



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER

NEED HELP during COVID19?

You can contact (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>
- **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

Road Report

Chairman John Cypher read the Road Report as submitted. A road check was performed on all roads following the storm on March 28th; they did tree clean-up and all roads were swept following this winter season (after the March 28th storm.) The housing plan roads were swept on April 2nd. The foreman and/or the manager met with perspective bidders for the paving and seal coat projects. Maintenance at the park continues (leaves, signage, trees, pool cover, etc.) Snow fence removal was completed on March 16, 2020. The road crew will continue tree trimming when feasible. Equipment maintenance and preparation for spring is ongoing. Graffiti on O'Hara Rd. and Golden City Rd. were covered up. The railroad was notified of graffiti on the underpass and they cleaned it up. Culvert replacement on Alwine Road is in progress.

Recreation Committee

Recreation Committee had no meeting on April 1, 2020, therefore, no regular report. **Baseball:** www.saxonburgbaseball.com **Pool:** www.sebcopool.com **Softball:** www.sagsa.org **Soccer:** www.knochsoccer.org

The Manager received a request from the YMCA to consider a reduction in per day rental of the pavilion (from \$60 to \$50 per day) due to the financial stress created by Covid19. Chairman Cypher noted that they may not even be able to have the summer program, but if they are able to salvage part of the summer, then a reduction in the fees for this year only is appropriate. The Supervisors voted to approve the reduction to \$50 per day 'for this year only' if the YMCA can proceed with their program this year.

John Cypher brought up the DCNR Grant application for discussion. Manager Rosenbauer said the deadline is 4/22/20. The project total is \$177,500 (of which we pay 50% or \$88,570.) The Supervisors agreed this figure is more palatable than prior estimates. John Cypher noted that CDBG (project/admin. funding) is NOT available for this. The Supervisors voted to continue with the application.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission did not meet on March 16, 2020 due to lack of business and the coronavirus, therefore, no report this evening.

April 13, 2020 Unfinished Business

Bid Opening took place at 2 P.M. No one other than township officials attended the opening:

- Russell Standard Corp. – Bid of \$151,293.24 for seal coat project - bid bond enclosed.
- Youngblood Paving – Bid of \$161,155.15 for seal coat project – bid bond enclosed.
- Suit-Kote Corp. – Bid of \$164,521.67 for seal coat project – bid bond enclosed.
- Shields Asphalt Paving – Bid of \$292,342.80 for paving project – bid bond enclosed.
- Wiest Asphalt Products and Paving – Bid of \$300,738.24 for paving project – bid bond enclosed.

The Supervisors voted to award the paving project to Shields Asphalt Paving, Inc., as the apparent lowest responsible bidder, as bid for a total of \$292,342.80 and to award the seal coat project to Russell Standard Corp., as the apparent lowest responsible bidder, as bid for a total of \$151,293.24. John Cypher noted that our Township projects and the Bonniebrook road project are subject to the Disaster Declaration as set forth by the State of Pennsylvania insofar as completing the contracts awarded.

The 1996 Skid Steer, with milling head and tracks, was advertised on Municibid. The winning bid from Barry Township in Schuylkill County was \$16,052.00. The Supervisors voted to accept the highest bid of \$16,052.00 from Barry Township. The office equipment bids were re-advertised for a decision later.

After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to proceed with trimming of trees on Green Manor Dr. (\$1800) and Fisher Road (\$1200) by (Chris) Stephenson's Tree and Landscaping. Manager Rosenbauer said the township will provide flagging or road closed signage and the wood will be left for the homeowners.

Leo Rosenbauer presented copies of the 'Fire Relief Ordinance' draft (using the sample from Summit Township) for the Board to begin review and consideration. This Ordinance is proposed to allow 'earned income tax' relief for 'fire and ambulance volunteers' for the Board to begin review. Leo was directed to speak with Chris Dean, the new fire chief, to get his input and report back to the board.

April 13, 2020 New Business

John Cypher *reported* that he and Lois Rankin met on March 26, 2020 with Manager Leo Rosenbauer to view the PSATS Town Hall webinar on the Coronavirus Pandemic. The virus is global. The information covered was enlightening. Federal, State and County governments have each declared a 'Disaster Emergency'. It was recommended that we (local government) also make a Disaster Emergency Declaration. Following that webinar, he and Lois Rankin (Braden Beblo was not available) met for an emergency meeting to adopt a Disaster Declaration for Jefferson Township that is to expire Monday, April 13, 2020. John further stated that we must continue at the township level to provide essential functions. We are however, operating on a modified basis. Protocol requires NO person to person contact; six feet of personal space between people must be followed. We are required to have monthly meetings, but will do so on a limited admittance basis, if needed. "Stay at Home applies!" If anyone has a question, call a Supervisor or the Township Office.

The Supervisors voted at the April 13, 2020 meeting to ratify the decision at the Emergency Meeting on 3/26/20 adopting the Disaster Declaration for Jefferson Township and then voted to extend the 'Disaster Declaration' indefinitely pending and until the Federal, State and County remove their 'disaster declarations'.

Miscellaneous Business – April 13, 2020

Notice received: PennEnergy permit renewal appl. To DEP for gas well in Winfield Twp. 559 Marwood Rd.
Notice received: Venture Engineering on behalf of Concordia Lutheran Care, intent to submit for renewal of 2015 NPDES Permit – 134 Marwood Rd., Cabot (in Jefferson & Winfield Twps.)

Lois Rankin announced that not only is the PSATS State Conference postponed, the BCATO Spring Convention has also been postponed. Rescheduling of either depends on availability of venue.

Leo Rosenbauer reported getting information on E-Code360, offered by our current codifier, General Code. John Cypher asked if there are other companies that offer this and what do they charge for this service (searchable Code of Ordinance on-line)? Lois Rankin was not sure we should do this 'right now', but all agreed that more information/pricing should be sought.

Lois Rankin asked about the park and suggested putting 'caution tape' around the playground. Leo Rosenbauer noted that there are 'closed' signs up, however, putting tape up may help and would not be costly.

Major Expenditures since the March 9th meeting through April 13, 2020

Air-Vac Equipment Co. - polyflex	\$6,048.00
Teamsters #261 Health & Welfare – April health ins.	\$4,387.17
Stephenson's Tree & Landscaping – Caldwell Dr.	\$2,300.00
Vogel Disposal Service – park trash service Mar/April 2020	\$1,110.08
Merge & Hill, P.C. – 2019 Audit	\$3,175.00

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 IS CLOSED to VISITORS DUE TO COVID19. IF YOU HAVE BUSINESS AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE, PLEASE CALL AHEAD! 724-352-2324.

The Township is endeavoring at public meetings to limit attendance to protect Township residents and the possible spreading of the virus.

We urge you to take precautions attending any event or 'scheduled' meeting.

We hope you will limit exposure to others, including at the township building.

Practice social distancing, such as no longer shaking hands and staying six feet apart, No more than ten (10) people at a meeting place and washing hands often or using hand sanitizer!

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

STAY at HOME applies, especially if you are sick!

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 7:00 P.M.

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Robert Wetzel, Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll and Bernie Shulik.

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

Members: Brian Patten (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Kristi Wise (newly appointed for 2020), Greg Bauer (Pool), Scott Kriley (Baseball), James C. Jones (Softball), and Shane Huffman (Soccer)

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

TAX COLLECTOR

Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288 - Pay by mail or call for an appointment. Real Estate Tax Collector, Nadine Grabe, has posted changes due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. She will NOT be collecting taxes during the advertised hours of collection listed on the tax cards for the discount period of the 2020 County/Local Taxes. For now, the discount date-schedule is unchanged. **She urges using a payment method that does NOT require you to appear in person (i.e. by mail; NO credit cards) because "Stay at Home" may apply. IF you insist on paying in cash, arrangements will be made that you can drop your payment in a drop box at her home (BUT ONLY WHEN SHE IS AT HOME - it is not secure to leave cash any other time!!)** If you wish to have a receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for her to mail back to you. Her phone number and address are on your tax cards!

Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of 'ordinary' (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, leaves, wood and other similar items) by residents to between the hours of 6 AM to 6 PM from Monday through Saturday. **Items intended to be 'excluded' from burning are:** sewage, all putrescible animal & vegetable matter resulting from handling, preparation, cooking and consumption of food, rags, old clothes, leather, rubber, carpets, furniture, tin cans, glass, crockery, masonry, metals, chemicals, tires, shingles and petroleum products such as (but not limited to) paint, grease, oil and plastic products. PLEASE use common sense! Many items that cannot be burned can be recycled. All fires are to be completely extinguished no later than 6 P.M. PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and do NOT permit leaves and other 'allowed' materials to be left smoldering after 6 PM.

BUSINESSES/COMMERCIAL (ALL non-residential) and MULTI-FAMILY, according to the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection, are PROHIBITED from ANY burning at ANY time.

TIRES are NEVER to be burned by ANYONE. Dumping of Tires is ILLEGAL and subject to fines.

THE NEWSLETTER is only available On-line OR via e-mailing OR can be picked up at the Township Office. Our Web Site is: www.jeffersonbutler.com If you want to have the newsletter e-mailed to you or if you have not received your e-copy, please contact the Township Secretary: jefftwbutlerpa.@zoominternet.net - 352-2324.

NOTE: The previous month's approved minutes are available ON LINE 'only' at www.jeffersonbutler.com after being approved by the Supervisors.

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:
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114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001
724.287.6797/1.800.433.6327/TDD: 1.800.545.1833 x772
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