



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP AUGUST 2025 NEWSLETTER

“ANNOUNCEMENTS” are at the end of the Newsletter!

## Road Foreman’s Report

John Cypher read the report as follows:

- All roads for the 2025 Road Maintenance Project were crack-sealed and mowed prior to a two week earlier start than originally expected. Joseph Geibel was hired temporarily to assist with the crack sealing process due to a limited full-time road crew.
- PA One Call responses are being addressed by Gerry Geibel and Leo Rosenbauer.
- Berm mowing is still in progress.
- Park mowing and weed eating is ongoing.
- The service call for the side deck mower from Land Pro was cancelled (multiple error messages). Gerry found the problem was that someone did not replace the radiator cap causing overheating and error messages. Gerry and Gerry fixed a leak in the main hydraulic box 7-28-25 on the same machine.
- Mowing was completed at the Township Buildings.
- Road checks for road bleeding during XTO hauling on Bullcreek is ongoing.
- The two-door truck was repaired and is back in operation. The def heater and the def line were repaired for a cost of \$1,591.88.

## Recreation Committee

RECREATION BOARD REPORT: Recreation Committee met on August 6, 2025..

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

[www.knochyouthbaseball.com](http://www.knochyouthbaseball.com)

POOL ASSN.: Roger Cypher

- Closing Day is now scheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup>

[www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com)

SOFTBALL ASSN: Jim Jones

- Next tournament (10U & 12U) is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Fall ball is scheduled again for this year, signups are open. Check website for updated details.

[www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org)

SOCCER ASSN: Kody Durrett

- Fall registration is now closed; 220+ kids signed up
- Practices expected to begin on August 25<sup>th</sup>
- Hosting a clean-up day August 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Season games begin on September 9<sup>th</sup>

[www.knohsoccer.org](http://www.knohsoccer.org).

OLD BUSINESS:

We want to follow up regarding the maintenance and accessibility of the park bathrooms.

Could you please clarify who is currently responsible for monitoring the holding tanks and determining when they need to be pumped out?

Additionally, is there any update on securing a person or company to clean and maintain all the park bathrooms? If any bids have been submitted for this work, could you share the status?

The park organizations would prefer that the township take the lead in managing this service, similar to how the dumpster arrangements are handled. The organizations are willing to contribute their share of the costs to ensure the bathrooms are regularly cleaned and stocked.

It would be helpful if a decision could be made and communicated soon. There have also been several public complaints about the lack of an open bathroom for general use, which we hope can be addressed promptly.

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.

## Planning Commission

Bill French from Sunvest Solar LLC addressed the P.C. board and presented a with conceptual plan for the solar development at Winfield and Riemer Roads. The submitted plan was administratively incomplete and will be reviewed upon resubmission.

P.C members tabled T-Mobile revised Land Development Submission until a full set of large plans drawings is received for the review of items noted by Leo and Brian from their site visit 3-14-2025 (a copy of which is attached) including correct property and setback lines.

Matt Marshall (Township Solicitor) recommended a future meeting with four P.C. members to review Chapter 22. T

Chapter 10- Health and Safety will be discussed after Chapter 9 at a later date.

Brian Noah presented the P.C members with information on Chapter 9 (Grading and Excavating) for review. Members will review the information and discuss it at the next meeting.

Boat ordinance – The P.C. board discussed a potential ordinance for abandoned boats. Sections from a State Abandoned Boat Law were read to the board. A short discussion followed.

Noise ordinance – The P.C. board also discussed potentially instituting a noise ordinance. A short simple ordinance was distributed.

P.C. members would like to discuss a possible sign ordinance at a future meeting.

## August 11, 2025 Unfinished Business and Old Business

Markus property issue- Supervisor Beblo still has not received a response to date. Has left voicemails and still no response.

Broman property issue- Completed today, pipe was installed to extend, angle the pipe to get it further away from the edge of the road.

The Board of Supervisors voted to approve the re-bidding of the pool renovation project as maybe recommended by the engineer (HRG).

The Supervisors voted to sign the cooperation agreement designating the County of Butler to administer the 2025 CDBG Funds (designated for housing rehab and removal of architectural barriers in the park) and other paperwork to be signed by the chairman.

## August 11, 2025 New Business

The Supervisors voted to approve MMO of \$24,700.00 as provided by T.J. Anderson for the Jefferson Township Municipal Pension Plan for the 2026 Budget.

The Board of Supervisors voted to approve the advertising of Fuel Bids to be opened at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting for the same amounts of fuel as last year.

Chairman John Cypher will be attending the Multiple Municipality Collaborative forum held on Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup>, and will be reporting on it at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Supervisor Rankin discussed the new requirement for CDL supervisor/manager training at the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting as she had learned from PSATS and wanted to confirm that someone had completed the training by July 26, and a certificate was received as well. (August 26 as per PSATS). Manager Leo Rosenbauer has his certification and has confirmed that it has no expiration date.

The Supervisors voted to paint the center line painting on West Jefferson due to the seal coat project and discuss any other roads as maybe needed.

A resident requested line painting on roads not on our regular schedule.

The Supervisors voted to approve the advertisement of hiring up to two full-time employees: possibility of a Road Forman position and one Road Crew position.

The Board of Supervisors voted to advertise the Road Crew positions on Indeed and Butler Eagle.

The Supervisors voted to appoint Angel File as Jefferson Township Secretary/ Treasurer, Assistant RTK officer, and Planning Commission Clerk upon completion of the required outgoing treasurers audit and will take effect the 1<sup>st</sup> day after the audit. Lois Fennell will remain temporarily for assisting and training (currently less than 10 hours per week!)

The Board of supervisors voted for the Township building to remain a polling place which will include yearly inspections and sign the Bureau of elections Polling Place Lease Agreement. Bureau of Elections Polling Place Lease Agreement was signed by Chairman John Cypher.

No further discussion at this time purchasing a new 2026 Ford F-600 to replace the 2015 F-550.

Resident inquiring if the township would consider a leaf and grass clipping drop off. Supervisors did not make a decision at this time.

Notice was received from Butler County Board of Commissioners Economic Development and Planning regarding County Subdivision and Land Development Plan Review. The Supervisors acknowledged receipt of this notice.

## Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – August 11, 2025

Mandi Foertsch presented the board with a question regarding when the mowing of Bullcreek beams, her question was already addressed in the road report.

### Major Expenditures since the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting through August 11, 2025

Holbein – Mill and pave (Frazier, W. Jefferson, Janice Lane)	\$21,565.00
Code Sys Code- building permit inspection June 2025	\$6,218.22
Teamster's 261 Employers – health insurance July 2025	\$5,681.68
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – July 2025 legal	\$4,821.00

## MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

L. John Cypher, Chairman      Lois Rankin, Vice-Chair.      Braden Beblo, Supervisor

### **Planning Commission – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 August 5<sup>th</sup>, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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>

**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](http://www.housingauthority.com)**

