



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP SEPTEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the report as follows:

- Road repair for bleeding during XTO hauling on Bullcreek and Mushrush Roads was completed. XTO to reimburse the Township for repairs
- Repaired 110 – 112 Bonniebrook Road ditch line
- The 40 mph speed limit signs on Bullcreek Road have been replaced with 35 mph speed limit signs
- All three 10-ton trucks were inspected
- Repaired the hydraulic line oil leak in the 6330 John Deere again – appears to be a bad O – ring again.
- A main hydraulic line on the ventrac mower was replaced
- A storage area for coldpatch was constructed at the north end of the salt storage building
- Replaced damaged stop sign, weight limit sign, chevron signs as needed
- PA One Calls responses are being addressed by Gerry Geibel and Leo Rosenbauer
- Berm mowing is ongoing
- Park Mowing and weed eating is ongoing
- Mowing at the Township Buildings is ongoing
- Regular road checks are being performed
- Purchased two (2) wand heads and six (6) rubber inserts for the crack sealer

Recreation Committee

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Recreation Committee met on Wed., Sept 3, 2025.

BASEBALL (Knoch Youth Baseball) ASSN.: Josh Harbison – Justin Thompson – Absent – No report

www.knochyouthbaseball.com

POOL ASSN.: Roger Cypher

- Pool closed on August 31st. Greg thanked the workers and lifeguards for their good work throughout this year.
- Preparations are now underway to winterize the pool.

The TWP is still accepting bids for the pool renovations, see TWP website or contact TWP for details if interested in bidding

www.sebcopool.com

SOFTBALL ASSN: Jim Jones

- Fall ball is underway now with games expected to continue until the end of October.
- Jim advised that the softball dumpster can be removed any time on or after November 3rd.
- Softball would like to thank the baseball association for the use of the baseball fields during their August tournament.

www.sagsa.org

SOCCER ASSN: Kody Durrett

- Fall Season games begin on September 6th with games expected to continue through October 25-26.
- Kody advised that the soccer dumpster can be removed any time on or after November 3rd.
- Kody asked if the TWP has any plans or could relocated the dirt piles left over from the restroom installation, they are taking up some parking area in the lower lot. Given that soccer had a high enrollment this fall parking is tight. Any help with this is greatly appreciated. Manager Leo Rosenbauer noted that the dirt piles are slated to be ‘moved’.

www.knochsoccer.org.

PARK PROJECTS:

Jim asked if there were plans to reinstall the bollards near the new bathrooms at the softball/baseball location. He noted that some people are parking there and are getting parked-in (stuck) during games/practices. He said there seems to be some general confusion with the public if this is a “drive through path” now or not. Manager Leo Rosenbauer commented that the roadcrew was directed to install wheel stops at this location.

Other Comments from the Manager at 9/8/25 Supervisors meeting:

Line painting quotes were obtained for the newer paved road (sides and center line) and speed bumps. Quote was \$4,000 for regular paint and Mr. Rosenbauer suggested going with the \$4,000 with all 3 lines, arrows, and speed bumps. The Supervisors voted to proceed with the \$4,000 quotes as suggested by the township manager.

Planning Commission

The P.C. members voted to table the Wain Landscaping Land Development Plan due to the extensive outstanding items identified in the HRG review letter dated August 18, 2025. There is no action for the Board of Supervisors to take at this time.

Justin Murdie presented the P.C. members with a modification for an addition to his shed at 205 Janice Lane. He would like to add 8 feet to the rear of the existing shed, resulting in a 12’ x 24’ structure. The P.C. members voted to recommend the approval of the modification for an addition to his shed at 205 Janice Lane contingent upon the property owner applying for a building permit for the entire structure because the existing shed was not previously permitted (their motion carried 6 to 2.) The Supervisors discussed the matter at length and suggested Mr. Murdie remove the tree and turn the location of the shed and shed addition to meet the ordinance requirements. The Board of Supervisors voted to table action on the proposed modification.

James and Charlene Taylor presented the P.C. members with a modification request for their shed at 148 Frazier Road. Specifically, the Taylors requested that their 12’ x 24’ shed have a zero (0) foot setback from adjacent property owner Zachary Taylor. During the subsequent discussion, the Taylors stated they do not know the precise location of the property line associated with the proposed modification. The P.C. provided a copy of a portion of the Walker Subdivision to the Taylors for their reference. The P.C. members voted to table the modification request until the property line between James and Charlene Taylor and Zachary Taylor is determined. There is no action for the Supervisors to take at this time.

Jefferson Township Ordinances: P.C. members discussed a potential sign ordinance, including such requirements as: permission to be placed on property owned by others, not within the road right-of-way, and sight distance. The P.C. discussed acquiring existing ordinances from other municipalities for further review. There is no action for the Supervisors to take at this time.

September 8, 2025 Unfinished Business and Old Business

Markus property pin issue- Supervisor Beblo still has not received a response to date. Both Supervisor Beblo and Leo Rosenbauer noted that there has been ‘no response’ from the Markus’s.

Only one bid was received for the fuel bids advertised for opening this evening. Bid forms were mailed to both Glassmere Fuel and Purvis Brothers, but only Purvis Brothers submitted a bid for the following: Up to 6,500 gal. on road diesel fuel – Unit price \$2.4896 with \$.17 (cent) differential \$2,6596 for a total \$17,287.40. Winterization \$.04 (cents) additional per gal.

Up to 1,000 gal. Unleaded-No Ehtanol Gas – Unit price \$2.5004 with \$.50 differential \$3,0004 = total \$3000.40
Up to 3,000 gal. of 87 Octane Gasoline – Unit price \$2.3046 with \$.17 (cent) differential \$2.4746 = total \$7,423.80.
The BID submission was complete, and the Supervisors voted to award the bid to Purvis Brothers, Inc.

The Supervisors discussed the complaint of non-compliant setbacks for two sheds at 682 Saxonburg Road. The Board of Supervisors voted to postpone the hearing with the District Magistrate's office until after the end of October 2025 due to the owners ongoing health issues.

Supervisor Rankin was to report on the expiration date of the CDL - Probable Cause Training for Supervisory Personnel. The manager had already checked on the matter and determined that there is no expiration on the certification.

The Township's current CPA has not responded to date regarding an interim audit for outgoing Secretary/Treasurer Lois Fennell. The Manager recommends that the Township retains Lois Fennell through the end of 2025 at her current rate of \$24.00 for about 10 hours a week. The township will then complete the standard yearly audit. The Supervisors voted to retain Lois Fennell as Secretary/Treasurer through the end of 2025 at her current rate of \$24.00 for approximately 10 hours a week.

September 8, 2025 New Business

Chairman John Cypher attended and reported tonight on the Multiple Municipality Collaborative forum held on Wednesday August 13th. Farmland Preservation was discussed. The next meeting will be on September 10th. A notice should be placed in the newsletter for property owners interested in the "Farmland Preservation to contact Sheryl Kelly at Butler County.

The 2025 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding totals \$105,870.00 (\$86,877.00 for projects and \$18,993.00 for admin.) The Supervisors voted to sign the cooperation agreement designating the County of Butler to administer the 2025 CDBG Funds (designated for housing rehab.) and other paperwork to be signed by the chairman. They also voted to adopt the 'three-year plan', Resolution #549 (which designates the use of the funds) and to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution #550 (non-discrimination).
The County's 2nd public hearing for the 2025 CDBG funding was held on Thursday August 28, 2025.

The Board of Supervisors voted to ratify the approval of attendance of Brian Noah and Leo Rosenbauer to the PSAT's Code Enforcement Academy training in Enola, Pa on August 27, 2025 (*the PSATS notice came in after the August meeting and the township attorney had strongly suggested that they attend, since both needed training on non-traffic citations*) and pay the usual expenses. Supervisor Rankin voted no.

The Supervisors voted to approve the 'development' of a POLICY for the filing process of residents' complaints.

The Board of Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution to appoint 'the sec/treas.' (by position rather than by name) as contact for Berkheimer Tax Collection agency. (Proposed #551).

Signature forms are required to open the Liberty Pointe Dev. Escrow savings account. The account has to have the same authorized signatures as our other accounts. The Supervisors signed the signature forms for the Liberty Pointe Escrow savings account.

Stacy Zillweger was unanimously voted in by the South Butler Community Library Board at their most recent meeting on August 20, 2025. Her application is attached for review. The South Butler Community Library Board formally requests appointment of Stacy Zillweger to their board. The Board of Supervisors voted to appoint Stacy Zillweger to the South Butler Community Library Board as Jefferson Townships' Representative. She will be taking the position left by Janet Perine.

Angel and Leo will be attending the BCTCC meeting on September 23rd at the Butler Township Municipal Building

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – September 8, 2025

The Board of Supervisors voted for Township employees, supervisors, and Planning commission members to attend BCATO Safety Day is October 8, 2025 at the Herman Firehall. Registration cost is \$20.00 thanks to several companies subsidizing the cost.

Lois Rankin noted the “REMEMBER SEPTEMBER 11th.” Program planned by the VFW on Dinnerbell Rd. on Sept. 11th at 7 PM.

The Supervisors voted to designate Trick or Treat on Halloween night, the same as prior years. This year will be Friday, Oct. 31st from 6 to 8 PM.

Major Expenditures since the August 11th meeting through September 8, 2025

Russell Standard – seal coat project	\$138,372.06
Teamster’s 261 Employers – health insurance August	\$7,047.90
Dillion, McCandless, King, Coulter, & Graham – August legal	\$5,401.75

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 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.: Lois Fennell Sec/Treas. Trainee 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.

**On September 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 25th and 30th the tax office will
only be open 4:30pm – 7:30pm.**

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.)

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: 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>



NOTICE FARMLAND PRESERVATION

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

Do you live in Jefferson Township?

You may be eligible to have your windows, furnace, roof or more replaced!



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

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.



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

