

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING
September 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors regular meeting was called to order by Chairman John Cypher, Monday, September 12, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. as advertised. All rose to pledge the flag.

ROLL CALL:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

MINUTES:

Motion by John Cypher to approve the August 8, 2022 regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

FINANCIAL:

The list of bills paid between the Aug. 8th meeting and September 12, 2022 totaled \$24,379.87. The list of bills presented for payment this evening from the General Fund totaled \$228,429.68. The list of bills presented for payment this evening from the State Fund totaled \$433,183.43. The Balance of All Funds after payment of the bills presented totaled \$2,725,204.93 (which includes receipt of the 2nd and final allocation of American Rescue Funds). *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented and any other bills come and are due prior to the Oct. 10, 2022 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Brian Patten, Recreation Committee Chairman, reported on the Aug. 10, 2022 and Sept. 7, 2022 meetings. Baseball: They are holding fall ball. Website: www.saxonburgbaseball.com Pool: The pool is closed for the season. Website: www.sebcopool.com Softball: They are holding fall ball. Website: www.sagsa.org Soccer: They have fall soccer season. Website: www.knochsoccer.org

Action Requests:

- The Pool Association asked that the road crew deliver the pool cover on or about Sept. 21st.
- The Soccer Association requested that the Township review overhanging limbs on the trees along the right side of the main soccer parking lot behind the guiderail. The Manager looked at the trees on the right side of the main soccer parking lot. They are ash trees, and he plans to have them cut down, rather than trim limbs. There was discussion about the requested ADA parking and viewing area. The Manager noted that CDBG funds cannot be used for this proposed project since there is not already ADA parking there. Supervisor Rankin would like to see ARPA (American Rescue Plan) funds for this; but the Board needs a drawing and cost estimates to review prior to making a decision.
- It was noted that the walking trail has been washed out (rutted) in the area behind field #3. A request that the roadcrew inspect and repair as needed was presented.

It was announced that the Township received notification of the DCNR grant award and some discussion followed. The \$555,000 grant still has paperwork to complete via Butler County Parks & Recreation. Necessary additional funding is still being researched. The funds must be expended within three years. Manager Rosenbauer also noted that quotes are being obtained for the Butler County Parks Renovation Grant for roofs on two pavilions. *Motion* by John Cypher to authorize quoting the two roofs, to be

received by Sept. 29th, and authorize the manager to accept the lowest quote (quotes expected to be under the bid limit.) *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

ROAD REPORT:

John Cypher read the road report.

- The side deck mowing is completed, but the boom mowing will take a few more days to complete.
- All paving and sealing have been completed; the road crew and the Supervisors are pleased with the results, including the fog seal and grip tight applied to some roads. Rennick Road shoulders are being filled in and several gravel driveways will be addressed as soon as possible.
- A new vac hose had to be ordered for the leaf vac.
- A private driveway culvert at 126 Jones Rd. which was covered over by grass and weeds, was damaged by the side deck mower. The roadcrew will investigate and repair if necessary.
- A Vac truck can be rented from A & H Equipment in Zelienople. Cost is \$3,750 per week or \$10,500 for a month. All the catch basins (about 700) in the township need cleaned out and the foreman asked the Supervisors to consider renting it for next year. *Motion* by John Cypher to include \$12,000 in the 2023 budget for rental of a Vac truck. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.
- The foreman reported that the rear tires on the 2019 F550 need replaced before winter; and all four tires on the 2015 F550 should be replaced. He is waiting for 'state pricing' and availability via Elliott Tire in Butler.
- The roadcrew has patch work to do on Fisher, Great Belt, and Golden City Roads and crack sealing is needed on Fisher Rd., Oak Dr., May Dr. and Jason Dr. before inclement weather arrives.
- The new salt contract (Co-Stars) resulted in an increase per ton, bringing it up to \$79.05 for this 2022/2023 season.
- Stop signs at Mushrush/Bullcreek and Frazier/Dinnerbell intersections had to be replaced due to hit and runs.
- A sink hole showed up below the trestle on Golden City Rd. and was repaired by the roadcrew. It is believed that it was caused by old lumber or stumps that were covered up by the railroad during construction and it finally rotted away causing a void.

Manager Rosenbauer reported on several work items, including but not limited to the following.

- There was a lengthy discussion on the Bonniebrook/Great Belt Road intersection. It is to be reviewed by PennDOT as requested by the manager.
- Rejuvenator was applied to Riemer Rd.; the mix may need modified in the future to allow it to dry more quickly.
- A part-time person is needed to prep and clean-up (before & after) pavilion rentals next summer.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported on the August 15, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. Mr. John Frydrych from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.) went over some of the Knoch Stadium turf land development's field details with the Supervisors this evening (9/12/22). Manager Rosenbauer noted that they have satisfied the HRG comments (Plan Review Letter 01). Copies of the land development had been sent to the Butler County Planning Commission and the Butler Conservation District. The only outstanding items are the NPDES Permit and the Operations & Maintenance agreement. After some discussion, John Cypher *moved* to approve the Knoch Stadium Turf Land Development contingent upon receipt of the NPDES Permit and the execution and recording of the O & M Agreement. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PLANNING COMMISSION, cont.:

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Morgan spoke to the P.C. on Aug. 15th to get information and inquire about options for a proposed land development to move a 'floral/aquatic/fish' small business to the storage building on his property. The P.C. noted several problems that evening, and also urged him to continue to look for lease or purchase properties and gave him several places into which he can look.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The cooperation agreement with the County of Butler for the 2022 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) regular funds totaling \$108,012 (projects \$88,635 and administration \$19,377) is ready to execute and designate use of the funds. *Motion* by John Cypher to sign the agreement and designate the fund for 'housing rehab.' *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. *Motion* by John Cypher to adopt the "Three-Year Plan" Resolution #494 for use of the funds. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. *Motion* by John Cypher to adopt the new "Fair Housing" Resolution #495 (for non-discrimination). *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development (Resolution #496) needed to be adopted for the DEP Sewage Module for a 'small flow treatment facility' at the property at 394 Bullcreek Rd. to 'replace' the malfunction septic system. *Motion* by John Cypher to adopt Resolution #496. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Manager Rosenbauer noted that Riemer Gas called about placing a new gas line on the north side of Alwine Rd. The road foreman and the manager met with their representatives and they agreed to place the line according to township guidelines. The Supervisors agreed.

MISC. BUSINESS:

On Nov. 12, 2022 there is a Household & Electronic Waste Collection Event at Noble Environmental, 690 Valencia Rd., Mars, PA from 9 AM to 1 PM. Registration is required by calling 412-567-9566 or at www.nobleenviro.com

State Representative Marci Mustello is sponsoring the upcoming Veteran's Luncheon – Wed., Nov. 2nd from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Registration is required by Oct. 16th by called 724-283-5852 or go to www.RepMustello.com/events Be sure to check her website for any other events she may be sponsoring.

Supervisor Rankin announced that the Butler County Association of Township Officials will hold a "SAFETY DAY" on Wed., Oct. 12, 2022 (begins at 9 AM) at the Herman Volunteer Fire Hall. Registration is \$15 per attendee. She would like all the Supervisors, Manager, Sec/Treas. and Road Crew to attend. She also asked Evie Gross if she would like to attend.

The Fall Convention of the Butler County Association of Township Officials is scheduled for Oct. 26, 2022 at the Slippery Rock Municipal Building. Cost is \$25 per attendee (Supervisors, Tax Collectors, Secretaries, Treasurers, Managers and other township official approved by the Board are welcome.)

Supervisor Rankin reminded the Supervisors, and they agreed that Trick Or Treat will be on Halloween night as usual, which is Monday, Oct. 31st this year.

ATTENDANCE: Evie Gross, Terry Becker, Pam Knable, John Frydrych from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Chris Tomayko, and some others from the school district.

ADJOURN: John Cypher *moved* to adjourn at 8:45 AM on Sept. 12, 2022. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting: Monday, Oct. 10, 2022 at 7 P.M. at the municipal building-157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002.