



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the report as follows:

- 2019, 4 door truck – 6 new tires (\$2,004.00), aligned (\$173.35) and inspected \$2,013.91, two bad manifold bolts needed replaced for inspection (total \$4,191.26).
- 2015 – 2 door was aligned (\$173.35).
- Berms on Heller Road, Bonniebrook Road, Riemer Road, Bullcreek Road, Golden City Road, Rennick Road, Fisher Road, and Heller Road were filled, compacted, reshaped and seeded. Some areas were repaired following the heavy storm.
- A berm was constructed at 360 Bullcreek Road to eliminate the existing drop off.
- Fallen tree on Bonniebrook Road was removed 9-17-2025.
- PA One Calls responses are being addressed by Gerry Geibel and Leo Rosenbauer
- Berm mowing in ongoing.
- Park mowing and weed eating is ongoing.
- Mowing at the Township Buildings is ongoing.
- Regular road checks are being performed.
- Salt from the 2025 contract was delivered, put in place and tarped.
- 2019 truck was washed, cleaned and fluids checked.
- All three MAC trucks were washed and fluids checked.
- Road Crew repaired the picnic tables in the Ladies Pavillion – rotted lower support legs.
- Cleaned up around the stone storage yard was performed.
- The Crew assisted with traffic control on Bonniebrook Road on October 2nd.
- Assisted with Safety Day set-up and attended Safety Day.
- A 10 Ton sign was replaced on Bonniebrook Road and Replaced a Chevron sign on Simon Dr.

Recreation Committee

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Recreation Committee met on Wed., Oct 1, 2025

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

POOL ASSN: Roger Cypher

- They are finalizing winterization preparations for 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 Township for the placement of the parking stops near the restrooms and for the painting of the lines near the softball parking area.

www.sagsa.org

SOCCER ASSN: – Kody Durrett

- Fall Season games begin on September 6th with games expected to continue through October 25-26.
- Spring season registration will be open soon, check their website for details.
- Kody advised that the soccer dumpster can be removed any time on or after November 3rd.
- Kody thanked the TWP for the removal of the dirt piles left over from the restroom installation.
- Asked if the TWP could address the potholes that have formed in the entrance area of their parking lot, they are starting to get large.

www.knochsoccer.org

OLD BUSINESS: Restroom cleaning: Questions remain about the cleaning arrangements. Please advise of any updates.

Planning Commission

Sunvest Solar, LLC Land Development Plan (Jefferson Solar Plan) was received for review by the P.C. at their Oct. 20, 2025, meeting. The P.C. reviewed the preliminary submission along with comments received from the Township engineer (HRG, Inc.) in a letter dated 9/15/25. After significant discussion, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the Jefferson Solar Plan submitted on June 30, 2025 (the “Plan”) in the event that it is judicially determined that the Plan was administratively complete, subject to the developer addressing the items in the Township engineer review letter dated 9/15/25, and the following comments from the Planning Commission’s 9/15/25 meeting must be satisfied: 1) the power line tie-in (connection) should be in a small building and it should be located on the plan; 2) drawing C300 should clarify how access throughout the plan is proposed; 3) clarify the ‘surface treatment’ of the lay-down area; and 4) identify how the Township is to access the area for periodic storm water basin inspections. No action for the Supervisors this evening.

The Modification request from James and Charlene Taylor, 148 Fraizer Road, was presented at the July 21, 2025, P.C. meeting and tabled pending further information. The Taylor’s existing shed currently straddles the property line between Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and their son. After a lengthy discussion between the Planning Commission and the property owners about the options, the Planning Commission voted to recommend an 8-foot modification with the property owners in agreement. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor agreed to move the existing shed onto their property and parallel to the property line at a set-back distance of 17 feet. The Manager reported that Mr. Taylor called the township office 10/8/2025 and requested to withdraw his setback Modification Request because he will move the existing shed to conform to the current setback requirements. The Supervisors took no action.

The Wain Landscaping Land Development was tabled at the P.C. meeting on August 18, 2025. The property owner (Wain Landscaping) failed to complete the original plan (11/8/21) and added impervious area and additional earth disturbance than originally approved. The current submission shows only a depressed area for the storm water basin. The basin needs to be designed and shown on the plan. The Planning Commission voted to table the Wain Landscaping Land Development contingent upon Olsen/ Craft Engineering addressing the comments in the HRG review letter dated 9/15/25 and adding all criteria not completed in the original approved plan (i.e., the buffer area/125 feet of trees). No action for the Supervisors to take this evening.

The P. C. received an application for the Terne Holding Land Development Plan, located at 737 Freeport Road. The proposed plan added handicap parking and access to an existing building that is to be renovated. HRG had only one comment: revise the note regarding the purpose/proposed use of the site to specify that the site use is ‘Commercial’ and correct the two typographical errors: (“PURPOS” and “GARGE”). These corrections were made prior to and at the meeting. After some discussion, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the Terne Land Development Plan. This evening, Oct. 13, 2025, Mr. Durham was present and informed the Board that the property (Lot A of the Bossinger Plan) he is purchasing in the Lot Line Consolidation Plan recorded in July 2023 does not have the Mortgage Company’s Release to be able to acquire a clear title. Subsequently the Board discussed a possible extension to give Mr. Durham time.

The Supervisors voted to grant a 90-day extension to Terne Holding LLC 's land development in order to resolve the mortgage issue. John Cypher abstained from voting due to familial relation to prior owner. John Cypher is to complete an Abstention Memorandum. *Motion carried 2 to 1 abstention.*

October 13, 2025 Unfinished Business and Old Business

Markus property pin issue- Supervisor Beblo still has not received a response to date (10/23/25.)

The status of the complaint of non-compliant setbacks for two sheds at 682 Saxonburg was reported by the Township Manager. A short discussion followed. The Supervisors voted to proceed with the Summary Hearing scheduled for November.

The property owners of 205 Janice Lane have moved the existing shed and is now compliant with current setbacks (this has been verified by Manager). Mr. Murdie verbally withdrew his Setback Modification request. Mr. Murdie will apply for a building permit for his Non-Permitted existing shed as per telephone conversation with the Manager. The Supervisors took no action this evening.

The Supervisors voted to approve Final Payment of \$10,637.70 for the O'Hara Road and Janice Lane culvert Project to CRS Contracting.

The Board of Supervisors voted to authorize advertising of a public hearing on a proposed SALDO Ordinance Amendment.

October 13, 2025 New Business

The 2026 Budget Introduction was distributed to the Board this evening. First discussion/review will be at the Nov.10, 2025, regular advertised meeting....unless the Board would like to set-up a 'budget workshop'. They will continue this meeting until Oct. 15, 2025, to decide if they want to schedule a workshop, which needs to be advertised.

Chairman John Cypher reported on the Mult Municipality Collaborative meeting September 10th at the Clinton Township Municipal Building. It is recommended that Township's always attend the PennDOT meeting, and Mutual aid for EMS was discussed. Next meeting will be on Wed., Oct. 15, 2025.

Township Manager Leo Rosenbauer will be attending Award Ceremony in Harrisburg for Jefferson Township's Pavement Preservation Program presented by the PA Association of Asphalt Material Applicators on October 21, 2025.

The Supervisors voted for approval to add ½ mill EMS (Emergency Medical Services) tax.

The Supervisor's would like to have further future discussion for possible approval to add ½ mill Fire Hydrant tax.

The Board of Supervisor's voted to apply for (and adopt Resolution # 552) for an LSA grant for 1 million dollars for the pool.

The Township Office received an email from Commissioner Boozel, Leslie Osche, Chair., and Kimberly Geyer, Vice-Chair. asking 'all' municipalities in Butler County to participate in the **"America250PA Resolution #553"** – copies have been provided to the Supervisors (latest 9/15/25) – They request: The Board voted to adopt the Resolution #553, scan it and send it back to the county.

The Supervisors voted to approve the hiring of a Road Crew Employee up to \$25.70 hr.

The Board of Supervisors voted to approve the hiring of a Road Department Foreman at \$29.79 hr. per Union Contract.

The Board of Supervisors voted to approve Chairman John Cypher, Leo Rosenbauer, any board member and any planning commission member's interested in attending the PSATS Regional Forum in Cranberry on October 29, 2025.

The Township Manager and the sec/treas., appointed representative to the Butler County Tax Collection Committee (BCTCC), attended their bi-annual meeting on Sept. 23, 2025. The current contract ends on 12/31/26. The Manager reported that the BCTCC is currently preparing RFP's but the question of

whether they have the right to 'bid' after quotes were already received is still being considered. He was told many townships are staying with Berkheimer.

The 2026 Pension System Aid of \$21,613.87 was received. We are obligated to pay the MMO approved last year (\$27,450) so we owe the difference of \$5,836.13 is still due. (Checks were prepared and sent to PSABMRT totaling the sum of \$27,450.00.

Letter and invoice from C. W. Howard Ins. Agency – Public Officials Ins. renewal for 2025/2026 is \$7,379.00. Check has been prepared for payment this evening.

The Township has received the 2025-2026 Workers Compensation for Fire & Ambulance of \$25,903.39. The check to Saxonburg Borough is included in the bills presented this evening.

The Township Office has received a notice from Armstrong Utilities, Inc. – that the initial term expires on September 16, 2028, and is set to Auto Renewal of Cable Franchise for an additional 10 years with an expiration date of September 16, 2038.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – October 13, 2025

Mr. Zarnick and 5 other neighbors from Great Belt Road addressed the Board regarding the intersection of Great Belt Road and Bonniebrook Road. The Supervisors had a lengthy discussion and will have further discussion at the next Supervisor's meeting.

John Moore (of Dinnerbell Road) requested the Board of Supervisors submit a letter requesting a speed and volume study on Dinnerbell Road to the PennDOT District 10-0 traffic engineer at the District Office in Indiana PA.

The Township received the Foreign Fire Tax from the state in the amount of \$35,764.04 and a check has been prepared and sent to the Saxonburg Volunteer Fire and Relief Association on 9/24/25.

A budget meeting was held on October 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Major Expenditures since the September 8th meeting through October 13, 2025

Saxonburg Volunteer Fire and Relief Assn. – foreign fire tax	\$35,764.04
Saxonburg Borough – twp. share of w/c for fire and ambulance	\$25,903.39
Compass Mineral – salt	\$12,401.74
C. W. Howard Ins. Agency – public officials policy renewal	\$7,379.00
Teamster's 261 Employers – health insurance Nov 2025	\$7,047.90

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: jefftwbutlerpa@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.)

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.butlerrunitedway.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

