JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

Supervisor Regular Meeting – October 12, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

The Jefferson Township Board of Supervisor's regular meeting was called to order on Monday, Sept 14, 2026, at 7:00 P.M, by Chairperson, Lois Rankin. All rose to pledge the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Those present were Chairperson, Lois Rankin; Vice-Chair., Braden Beblo; Supervisor Ford Stepp; Manager, Leo Rosenbauer III. and Sec/Treas, Angel File.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

MINUTES:

Motion by Ford Stepp to approve the Sept 14, 2026, Regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. *Second* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried.*

FINANCIAL:

Angel File read the financial report. Bills paid between the September 15, 2026, meeting and October 11, 2026, meeting totaled $369,391.49. Bills presented for payment from the General Fund this evening totaled $144,337.08. No bills were presented for payment from State, Impact Fee, or Capital Reserve Funds. The balance of all funds after payment of the bills presented was $4,365,910.07. *Motion* by Braden Beblo to pay the bills presented and any other bills that come and are due prior to November 9, 2026. *Second* by Ford Stepp. All agreed and *motion carried*.

ROAD REPORT:

Ford Stepp read the road report as follows:

- Road crew has been maintaining equipment, street signs and keeping catch basin grates clear.
- Mowing and string trimming at township buildings and park, including the pool area during pool closer.
- Pressure washed all 25 handicapped areas at the park for HCP Line Painting.
- Received and stockpiled full order of salt (600 tons).
- Berm Repairs were made where needed.
- Mack trucks were serviced by the Road Crew - oil change and greased.
- First Inservice installed new rear brakes on F550 Crew Cab truck.
- Clean up trees at the park that were cut down by Stephenson's Tree Service
- Replaced light bulbs through the Township Buildings
- Crew installed insulation in the SEBCO Pool Pump House for the addition of a new heater.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT:

The Recreation Board met on Wed., October 7, 2026. Brian Patten read report.

BASEBALL (Knoch Youth Baseball) ASSN. Dave Eldridge

- Dave has been selected by baseball as their new representative to the Recreation Committee.
- The fall ball season will end next week.
- The TWP can winterize the upper concession stand building at any point, baseball is done with it at this point.
- Baseball is beginning discussions (discovery phase) about installing turf on the legion field infield. This is a long-term project for them, no action at this time.

Dave will confirm to Leo when their dumpsters can be removed

www.knochyouthbaseball.com

POOL ASSN.: Greg Bauer

- Pool renovations are progressing with completion expected in October.
- The Pool Association is repainting the kiddie pool water features, they expect to be completed soon.
- The Pool Associations is continuing to work on fundraising for both the renovations and the pool's operational budget. They are considering having sponsor/donor signage, similar to the other associations in the park.
- They are beginning to make plans for opening day, May 29th, 2027, where they will have a ribbon cutting ceremony.

www.sebcopool.com

SOFTBALL ASSN: Jim Jones

- Fall ball games will end on October 22nd.
- Their dumpster can be removed on 11/2 or later

www.sagsa.org

SOCCER ASSN: Kody Durrett

- Fall season is underway, ending November 1st.
- They will have a field/concession cleanout day(s) 11/7-8.
- Their dumpster can be removed any time after 11/9.
- **Soccer is holding a funder raiser, selling Moe's SW Grill Kits, details on the soccer website**.
- Spring registrations will be opening soon, see their website for details.

www.knochsoccer.org.

Motion to add the Appointment of Dave Eldrige as Baseball's Representative to tonight's Agenda. *Montion* by Braden Beblo to appointment of Dave Eldrige as Baseball's Representative. *Second* by Ford Stepp. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Motion to Appointment of Dave Eldrige as Baseball's Representative. *Motion* by Ford Stepp to appointment of Dave Eldrige as Baseball's new Representative. *Second* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Motion by Lois Rankin for the Baseballs Field Maintenance Supervisor to turf the fields if feasible by the association. *Second* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried.*

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The P.C. discussed a Lot Line Revision for Bruce and Ruth Walker and reviewed the letter received from HRG (Township Engineer). P.C. voted to approve the plan contingent upon 1) a revised HRG letter with removal of item # 2 and clarification of item # 10, 2) a decision on items # 4 and #6 for additional road right-of-way from Walker's.

PLANNING COMMISSION cont.:

The Manager reviewed Walker's Resubmission and noted that the revisions have been completed and recommended the board's approval.

Motion by Ford Stepp to approve Bruce and Ruth Walker Lot Line Revision as presented. *Second* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried.*

The P.C. discussed the detailed Data Center Ordinance from South Strabane Township. Dan Driscroll presented a modified version of the ordinance. The Board decided to set a date to review this version with several of the members and report back to the Board. The Board requested verification from Butler County if they have a Data Center Ordinance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Ford Stepp to approve an expenditure of up to $24,500.00 or contingent on the lowest BID. (State maximum bid limits) for the Baseball Concession Stand/Restroom Roof Replacement following receipt of three (3) quotes. Township Manager to approve the qualified Contractor. *Second* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Motion to Accept the Design Proposal for the HCP sidewalk access into the Municipal Building from Ashlar Architecture & Engineering. LLC. in the amount of $13,500 -m $17,500.
Motion by Ford Stepp to Accept the Design Proposal from Ashlar Architecture & Engineering. LLC. S*econd* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*

The next Southeast Collaboration meeting. Lois Rankin reported and the next Southeast Collaboration meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2027 Pension System Aid of $21,566.04 was received. We are obligated to pay the MMO approved last year so we owe the difference of $3,133.96. (Check prepared for tonight.) *Motion* by Lois Rankin to pay the difference. *Second* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Notice: The Township has received the 2026-2027 Workers Compensation for Fire & Ambulance of $36,474.57 The check to Saxonburg Borough is included in the bills presented this evening.

2027 Budget Introduction distributed to the Board this evening. First discussion/review will be at the Nov.9, 2026 regular advertised meeting….unless the Board would like to set-up a 'budget workshop'. (Note: must advertise a workshop.) *Motion* by Ford Stepp to advertise a budget workshop on Tuesday October 27th at 6:30PM. *Second* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried.*

NEW BUSINESS cont.:

Motion by Ford Stepp to purchase of Ferris Model # 5902064 Zero Turn w/Grass Catcher from J & J Power Equipment for $21,798. *Second* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Motion by Braden Beblo to table the Purchase of a Bobcat PCF64 Plate Compactor for the excavator in the amount of $10,337.00. *Second* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Motion by Lois Rankin to purchase a 2027 Ford F-600 4 x 4, Cab, Chassis, and Aluminum Dump Bed, Plow, Spreader in the amount of $141,383 (Costar). This will replace the 2015 2-door. (Order in October and will be available and paid for in 2027). *Second* by Ford Stepp. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Discuss the purchase of an Alamo 90" BUZZBAR SAW HEAD for the Boom Mower for $26,160 (Costar) for tree trimming along the roadways 2026 or 2027 purchase? *Motion* by Ford Stepp to stay with tree trimming companies and not purchase an Alamo Buzzbar. *Second* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Motion by Braden Beblo to approve Payment Application #4 for Blackhawk Neff Electrical for work completed for the SEBCO Pool Renovation Project in the amount of $63,253.44. *Second* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Motion by Lois Rankin to approve Payment Application #7 to Mainline Commercial Pools in the amount of $545,000.00 as presented. *Second* by Ford Stepp. All agreed and motion carried,

Motion by Ford Stepp to approve an expenditure of up to $30,000 for a New Pool Cover and Installation. The Pool Association has voted to pay the Township back for the cost of the cover if the Township will consider this as a Loan to the Association; as the Township has done in the past. Loan Agreement to be provide by the Township's Solicitor and agreed upon by both Parties. *Second* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Motion by Lois Rankin to approve the expenditure of $9,000 for Professional Services for Gateway Engineering to apply for a GP-7 for the culvert replacement on Mushrush Road. Second by Ford Stepp. All agreed and motion carried.

Consent to hire: Part-Time Winter Road Department Employee, Harry Geibel, at an hourly rate of $23.00. Start date will be October (date to be set by the Road Foreman), 2026 for a half day/full day training then follow on the first snow day as needed. *Motion* by Ford Stepp to advertise for the position instead in the Butler Eagle and on the Township's Website. *Second* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried.*

Resident request to place a mobile home on an existing parcel that currently has a dwelling. Residents' letter of request and additional Township information have been provided.
No action taken. Manager will notify the resident that they must apply to the Planning Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Markus, no show, leave on for next month.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT: None

MISC. BUSINESS FROM TWP. OFFICIALS:

ADJOURN:

Motion by Lois Rankin to adjourn at 8:29 P.M. Second by Ford Stepp. All agreed and *motion carried.*

ATTENDANCE:

Sue & Paul Hartzell, Robert Veselich, Jim Rankin, Evie Gross, Sheila Howard, Valerie Kapalka, Bryan File, Hannah King, Carol Freehling, Ruth Walker and Brian Patten

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular Supervisors' meeting is Monday, November 9, 2026, at 7 P.M. at the municipal building

Prepared by Angel File and Leo J. Rosenbauer, III.