

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

October 12, 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 October 12, 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:

The Supervisors met in executive session just prior to the start of this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

MINUTES:

John Cypher *moved* to approve the Sept. 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed/*motion carried*.

FINANCIAL:

Bills paid between the Sept. 14th and the Oct. 12, 2020 meetings totaled \$5,956.87. Bills presented for payment from the General Fund this evening totaled \$34,791.32. No bills were presented from the State Fund. The total of all funds after payment of the bills reported is \$1,224,870.51. John Cypher *moved* to pay the bills plus any regular bills that may become due prior to the Nov. 9, 2020 meeting. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Members of Cub Scout Pack #51 from Saxonburg with their leader Mr. Perry Dawson and several parents were present to observe. The Supervisors introduced themselves and explained how local government works, how the supervisor election process works and explained the difference between state and township governing. The Planning Commission Secretary, the Recreation Committee Chairman and the Road Foreman introduced themselves and explained their responsibilities. Mr. Dawson thanked the Board for talking to the scouts and noted the good job that the road crew does on the township roads.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The Recreation Committee chairman, Brian Patten, reported on their meeting on Oct. 7, 2020.

Action Items: 1. Road crew to winterize the water service at the baseball concession stand as time permits. 2. Dumpster removals should be scheduled per the 'revised' dates provided: pool 9/30; baseball and softball 11/2; and soccer 11/9. 3. Review/inspect the parking lot (between softball and baseball areas) in front of the Lions pavilion to determine if a remedy for the large aggregate is possible. 4. Road crew to lock park gates for the winter early in November. (Soccer's last game is Nov. 1st and soccer's dumpster removal is Nov. 9th.) Mr. Patten noted that the associations were reminded to 'lock up' after each time the gates are opened for misc. work.

It was noted that the Pool Association is in search of a new maintenance person for the upcoming year. Interested persons can contact Greg at gregobau@aol.com The manager will find out if this is a paid position.

ROAD REPORT:

John Cypher read the Road Report as submitted. The 2019 Ford 550 truck was inspected. Front tires are still leaking on the payloader. Equipment maintenance will continue to be done as needed; misc. parts were picked up. Sweepster broom was reassembled (with new parts received) and tested.

The road crew installed inlet and additional storm pipe was modified at 331 Hannahstown Rd. to accommodate the SFTF per DEP requirement.

The pool chairs and pool cover were returned to the pool as requested. The new leaf blower is mounted and ready for use. Park maintenance is in progress.

The second area of Schnur's road edge (Bonniebrook Rd.) was filled and graded Oct. 7 and 8. Brush was trimmed at O'Hara Rd. and Dinnerbell Rd. A shed that was blown onto Great Belt Rd. roadway was removed 9/30/20. A hanging tree limb was removed over Patterson Rd. Township grounds were mowed and groomed. Roads will be reviewed prior to winter for ponding water and corrected if necessary. A written compliment was received about road crew for berm mowing and increasing site visibility. Patterson Rd. has been crack-sealed. Other roads (i.e. Rennick, Marwood, Neupert and West Jefferson Roads) cannot be done safely unless the road crew gets more help.

Snow fence to start after Oct. 20th. The foreman may pick and choose what to put up due to lack of help and possible mild winter (predicted by the Farmers Almanac.) Trucks will be changed over for winter maintenance in early November, depending on the weather/forecasts.

Weeds and brush were mowed on Frazier at intersection with Saxonburg Rd., so the road crew could locate a pipe outlet that crosses Frazier Rd. The road crew would like to continue to mow that area. The Supervisors indicated that the manager should contact PennDOT about 'in kind services' (agility or shared services program) for this area and perhaps Rt. 356 at Great Belt Rd. The manager will also talk to PennDOT again about the vehicles parked on Saxonburg Rd. (state road) across from the vehicle repair shop.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chairman, noted that there was no Planning Commission meeting on Sept. 21, 2020, however, the Ferraro Plan Sewage Module was finally approved by DEP and since the 90 day recording window has expired (it was approved in March 2020 with DEP approval contingency) and it must be reaffirmed as approved. *Motion* by John Cypher to re-approve the T. Ferraro Plan with contingency met. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The proposed, revised Burning Ordinance has been reviewed by the attorney. The 'corrected' copy was received today and distributed to the Board. Only a few changes were made to clarify wording and to re-number the ordinance in chapter form. After some consideration, John Cypher *moved* to authorize advertisement of the Burning Ordinance #459 as revised for adoption at the Nov. 9, 2020 meeting. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. Lois Rankin stated that she is not happy with the DEP regulations regarding prohibiting commercial burning (or anything other than single family/duplex residential burning). The manager noted that it was DEP that strongly suggested that the burning ordinance be revised. *Motion carried* 2 to 1, with Lois Rankin voting against advertising authorization.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a very lengthy discussion with Ms. Marie Grabe regarding the use of an existing septic system for a proposed modular home due to the system being placed within a utility right-of-way. The manager distributed a drawing and a copy of the letter sent to Ms. Grabe under the direction of Attorney Marshall to each Supervisor to review. Although there was some confusion, it was finally determined that Ms. Grabe must exhaust all efforts to find an alternate viable site for a septic system.

NEW BUSINESS, cont.:

The 2021 Proposed Budget (proposed Resolution #461) introduction, prepared by the secretary/treasurer and manager, was distributed to each Supervisor last week. John Cypher commented that he has begun to review the proposed budget. The Supervisors agreed that they will **not** schedule a 'budget workshop', but plan to review it this month and discuss the proposed 2021 budget in more detail at the Nov. 9, 2020 meeting.

MISC. BUSINESS:

Received notice from Endeavor Professional Services that PennEnergy, LLC is applying to DEP for Permit Applications to Drill and Operate Unconventional Gas Wells (W57 1H-5H) at 133 Darby Lane, Sarver (Winfield Twp.)

Received notice from Gannett Fleming that PA American Water is applying to DEP for a renewal of a surface water withdrawal from the Connoquenessing Creek & its Tributaries, the Allegheny River, Thorn Run, and the interconnect with PA American Waster Ellwood.

ATTENDANCE:

Perry J.E. Dawson, JJ Dawson, Chris & Evan Schiner, Bill & Mandi Foertsch, Lloyd Brewer, Kale Meyers, Owen Greene, Aiden Ortego, Jason Ferraro, Brian Patten, Riley Trudgen, Stephanie Karwoski, Ryan Karwoski, Jim Rankin, Grace Grabe, Marie Grabe, and Evie Gross.

ADJOURN:

Motion by John Cypher to adjourn at 9:25 P.M. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9, 2020 at 7 P.M. at the Township Building, 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler.

Respectfully submitted by Sec/Treas., Lois Fennell