



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

## 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.

**THIS SUMMER**, when mowing your grass, PLEASE do not allow the cut grass to accumulate on the roadway. It is a safety issue - especially if the grass becomes wet. It could cause a vehicle to lose traction and 'you' could be held responsible.

## Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. The 2019 Paving project is completed. The road crew is working on back-filling the shoulders. The Board approved a quote from Suit-Kote for MC70 to be placed on the shoulders of those roads paved in 2019. The Board approved a quote for line painting (single yellow) and legends on the same roads as last year. The foreman ordered 200 ton of salt from the 2018/2019 state contract and 400 ton of anti-skid from McClymonds for delivery to prepare binds for the upcoming winter season. The Alwine Road pipe project is on-hold due to the weather and paving project. The third and final berm mowing will start after the shoulders are back-filled and the road crew hopes to have mowing done by Labor Day. The O'Hara Rd. guide rail project has been completed.

## Recreation Committee

Recreation Committee Chairman, Brian Patten reported on the August 7, 2019 Recreation meeting. The Baseball Association's Fall Ball sign-ups ended Aug. 10th. Games to start in late August-early Sept. through the end of October. See website: [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com)  
The Pool Association will not be holding a 2019 Community Day Celebration. The pool will close at the end of the day, Sept. 2nd (Labor Day). They will advise the township when they would like the pool cover to be delivered to them. It was noted that the bottom of the pool is in need of some repairs; this will be investigated further after the season is over to determine the best course of action. [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com)  
The Softball Association has fall ball registration open until Aug. 19th with games to run Sept. 7th through Oct. 26th. They are reviewing plans to rehab. the area between Fields #5 and #6. They also plan to perform maintenance on the drains in the area between Fields #4 and #5. It was noted that the trees are gone (that had branches hanging over trail near first base of field #5. Softball: [www.sagsa.info](http://www.sagsa.info).  
Soccer: Nothing new. [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org)

## Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the July 15, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved the Kriley/Ambrose Plan (a Lot-Line Revision) on Freeport Rd. Several contingencies were satisfied and the Supervisors voted to approve the Kriley/Ambrose Plan at the Aug. 12, 2019 meeting.

The P.C. reviewed the Pine Run Midstream Land Development proposing two structures (a compressor station and a Conex building which will hold electrical, fans and valves for the compressor station). The developers had indicated that this 'compressor' is for this pad only; it will not serve multiple

sites. Several contingencies were satisfied. The Supervisors voted to approve the Pine Run Midstream Land Development (PennEnergy Resources) contingent upon execution and recording of the Operations & Maintenance Agreement for the stormwater plan.

### **August 12, 2019 Unfinished Business**

The Supervisors voted to designate the 2019 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds to 'low income housing rehabilitation' at their May 2019 meeting. Allocation will be \$105,407 (\$86,496 for projects/\$18,910 admin. fee.) If a project is introduced, the funds can be redirected by change order through the County's CDBG office. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #435 designating the County of Butler to administer the CDBG and authorize entering into contract with the County. They voted to adopt Resolution #436, which is the three year plan designating the use of the funds; and they voted to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution (#437). The Board also voted to sign the 2019 CDBG Cooperation Agreement for the County to administer the 2019 CDBG funding.

### **August 12, 2019 New Business**

The workers' compensation insurance renewal policy was received; the premium of \$11,362.00 is about \$4,000 less than last year (a reduction due to our claims history.)

The Supervisors voted to advertise for diesel, gasoline and no-ethanol fuel using the same amounts as last year.

The Supervisors announced the hiring of Leo Rosenbauer as the new Township Manager. They voted to add him as signer on the township bank accounts.

The Supervisors announced the resignation of Austin Taylor from the road department. An advertisement has been placed. Interested persons may contact the Township for an employment application. Applications are due back to the Township by August 23rd.

The Supervisors voted to accept the report from Thomas J. Anderson & Associates stating the 2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Jefferson Township Pension Plan is \$16,000.00. They approved this amount to be included in the 2020 budget.

### **Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - August 12, 2019**

Monica Rummel gave a brief update on the South Butler County Library. She thanked the Supervisors for their support. She explained that the entire Butler County Library computer system was hacked. The library has been packed 'daily' for adult programs, pre-k to 6th grade programs and other activities. She noted that "Booktoberfest" is Sept. 27th. The Supervisors voted to donate a basket for the 2019 Booktoberfest 'fundraiser' again this year.

Judy Wise was present to complain about the neighbor's failed septic system. Chairman Cypher noted that the Township has worked with SEO, David Ice and property owner, Mr. Spaulding to get the septic permit issued...from the survey and easement needed... to the recording of the easement prior to issuance of the permit. The new system is in progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Geibel were present to request that the Township paint a single line down Frazier Rd. due to recent repaving and increased traffic. They asked if the bend could be marked (perhaps with arrows.) Chairman Cypher explained that there are no plans to 'add to' the list of road usually painted. However, they will look at the bend to determine if signage is needed.

The Township received NOTICE from Civil & environmental Consultants re: application to DEP on behalf of PennEnergy Resources for an ESCGP Permit Major Modification for W70 Well Pad - 240 Golden City Rd., Saxonburg.

A letter received from UGI Energy Services notifies the Supervisors about the purchase of "Big Pine" system (a 57 mile gas gathering pipeline in Butler, Armstrong and Indiana Counties). Mr. Rosenbauer said they are not presently located in Jefferson Township.

The Butler County Safety Seminar coming up - Oct. 9th and the Butler County Association of Township Officials' Fall Convention is being planned for Oct. 22.

Glenn Heilman submitted his report as quality control person for the paving project. They put down 13,000 ton of asphalt (amounts to about 547 trucks). The project went over by only 6 loads even with the addition of aprons to two intersections. The contractor did a good job. The only problem was limbs needing trimmed on Frazier Rd. John Cypher thanked him for the good job and for his completion report.

### Major Expenditures since the July 8th meeting through Aug. 12, 2019

Code.sys Code Consulting - permit/inspections	\$ 2,019.74
Dinnerbell Garage - inspect/repair/parts	\$ 2,865.88
American Rock Salt - road salt	\$12,845.91
General Code - codification of ordinances and resolutions	\$ 2,576.24
Hampton Concrete - ring, grate, riser	\$ 1,261.00
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic - park master plan study (continuing)	\$ 1,441.38
Keystone Guiderail - O'Hara Rd.	\$11,757.50
Selective Insurance - workmen's comp. renewal 8/1/19-8/1/20	\$11,362.00

### 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 – 3rd Monday at 7:00 P.M.**

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

#### **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, Viki Nulph,

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.

### TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM (CLOSED on Fridays.)

Office phone #724-352-2324 Fax #724-352-8850

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

### TAX COLLECTOR

Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288 - Pay by mail or call for an appointment.

**NEVER leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's mailbox.**

**The Tax Collector is NOT responsible for envelopes left there by individuals other than the Mail Carrier.**

**MAIL your taxes, or bring them 'in person' or put them in the 'Drop Box' in front of the house!!!!**

#### **Here are her tax hours for the School Tax Billing Cycle:**

August, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29th.

September 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 & 30th.

Hours are from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. @ 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002.

All other times by appointment

#### ⇒ **Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections:**

2019: Saturdays - July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 5 and 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14

**By Appointment (pre-registration required) CALL 1-866-815-0016; Location: 129 Ash Stop Rd., Evans City, PA 16033**

**Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management**

124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208

Sheryl Kelly, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator

Butler, PA 16003

PROP-Certified Recycling Professional

Phone 724.284.5305

Email [skelly@co.butler.pa.us](mailto:skelly@co.butler.pa.us)

Web Site [www.recyclebutler.us](http://www.recyclebutler.us)

#### ⇒ **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.**

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**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)**

