



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP AUGUST 2022 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Report – Aug. 8th meeting

John Cypher read the road report. Rennick Road base repair is completed; pipe and catch basins have been installed. Old catch basins were adjusted for height for the upcoming paving (planned for August 15-17.) The road foreman plans to be 'on site' for the paving.

#4144 Patterson Rd. pipe has been jetted out and rip rap was installed at the outlet. Two pipes on West Jefferson Rd., three pipes at intersection of Bullcreek and Blakely Roads, and two pipes on May Drive, as well as 8 catch basins, were vacuumed out.

The 6300 Boom mower has been repaired. The 3rd and final berm mowing is to start on August 24th schedule permitting. The catch basin at 263 Green Manor has been replaced. Two stop signs at Mushrush/Bullcreek and one at Great Belt/Bonniebrook intersections were replaced. All four 'wheel-stops' at the municipal building were replaced and painted. All chip and seal projects have been delayed due to rain, but it is hoped to be completed before school starts. The berms on these chip-sealed roads will be mowed ahead of time.

The road foreman is pricing out a rental truck to clean out all the catch basins in the Township. West Jefferson Road bridge has some possible scouring starting, and other work may need done. It was noted that an outside contractor may be needed; the Supervisors agreed that LTAP should be consulted first; Manager Rosenbauer said there is already a GP11 permit on this bridge.

The road crew worked together to mow & trim at the park. They removed trash, blew off playgrounds, pavilions, and handicapped areas. They also repaired some washouts and replaced some handicapped signage.

400 ton of salt ordered on July 12th has not been delivered yet, but this load will be the last under the prior year (winter 2021/22 contract.)

The road foreman asked about the pipe replacement/removal on Oak Dr. near Saxonburg Rd. It was briefly discussed, and the Supervisors agreed that LTAP should be consulted on this; Manager Rosenbauer believes this will NOT need any permitting.

The road foreman noted that both new hires seem to be 'a good fit' and are heading in the right direction. Gerry Geibel began 6/6/22; Brian Turner started 8/1/22.

Manager Rosenbauer noted that the polymer placement was rained out and so far, is rescheduled for 8/10 and 8/11. Chip seal should begin this week and paving next week. He noted that the 'inside' of the park restroom was vandalized; he will have the camera checked to try and determine time of entry.

Recreation Committee – Aug. 8th meeting

The August meeting was rescheduled from August 3rd to August 10, 2022 and duly advertised. No report this evening. **Baseball:** Website: www.saxonburgbaseball.com **Pool:** Website: www.sebcopool.com **Softball:** Website: www.sagsa.org **Soccer:** Website: www.knochsoccer.org

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported on the July 18, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. Goodlin's Land Development was submitted (J.R. Goodlin Jr. Plan No. 2) for first review by the P.C. on July 18, 2022. (The prior submission was withdrawn.)

HRG (Rob Arnold) submitted a review letter dated July 13, 2022. Rich Craft said he was not able to respond prior to this evening. Mr. Craft said he would respond to HRG's comments in writing before the Supervisors' meeting on Aug. 8, 2022. There was significant discussion on the HRG review letter dated July 13, 2022.

The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the J.R. Goodlin Jr. Plan No. 2 Land Development contingent on receipt of the written response to HRG's review letter addressing the outstanding items before the Supervisors' meeting (Aug.8). After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to approve the J. R. Goodlin Jr. Plan No. 2 Land Development contingent upon three contingencies: 1) fully executed Operations and Maintenance Agreement (O & M); 2) completion of temporary construction easement document to the satisfaction of the Manager, Township Engineer and Township Attorney; and 3) filing and obtaining a building permit for the commercial cooler. The Supervisors then voted to require submission of these documents within 60 days and the construction of the 'stormwater facilities' within 12 months of this approval.

The Planning Commission is still reviewing township ordinances for revision (especially Chapter 22 Subdivision. & Land Development.)

Aug. 8, 2022 Unfinished Business - None.

Aug. 8, 2022 New Business

The fuels bids were advertised for opening this evening (Aug. 8, 2022); however, the 'bid form' was dated for 8/9/22 opening. Attorney Marshall, who was present this evening, said the meeting should be recessed and reconvened at a stated date and time in order to give any other bidders a chance to submit their bid (by 7 PM on 8/9/22). The Supervisors noted that they will vote at the end of the meeting to recess to reconvene, rather than adjourn. An announcement will be posted on the door and on the website.

Due to changes in the federal mandate (i.e.: the procedure and the increased cost to obtain a CDL license) the Manager has prepared a personnel policy to allow the Township to enter into a 'reimbursement type' agreement for new employees to obtain a CDL license and then make payment via payroll deductions until the cost is paid in full. If the employee should leave our employ before the cost is satisfied, the former employee would still be obligated to pay any balance due. After some discussion the Supervisors voted to adopt the CDL Reimbursement Payment Policy, Resolution #492.

Manager Rosenbauer asked the Supervisors to authorize application for the Butler County Municipal Infrastructure Program for two (2) culverts on Janice Lane and one (1) on O'Hara Rd. to be replaced. These funds are COVID allocations with a simple 2-page application. The Township Engineer is looking at the application. The Supervisors voted to authorize application for this Butler County Infrastructure Program grant program.

Residents from 399 Bullcreek Rd. were present to ask the Supervisors for permission to install 'barrier stones' along their property in the township right-of-way. The right-of-way is 40 ft. They explained their concerns for their property and personal safety, noting that their front porch is only 35 ft. from the edge of the right-of-way and their daughter's bedroom is in the front of the house. It was noted by the Supervisors that it would not warrant speed bumps or guiderail. Manager Rosenbauer stated that the rights-of-way need to remain available (open) for installation or maintenance of utilities. Chairman Cypher said the Board appreciates and understands why they are asking but the Township cannot transfer liability to a property owner and therefore, they cannot give permission for his request. They suggest placing rocks on their own property outside of the public right-of-way (where they can) and on each side of their driveway to see how it works.

E & E Salvage and their attorney, Armand Cingolani, were present about the denial of his junkyard permit renewal due to violations since the last renewal. There was a lengthy discussion before the Supervisors, subsequent to recommendation by the Township Attorney, Matt Marshall, voted to deny renewal of the junkyard license to E & E Salvage. It was reiterated that E & E Salvage currently has NO permit. He may apply for a license but must do so following the Township ordinances; must show compliance and proof

of payment of fines. He will also have to apply for a modification for the ‘size’ of the junkyard. Attorney Cingolani asked that a list of items needed to comply.

A revised COVID Personnel Policy per current federal regulations is needed. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #493 as presented by the township manager.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – Aug. 8, 2022

Supervisor Rankin announced that the Butler County Association of Township Officials will hold a “SAFETY DAY” on Wed., Oct. 12, 2022 (begins at 9 AM) at the Herman Volunteer Fire Hall. Registration information will be coming soon.

Supervisor Rankin inquired whether there are any updates on possible pool funding. Manager Rosenbauer said he has not received any applications to complete for funding. He is aware only of the DCNR/Federal system program. Representative Marci Mustello’s office has responded to date on any other funding information. It was noted that Ann Coleman is leaving Marci’s office (the new office person is Doug Saltzman.)

Recess to Reconvene 8/8/22 and Adjournment 8/10/22

On Aug. 8, 2022, the Supervisors voted to recess to reconvene on Wed., August 10, 2022 at 8:30 AM (for the purpose of opening and voting on any fuel bids received.) On Aug. 10, 2022, the Supervisors opened and read the only fuel bid received, from Purvis Brothers, Inc. They awarded the bid to Purvis Brothers and then voted to adjourn at 8:40 AM on 8/10/22.

Major Expenditures since the July 11th meeting through August 8,2022

Code.sys Code Consulting, Inc. – June inspections	\$1,156.76
Teamsters #261 & Employer (Health Insurance) – Sep. health ins.	\$4,957.98
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal July 2022	\$1,767.00
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – as and diesel	\$1,978.79
Wine Concrete Products – inlet top, state C top, etc.	\$3,689.00

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.

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

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.), Martha Fleming (Secretary), Evelyn Gross, Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), 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), Jamie McSwaney (Baseball), James C. Jones (Softball), and Chris Tully (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.

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd, Butler, PA 16002 - 724-352-3288

SCHOOL Real Estate Tax hours from 4:30 to 7:30 PM on the following dates:

Sept. 20, 21, and 22 and Sept. 27, 28, and 29.

OR pay 'by mail' or call for an appointment. Never leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's personal mailbox. There is a secure payment drop box located on the porch.

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.

⇒ **THIS SEASON, 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.

⇒ **NEED HELP during COVID19:** 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>

⇒ **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 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.

⇒ **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).



DON Housing Department

USDA Access & Rehabilitation Program for Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Mercer & Westmoreland Counties.

This grant provides needed repairs and renovations for homeowners with very low to low income whose primary residences are located in a USDA eligible area. Funds awarded through an application process on a first come, first served basis. To find out more, go to www.doninc.org/HPP or phone 724-652-5144 (for hearing impaired TTY/VP: 724-652-5152). *The Township has NO involvement in the grants or processing of the applications!*



NOTICE: First Energy will be trimming vegetation during May and June and then applying 'herbicide' on certain properties from June to Sept. 2022. The First Energy representative has indicated that affected property owners have received notice directly from First Energy.

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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724.287.6797/1.800.433.6327/TDD: 1.800.545.1833 x772
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