



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher gave the road report as submitted by the road foreman.

- Road Crew serviced the MACK trucks and payloaders.
- Removed the willow tree along Fisher Rd. at Audrey Ln. due to roots clogging storm sewers.
- Removed five trees at 511 Freeport Rd. to increase sight distance, north of Rennick Rd.
- Winterized the restrooms and concession stand at the park.
- Working on leaf clean up at park, and throughout the Township.
- The trucks were prepped for winter maintenance, salt spreaders installed.
- The 2015 F550 was undercoated.
- The 2015 F550 six new tires were installed at Butler Tire for Less. \$1,442.40
- 11/28 first snow. Used approximately 14 tons of salt.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee has no meetings in November, December and January. There was no report this evening. Baseball: Website: www.knochyouthbaseball.com Pool: Website: www.sebcopool.com

Softball: Website: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: Website: www.knochsoccer.org

Planning Commission

P.C. members had a lengthy discussion with Rich Craft regarding the Wain Landscaping Land Development Plan.

P.C. members voted to table the Wain Landscaping Land Development Plan due to the remaining outstanding items in the HRG review. Items discussed at tonight's meeting will be prepared by Vice – Chair, Brian Noah presented to the owner for review. The Board also agreed that the presenting engineer may contact the Township's Engineer directly regarding his question vs. amid-submission meeting requested by Olsen Engineering.

Dec. 8, 2025 Unfinished Business

–Markus property pin issue- no response from the owner to date after multiple attempts to contact the owner by Braden Beblo.

Complaint of non-compliant setbacks for two sheds at 682 Saxonburg Road. Continued until January 7th summary hearing.

Chairman John Cypher reported on multi-municipality collaborative meeting held Nov. 19th.

Supervisors had a discussion about the LTAP study from Sept 16, 2024 on the Great Belt Rd. and Bonniebrook Rd. intersection. The Manager contacted LTAP following the Nov. 10th meeting as requested by the Supervisors inquiring if any devices have become available since 9/16/24 engineering study. The LTAP contact engineer emailed that no other devices have become available that he knows of but will check with other engineers.

Dec. 8, 2025 New Business

The Board of Supervisors voted to pay the Application # 2 in the amount of \$32,917.06 upon production of correspondence of satisfaction from electric company that there will not be any request for reimbursement for the line damage for the Janice Lane and O'Hara Rd. project from the Township.

The Supervisors voted to pay the treasurer's bond for the new full-time sec/treas. trainee in the amount of \$625.00 for 2026

The Supervisors voted to pay the treasurer's bond for the outgoing sec/treas. in the amount of \$650.00 (pro-rated until the audit is completed per the insurance company.)

The audit on the 2025 books is set to begin the first week in January by Bonus Accounting. The cost of \$5,500 is already budgeted for 2026.

The 2026 Budget was introduced to the Board at the October 13th meeting and discussed at the continuation meeting on October 15th and a Budget Workshop meeting on October 27th. The 'proposed' budget (as authorized last month) was advertised for adoption this evening (resolution #554 below) following any discussion this evening which included Manager, Leo J. Rosenbauer, III report on the SEBCO Pool Bids (a copy of the HRG letter with the bid results were distributed to the Supervisors). After significant discussion, the Supervisors voted to revise the proposed budget to include the additional \$601,080 needed for the pool renovation per the current bids IF the BOARD decides to proceed at the next meeting on Jan.5,2026 to 'award the bid' at \$2,701,080.

The Board of Supervisors voted to adopt the 2026 Budget Resolution #554 as proposed with 1 mill general purpose real estate tax and with ½ mill EMS tax and the possible addition of \$601,080 for the pool renovations projects.

The Supervisors voted to appoint Lois J. Rankin to the BCATO Advisory Board for 2026.

Manager, Leo J. Rosenbauer, reported on a discussion and direction on the DEP General Permit Regulations for 'Small Flow Treatment Facilitie's.

Email received from Wendy Leslie CDBG Administrator regarding the 2026 CDBG Funding (copies were given to the Board) and Chairman John Cypher read the email.

Jefferson Township announced the retirement of Secretary/Treasurer Lois Fennell after 42 years of service, and a Fairwell to Jefferson Township, Chairman of the Board John Cypher after 25 years of service. State Certificates from State Representatives Marci Mustello's office and Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors were presented to both for their many years of dedicated service. Chairman Cypher read his Township farewell as well as a farewell to Secretary / Treasurer Lois Fennell.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – Dec. 8, 2025

Sue Hartzel offered her opinion to the board regarding the road crew removing trees at 511 Freeport Rd.

Major Expenditures between the Nov. 10th meeting and Dec. 8, 2025

Code Sys. Code Consulting building permit inspections October 2025	\$11,101.04
Teamsters #261 & Employer – health insurance Jan. 2026	\$7,893.64
Cleveland Brothers Equipment	\$2,061.94
RA Services - annual serv. contract and RT Tech. annual service contract	\$1,250.00

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

L. John Cypher, Chairman Lois Rankin, Vice-Chair. Braden Beblo, 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 (Baseball),
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.: Lois Fennell

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

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Tues., Dec. 24th through Wed., Jan. 1st for the Christmas/New Year's Holiday!

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.

⇒ **During the upcoming WINTER months**, as per the Township Ordinances, NO ONE is to park on the cul-de-sacs or any public road so that the road can easily be cleaned of snow. Please **DO NOT PUSH SNOW ONTO THE ROADS** when plowing your driveway. Should this cause an accident, you could be named in a claim or lawsuit. In addition, this is a reminder that the Township is NOT responsible for replacing or repairing mailboxes damaged during the plowing/salting process. Mailbox installation guidelines are available at the USPS website - "Regulations for Installing a Mailbox."

Also, residents living along the Butler-Freeport Community Trail are asked to be considerate when plowing snow from their property. Some residents are plowing snow onto the trail and in front of the gates, which blocks emergency vehicle access. If there would be an emergency, Emergency Services / 1st Responders would have difficulty getting to the scene.



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.)

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.



NEED HELP during COVID19: 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>

Do you live in Jefferson Township?
You may be eligible to have your windows, furnace, roof or more replaced!



The Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program
assists homeowners in renovating their homes!
APPLY TODAY:
financial grants up to \$12,500 to assist eligible low to moderate income homeowners with home improvements including making your home more Energy Efficient. Also, if applicable, an additional \$2,500 is available to make handicap accessibility modifications to your home.

Don't miss your chance to make some home improvements before the cold weather hits!

Call, Stop-in, or Email:
Redevelopment Authority County of Butler
114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001
724.287.6797/1.800.433.6327/TDD: 1.800.545.1833 x772
www.housingauthority.com

