

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

April 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors' regular meeting was called to order by Chairman John Cypher, Monday, April 8, 2024 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

MINUTES:

John Cypher *moved* to approve the March 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes as written. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

FINANCIAL:

The list of bills paid between the March 11th meeting and April 8, 2024 totaled \$116,495.72 (which included payment for the new excavator). Bills presented for payment from the General Fund this evening totaled \$12,100.80. No bills were presented for payment this evening from any other fund (State Fund, Impact Fee Fund, or the ARPA Checking.) The Balance of All Funds after payment of the bills presented totaled \$3,349,716.25. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented and any other bills that come and are due prior to the May 13, 2024 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

The Recreation Committee met on April 3, 2024. Brian Patten was not available, so Chairman Cypher read the report. The Baseball Association has 220 registered; registration is now closed. Opening day is planned for May 4th. They are planning a Community Day for June 1st. In conjunction with this, they will host another "All Abilities Game." They plan to rehab. the lower concession stand beginning this month. They will have a 'fund-raising dinner event' at the Field House Restaurant on April 10, 2024 from 4 to 10 PM. The Pool Association has uncovered the pool. Maintenance on the tanks (for DEP reasons) and the heater will begin soon. They plan to fill the pool by the last week of April to allow for lifeguard testing and training (in May.) They are still looking for a new maintenance person and lifeguards for the coming season. Opening will be Memorial Day weekend; Closing day is set for Labor Day. They are planning to hold a 'fund-raising dinner event' at the Field House Restaurant on May 1, 2024 from 4 to 10 PM. The Softball Association is in the process of renovating the dugout. Their annual tournament is set for Aug. 2, 3, and 4. The scheduling meeting for all age groups was Sunday April 7th. Opening day is planned for April 20th. The Soccer Association's opening day was April 6th. Apparently, this 4/3/24 meeting was the last one for Brad Emsurak and Kody Durrett is to take over. If he is taking the 'soccer representative position, the Supervisors will need to officially appoint him. New Business: Dara Patten has volunteered again this year to plant flowers at the park entrance signs. She plans to have this work done by Memorial Day weekend. One action request: Ask the road crew to paint parking lines in the new parking area. The Supervisors discussed the matter with the manager and foreman this evening (4/8/24). The lot is NOT paved...it is reclaimed material and line paint will not hold. They will consider if there are any other alternatives.

RECREATION REPORT, cont.:

Manager Rosenbauer, in response to Lois Rankin's inquiry, noted that the Recreation Committee is 'still working on' installing kiosks at both park entries. He noted that Jefferson Township was not awarded the Butler Co. Park Renovation Grant this year (we received funds the last two years.) This would have been used for the electrical update to the pool house. The Cam-Am Games will not be using the fields at Laura J. Doerr Park. He is still waiting for a third quote for updating/replacing the camera system. Baseball: Website: www.knochyouthbaseball.com Pool: Website: www.sebcopool.com
Softball: Website: www.sagsa.org Soccer: Website: www.knochsoccer.org

ROAD REPORT:

Chairman John Cypher gave the road report as follows:

- The snow fence was all down and in storage by March 15th.
- All quoted limestone has been delivered and stockpiled.
- Crack seal material was picked up on March 11th.
- John Cypher, Leo Rosenbauer, Bill Foertsch, Garry Foertsch, Brian Turner & Doug Lefever have completed flagger training. Their cards are now valid until 3/21/27. Gerry Giebel will need to renew his card before June 6, 2025.
- The new excavator was delivered 4/3/24 and they are using it now on some drainage work on Golden City Rd.
- All the salt spreaders are cleaned, lubed and in storage as of April 5th.
- The new garbage cans have been delivered to the park.
- A new safety rail was built and installed by the road crew at the park near field 7 alongside the handicap parking area past the pool parking.
- The orange safety fence at the large parking area has been removed and large curb stops have been installed for safety in that general area.
- Landscaping is in progress as weather allows the road crew to repair and seed where the trees and stumps have been removed at the park. Other areas will be addressed as well.
- A new concrete lid for the water well next to the Ladies Pavilion has been installed to replace the old deteriorating wooden one.
- All address numbers have been installed throughout the park.
- At 4:20 PM on Sat., March 30th, the State Police called to report an open catch basin near 171 Caldwell Dr. The grate was bent and slipped into the catch basin box. It is possible that a garbage truck stops directly on it when it picks up garbage at that location. So, the road crew fabricated an old grate to make it stronger and fit more tightly. They asked the Supervisors to consider steps to have one garbage pickup provider in the Township. Chairman Cypher said absolutely not. After some explanation and discussion, the other two supervisors did NOT disagree with Mr. Cypher.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The P.C. reviewed the modification request from Robert Weary, 512 Freeport Rd., Butler, PA (off Turano Lane) for placing a proposed garage 37 ft. from the edge of the gravel driveway (or a 13 ft. modification). He explained that the driveway was installed many years ago, before he owned his parcel, but it was installed 'on his property' and not in the right-of-way of Turano Lane as shown on the Butler County GIS maps provided the P.C. Chairman. Leo Rosenbauer (P.C. Chair) said the ordinance (Chap. 22-904 B2) states that 'the front building setback is 50 feet from the edge of the existing cartway'. There was significant discussion before the P.C. voted to reject the modification request because the consensus (interpretation) was that the 'gravel driveway is not a cartway' and that Mr. Weary plans to build 50 ft. from his property line and modification would not be needed. After some discussion, the Supervisors agreed with the P.C. recommendation and Lois Rankin *motioned* to deny the modification. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PLANNING COMMISSION, cont.:

The P.C. reviewed Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 of the Jefferson Township Code of Ordinances. A list will be kept of the comments/questions for each section. The P.C. Chairman sent his written notes to the township attorney subsequent to the P.C.'s review of Chapter 15; however, he was provided a PDF, and the Attorney would like an editable copy of Chapter 15 in order to insert his comments.

Manager Rosenbauer reported that Carl Leicher has submitted a 90-day extension letter for the JMAG, LLC Plan on Heller Rd. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to grant/accept the 90-day extension for the plan review per the letter received. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The Seal Coat and Paving Bids were publicly opened and read at 2 PM today, 4/8/24.
Three Seal Coat Bids were received as follows:

Russell Standard Corporation – bid bond enclosed.

Item 1 – 52,715 S.Y. Single Asphalt Seal Coat, in Place	Unit	\$2.23	Total	\$117,554.45
Item 2 – 52,715 S.Y. Asphalt Fog Seal for Asphalt Seal Coat	“	\$0.70	Total	<u>\$ 35,900.50</u>
			Bid Total	\$154,454.95

Youngblood Paving, Inc. – bid bond enclosed.

Item 1 – 52,715 S.Y. Single Asphalt Seal Coat, in Place	Unit	\$2.11	Total	\$111,228.65
Item 2 – 52,715 S.Y. Asphalt Fog Seal for Asphalt Seal Coat	“	\$1.10	Total	<u>\$ 57,986.50</u>
			Bid Total	\$169,215.15

Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc. – bid bond enclosed.

Item 1 – 52,715 S.Y. Single Asphalt Seal Coat, in Place	Unit	\$2.30	Total	\$121,244.50
Item 2 – 52,715 S.Y. Asphalt Fog Seal for Asphalt Seal Coat	“	\$0.65	Total	<u>\$ 34,264.75</u>
			Bid Total	\$155,509.25

Motion by John Cypher to accept the apparent lowest qualified bidder, Russell Standard for the amount of \$154,454.95 for the 2024 ‘Jefferson Township Seal Coat Project’. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Two Paving Bids were received as follows:

Wiest Asphalt Products & Paving, Inc. - Total \$351,503.80 - Bid Bond enclosed.

Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc. - Total \$364,010.95 - Bid Bond enclosed

Motion by John Cypher to accept the apparent lowest qualified bidder, Wiest Asphalt Products and Paving, Inc. for the amount of \$351,503.80 for the 2024 Jefferson Township Paving Project. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. Manager Rosenbauer, in response to Lois Rankin’s inquiry, noted that the bids came in under our road budget amounts.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Township received information from Keystone Wellness Programs just prior to last month’s meeting, so it was not reviewed at the March meeting. They want to include ‘vaping’ in the Young Lungs at Play signage at the park. This will require us to pass a new resolution to replace #373 from 2015, creating the tobacco-free area at Laura J. Doerr Park playground area.) After significant discussion, John Cypher *moved* to allow the revised signage and adopt the new resolution without the ‘monitoring line #3 (Resolution #526). *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The 108th Annual Spring Convention of the Butler County Assn. of Township Officials is set for May 16, 2024 at the Butler Country Club. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to authorize the Supervisors, Manager, and Sec/Treas. to attend as well as the Planning Commission members and the township will pay the registration fee and mileage reimbursement (attendance fee is not applicable to the P.C. members.) *Seconded* by John Cypher. All agreed and *motion carried*. Registration deadline is May 8th.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Pat Knable from Golden City Rd. talked to the Supervisors about what she can do to alleviate the water run-off into her and neighbors' yards. She recently had new drainage (like French drains) installed but agreed that it may not be working. It was agreed that the manager and Supervisor Beblo would take a look at the situation. Chairman Cypher noted that she may need larger (diameter) pipe installed.

Terry Becker from Bucklin Lane talked to the Supervisors about the semi-truck traffic using Golden City Rd. from Dinnerbell and Victory Roads. They have turned around in neighbor's driveways, causing damage; and they have occasionally gotten stuck at the tunnel. She suggested bright yellow "No Trucks" signs installed in Clinton Township as an example. Chairman Cypher noted that Jefferson Township DOES have 10 Ton Weight Limit signs installed. It was suggested that drivers often use 'personal GPS' rather than the GPS for trucks. Mr. Cypher said they would look at what we are allowed to do under the PennDOT Title 67 and Title 75 regarding signs.

Ms. Becker also noted the 'junk' at the duplexes on Victory Rd. There are tires, building materials, tires (maybe less than 10), plus junk cars that seem to come and then disappear. She has talked to a couple of the landlords, but they don't do anything. The duplexes are owned by different, separate people now. The Manager will do a little investigation and determine if anything can be done.

MISC. BUSINESS

Notification was received from Moody & Associates re: PennEnergy Resources intention to renew the Water Management Plan for the withdrawal of approx. 0.72 million gallons of water per day from the PAW Butler water system ...the source is located on private property (Andy Korim) ...purpose is for the development of shale gas and/or oil.

Manager Rosenbauer noted that he signed the 'audit representation letter' for Bonus Accounting and we are still waiting for the actual Audit Report (with a copy to be filed with the County) and the Balance Sheet, which will be placed in the newspaper. He is still waiting on the 'joint permit' cost estimate/approval for Creek Road work. Vice-Chair. Rankin inquired on the status of the property purchase in Jefferson Center. Mr. Rosenbauer stated that there has been no response from PennDOT regarding the property at the intersection of Saxonburg Rd. and Frazier Rd.

ATTENDANCE:

Pat Knable, Terry Becker, Bill & Mandi Foertsch, Robert Veselich, Jim Rankin, Evie Gross, Chrisse Keck, Carol Freehling, and Robert Weary, were present.

ADJOURN:

Lois Rankin *moved* to adjourn at 8:40 P.M. on April 8, 2024. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*.

NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, May 13, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at the municipal building - 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002.