss the budget on Nov. 11th and then authorize advertisement.

Motion by John Cypher to approve attendance/registration to the PSATS Boot Camp (for Supervisors and/or the Manager). *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Motion by John Cypher to ratify the decision to hire Rick Etzel to replace the road crew worker who resigned in August. This was a result of the executive sessions held last month. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

MISC. BUSINESS:

- Received NOTICE from Endeavor Professional Services that PennEnergy Resources is applying for a permit from DEP to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Gas Well on Bricker Rd., Cabot (Winfield Twp) – PER W45 3H Well.

- Received NOTICE from Gateway Engineers that PennEnergy Resources is applying for a permit from DEP to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well in Winfield Twp. (Cornplanter Rd.) PER 246 3H Well.

- Received NOTICE from CEC, Inc. that PennEnergy is applying to DEP for renewal of coverage to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Well PER W71 on Dinnerbell Rd.

Trick or Treat has been set up for Thurs., Oct. 31st from 6 to 8 PM

The Fall Convention of the Butler County Association of Township Officials is on Tues. Oct. 22, 2019 at 6 PM at the Slippery Rock Township Bldg. Registration is \$20. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to authorize payment of registration and usual expenses for township officials to attend. *Seconded* by John Cypher. All agreed and motion carried. We have 7 registrations so far.

MISC. BUSINESS, cont.:

Notice: A 211 and BERI (Butler Emergency Relief Initiative, a United Way sponsored program) informational session will be Oct. 24 at 10 AM here, at the Jefferson Township Building. It is open to the public. The Township will provide coffee and tea.

Manager Rosenbauer reported that PAGE+E, a gas and electric supplier, will be in the area for a week or two, for solicitation. The Township does not have an ordinance for such, but they were asked to provide information and were asked if they had 'company' ID to show.

ATTENDANCE:

Evie Gross, Lil Bachman, Bill & Mandi Foertsch, Denise Foertsch, Ev & Tom Gallagher, Chuck & Connie Kiley, and Marilyn Stahl.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Lois Rankin to adjourn at 8:08 P.M. *Seconded* by John Cypher. All agreed and *motion carried*. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2019 at 7 P.M. at the Township Building, 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler.

Respectfully submitted by Sec/Treas. Lois J. Fennell