

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

Ford Stepp read the 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 Committee

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Recreation Committee met on Wed., Oct 7, 2026, Brian Patton read the 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.

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The Board of Supervisor's approved the Baseballs Field Maintenance Supervisor to turf the fields if feasible by the association.

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.

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

The Board of Supervisors voted to approve Bruce and Ruth Walker Lot Line Revision as presented.

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

October 12, 2026, Unfinished Business and Old Business

The Board of Supervisors voted 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.

The Board of Supervisors voted 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 - $17,500.

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.

October 13, 2026, 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 is still due. (Checks were prepared and sent to PSABMRT totaling the sum of $24,700.00.

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.

The 2027 Budget Introduction was distributed to the Board this evening. First discussion/review will be at the Nov.10, 202*5,* regular advertised meeting….unless the Board would like to set-up a 'budget workshop'. The Board of Supervisors voted to schedule a Budget workshop on Tuesday October 27th at 6:30pm.

The Borad of Supervisors voted to purchase of Ferris Model # 5902064 Zero Turn w/Grass Catcher from J & J Power Equipment for $21,798.

The Supervisors voted to table the Purchase of a Bobcat PCF64 Plate Compactor for the excavator in the amount of $10,337.00.

The Board of Supervisors voted 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).

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? The Supervisors voted to stay with tree trimming companies and not purchase an Alamo Buzzbar.

The Supervisors voted 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.

The board voted to approve Payment Application #7 to Mainline Commercial Pools in the amount of $545,000.00 as presented.

The Board of Supervisors voted 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.

The Board of Supervisors voted 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.

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. The Supervisors voted to advertise for the position instead in the Butler Eagle and on the Township's Website.

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.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – October 12, 2026

-Markus, no show, leave on for next month

Major Expenditures since the September 15th meeting through October 12, 2026

Saxonburg Volunteer Fire and Relief Assn. – foreign fire tax	$34,838.77
Saxonburg Borough – twp. share of w/c for fire and ambulance	$36,474.57
Compass Mineral – salt	$36,156.00
Teamster's 261 Employers – health insurance Nov 2026	$10,749.12

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors – **2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan.)**

Lois Rankin, Chairman Braden Beblo, Vice-Chair. Ford Stepp, Supervisor

Planning Commission – **3rd Monday at 6:00 P.M.**

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair), Evelyn Gross, Mike Gaston, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Martha Fleming (Secretary), Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik. Robert Wetzel is an alternate P.C. member.

Recreation Board – **1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct.** (No meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Kristi Wise, Greg Bauer (Pool), Justin Thompson and Josh Harbison (Baseball- Co reps), James C. Jones (Softball), and Kody Durrett (Soccer)

Location for all meetings listed: 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - Any changes are advertised and posted.

Please see websites for the park associations under 'Recreation Committee' above.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

REGULAR HOURS: Monday through Thursday - 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM (CLOSED on Fridays.)

Office phone #724-352-2324 - Fax #724-352-8850 Manager: Leo Rosenbauer

Sec/Treas.: Angel File

Holidays, Vacation, & other days off/office closures are posted on the door.

ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net – **724-352-2324**

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd, Butler, PA 16002 - 724-352-3288

By mail anytime. All other times by appointment only. Never leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's personal mailbox. Secure Drop Box located on the porch at 245 Heller Rd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓

⇨ **NOTICE:** Jefferson Township's responsibility during & following storms and excessive rain events is to clear and protect the Township rights-of-way. The Township is NOT authorized to clean up any private property; the only exception would be for Emergency access for 9-1-1 responders! It is also not legal for property owners to place any storm/rain/wind debris from their property along the township road rights-of-way.

⇨ PA AMERICAN WATER – 'WaterSource'

LIHWAP – Low Income Household Water Assistance Program – contact **www.compass.state.pa.us** or request an application by calling the Dept. of Human Services Customer Service at 877-395-8930 (or for the hearing-impaired call PA Relay at 711).

⇨ Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of '**ordinary**' (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, yard waste, wood, and other similar items) by residents to 'dawn to dusk'; *see on-line ordinance for excluded items*. PLEASE use common sense! Many items that cannot be burned can be recycled. All fires are to be completely extinguished before leaving it unattended. Recreational fires are permitted by Ordinance #459 (Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances.) 724-287-7769 is the 911 non-emergency contact number to call prior to an open burn.

PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and do NOT permit leaves and other 'allowed' materials to be left smoldering after dusk.

ALL COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL BUSINESSES, NON-RESIDENTIAL and MULTI-FAMILY are PROHIBITED from ANY burning at ANY time per the Dept. of Environmental Protection.

Review the entire Ordinance online at jeffersonbutler.com (under MORE/ORDINANCES) or stop at the Municipal Building to pick up a copy.

⇨ **NEED HELP: Call (dial) 2-1-1 for help or Contact one of the 'community resources' below:**

- **Food For Kids** Program information: https://files.constantcontact.com/5061598a001/e62a6eb1-16b1-48d2-ad5c-349fc68f4395.pdf
- **Food Bank** Information: https://files.constantcontact.com/5061598a001/2d7ca64b-ee3d-4b4f-8ad9-45aa6cc125a3.pdf
- **Link for Butler County Food Bank *donations***: https://anrinfo.org/product/butler-county-food-bank-donation/
- **Butler County Health and Human Services** Resources are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week at, http://pa211sw.org/ or by calling 211.
- **The Center for Community Resources** is also available 24 hours a day 7 days a week at (855)-284-2494. You can also chat with them at their website, https://ccrinfo.org/
- **24 Hour Crisis** Services Local Hotline (800) 292-3866
- **United Way of Butler County –** Check with them for help, but also to give donations that will help Butler County citizens. 724-283-4883 https://www.butlerunitedway.org/butler-county-emergency-relief-initiative-beri

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NOTICE
FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Property owners interested in the "Farmland Preservation" contact Sheryl Kelly at Butler County by calling 724-284-5305 for details.

