

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

July 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors, held at the municipal building at 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA, was called to order by Chairman John Cypher at 7:00 P.M. on July 13, 2020. All rose to pledge the flag.

ROLL CALL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All three Supervisors attended an informational meeting with the Township Manager regarding the Bonniebrook Rd. project – Wed., July 8, 2020 at 3 P.M. There was no executive session prior to tonight's meeting (7/13/20.)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

MINUTES:

John Cypher *moved* to approve the June 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed/*motion carried*.

FINANCIAL:

Bills paid between the June 8th and the July 13, 2020 meetings totaled \$8,374.24. Bills presented for payment from the General Fund this evening totaled \$14,250.16. No bills were presented from the State Fund. The total of all funds after payment of the bills reported is \$1,980,221.89. John Cypher *moved* to pay the bills plus any regular bills that may become due prior to the August 10, 2020 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT: None.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The Recreation Committee report for their meeting on July 1, 2020 was read by Supervisor John Cypher as Brian Patten could not be present.

- The Recreation Committee recommend that any positive Covid-19 cases known of or found within any of the associations (softball, baseball, pool, and soccer) be reported to the Township Manager as soon as possible.
- All associations have reported implementation and adherence to applicable guidelines from the CDC and other authorities in an effort to minimize Covid-19 risks.

Baseball plans to host an 11U tournament on 7/17-7/19/20. www.saxonburgbaseball.com

The Pool opened July 1, 2020. They have cancelled swim teams for 2020. They received a nice amount of season pass signups on opening day. www.sebcopool.com

Softball plans to bring back their large tournament for 2020, to be held August 21, 22, and 23 (this was moved from the usual week-end in July (17, 18 + 19) www.saga.org

Soccer is planning a Fall season with registration to open soon. See website: www.knochsoccer.org

Park Projects: None Action Items: None. Next meeting is August 5, 2020 at 8 P.M.

John Cypher noted that CDBG cannot be used for matching funds on the proposed trail paving. They may use CDBG funding on the restroom renovation proposed at an estimated cost of \$100,000...the Board will need to vote to 'use prior year funding' (change order.)

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chairman, reported on the Planning Commission meeting on June 15, 2020. The P.C. reviewed and approved a modification request from Tom Essary, 149 Hannahstown Rd., to build a 12x16 ft. shed 11 ft. closer to the property line of Doug Hilliard. A letter of permission was submitted. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to approve the 11 ft. modification (a 14 ft. set-back) for the proposed 12'x16' shed for Tom Essary. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. previously approved the Faust Plan No. 2 on Bullcreek Rd. (owned by James & June Faust Trust – James Faust, Jr.) with five contingencies at the Jan. 20, 2020 meeting. The septic walk-around failed and subsequent dye test failed on proposed Lot 2 (of 1.50 acres.) They have submitted a revised plan to the P.C. to encompass a sewage repair site within Lot 2. A 'Non-Building Waiver' was approved for the remnant. All contingencies were met. *Motion* by John Cypher to approve the Faust Plan No. 2 as presented. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. reviewed the Jeffries/Kelley Plan located at the corner of Riemer Rd. and Winfield Rd. Tract A of 0.30 acre is being added to existing Lot 2 (1F94-14A with 1.02 acre owned by Rick and Karen Kelley.) The house on Lot 2 was demolished last year. The residual lot (Tax Parcel 1F94-14) is reduced by Tract A of 0.30 acre to 83.66 acres. The house on the residual lot is no longer in use as a dwelling; no walk-around or dye test could be completed. All structures on the remnant are designated for Agricultural Storage and a 'Non-Building Waiver' was approved for the remnant. All contingencies have been met. Lois Rankin *moved* to approve the Jeffries/Kelley Plan as presented. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The P.C. reviewed the E. W. Waechter Estate Plan on Saxonburg Rd. and Old Farm Lane (owned by Mary Ann Paulet. Lot 2 of 7.73 acres and Lot 1 of 19.12 acres are proposed. Wetlands and a 20 ft. easement for the water course are shown. The PennDOT highway notation is indicated (for Saxonburg Rd.) The P.C. voted to approve the Component 1 sewage planning module for submission to DEP and to approve the E. W. Waechter Estate Plan contingent upon that the tail (pole) from Lot 2 ending at the Old Farm Lane be 'satisfactorily' labeled to prohibit vehicular use as access to Old Farm Lane. All contingencies have been met. This approval is subject to DEP sewage planning approval. *Motion* by John Cypher to approve the E. W. Waechter Estate Plan as presented. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Due to the old ordinance needing clarified insofar as commercial burning and due to the letters received from DEP about burning, the Township Supervisors indicated over a year ago that the burning ordinance needed revised. The draft prepared by the manager was discussed by the P. C. They suggested some minor changes and voted to approve the draft contingent upon the changes discussed. At the July 13th meeting, the Supervisors discussed the proposed revised Burning Ordinance. Chairman Cypher expressed his concern that the ordinance should 'allow burning' on residential sites with single family dwellings or duplexes, but should prohibit all other (commercial, industrial, multi-family, etc.) per DEP regulations. The other two Supervisors had no objections to the proposed draft presented. The Supervisors will continue their review; no decision made this evening.

ROAD REPORT:

John Cypher read the Road Report as submitted. Inlet and storm pipe have been installed on Bullcreek Rd. The road crew provided road signage for traffic control on Bonniebrook Rd. Several matters were discussed: The manager authorized purchase of about 220 tons of 2A limestone and 40 tons of #8 limestone 'leftover' from BOVA Construction at a cost of \$14.86 per ton. It has been stockpiled and will NOT be used until the invoice is received with no discrepancy. The manager reported that the invoice for our portion of Bonniebrook Rd. has not yet been received; it will be reviewed in detail with the road foreman when it becomes available. The rough fill at Waddingham's and Schnur's property along Bonniebrook Rd. has been completed.

The second berm mowing is in progress as the schedule allows. There was a complaint on visibility exiting Nittany Lane, the road foremen will speak to the property owner at the corner of Neupert and Nittany.

Berming on Alwine and Riemer Roads is in progress now. The paving was completed July 2, 2020. The manager reported that the 'request for payment' from Shields Asphalt is just under 7% over the bid. He and the foremen have reviewed several areas that could have received more material and will review the weigh slips as well. The 'invoice' also includes the 'additional' mill and fill requested (some with fiber material).

The road crew has and will apply stone to chip & sealed roads as needed during hot weather.

ROAD REPORT, cont.:

The Ford 550 truck is at the Ford garage for emissions (replace knock censor); cost will be over \$600.

Parts have been orders for the Sweepster broom for the skid loader.

The 1999 International 530 was inspected; it has a separating frame.

The road crew removed a tree that fell on Frazier Rd. over the July 4th weekend. The property owners cleaned the rest of the area up by Monday 7/6. The road foreman plans to order 150 tons of salt to meet the 19/20 Co-stars contract minimum. He also plans to order 100-150 tons of antiskid.

The road foreman suggested considering purchase of the Gerst house up for sale at the end of Great Belt Rd. (at Hannahstown.) It is a small lot, in the floodplain, and there are likely septic issues. It would have to be torn down, but the lot could be used to widen the intersection.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The CDBG-CV funding (Covid-19) 'needs assessment' has not been 'prepared.' No action this evening. The manager noted that Wendy Leslie (County CDBG Coordinator) is still waiting for HUD waiver guidelines.

A letter from C. W. Howard Insurance Agency was received giving us the estimated premium for the workmen's comp. insurance for 8/1/20 to 8/1/21, which is \$11,625.00. It is apparently still lowering somewhat. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the invoice (projected \$11,625) when it is received. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

NEW BUSINESS:

The ACT 13 Impact Fee Distribution for Jefferson Township was \$170,994.58. Because this is \$70,994.58 more than budgeted (adopted 12/9/19), the Township needs to adopt a Supplemental Budget Resolution for these additional funds. *Motion* by John Cypher to adopted Resolution #453. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

MISC. BUSINESS:

Notice received from II-VI, Inc. AFTER the June meeting – siren test on 6/26 and 6/27. A notice was sent to the newsletter recipient list.

Leo Rosenbauer reported that the fall safe surface was installed at the playgrounds. He purchased 2 new beveled edged mats from Snider Recreation for \$125 each (to replace one old mat at the bottom of the slide and added one to the playground by the pool.)

Leo Rosenbauer reported that E & E Salvage (Ed Weber/Ed Emerick) has not submitted a bond for the junkyard license renewal. The paperwork he submitted was NOT correct, per Attorney Marshall. After some discussion, John Cypher *moved* to try one more time, giving them 10 days, to submit the required bond (\$50,000) or they will be cited for operation of an unlicensed junkyard and they are to cease and desist operations immediately. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

ATTENDANCE: Stan Graff, Evie Gross, Tom Essary, and Bill & Mandy Foertsch.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Lois Rankin to adjourn at 8:53 P.M. *Seconded* by Barden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7 P.M. at the Township Building, 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler.

Respectfully submitted by Sec/Treas., Lois Fennell