



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

AUGUST 2024

NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher gave the road report as submitted by the road foreman.

- The roads scheduled are ready for the chip seal project and sealing which should begin 8/13/24.
- More shoulder work will be done on Golden City Rd. (west) after the seal project is completed, to keep the road clean before it is sealed.
- The third and final berm mowing will start around 8/20/24 for completion before Labor Day weekend.
- All mowing, trimming, and cleanup was done at the park by 8/1/24 as requested by the Board at the July meeting (via the Recreation Committee.)
- The road foreman has made a tree trimming list for the upcoming winter season. If the township is going to continue the tree trimming program, they should authorize quotes or bids be obtained. The list is as follows: Frazier Rd., West Jefferson Rd., Victory Rd., Neupert Rd., and Burtner Rd. The Supervisors will look at those roads and consider.
- The road foreman hopes to have an update on the cover for the salt bin at the Sept. 9th meeting.
- 442.2 tons of salt from the 2023-2024 season contract has been received and the salt storage buildings are full.

There are several items that could be placed on Municibid for sale by the township. The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement in the Butler Eagle for the bids to be taken via Municibid. The Township has the right to put 'reserve price(s)' on items deemed necessary.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee met on August 7, 2024. In the absence of Brian Patten, John Cypher gave a synopsis of that meeting. Baseball is starting 'fall ball practices this week and games begin Labor Day week. Soccer had no report. The Softball held their annual tournament on Aug. 2, 3, and 4. Fall Ball registration is open at <https://www.sagsa.org/program/fall-league/4834> until Aug. 20th. Fall scheduling is Aug. 24th. The Pool Association reported that the rainy weather helped to fill the pool, and the season has been successful due to the hot temperatures. Partial hours will start August 28th due to school: *Wed., Thurs., and Friday they will open at 4 PM; weekend hours will remain full hours; final day is Sept. 2nd.* PARK PROJECTS: Sophia Greene presented her Girl Scout Gold Project proposal to add a GAGA Ball Pit. The Recreation Committee voted in favor of the proposal. ACTION REQUESTS: Pool Assn. to contact the township with a date to deliver the cover (after some prep work is done.) Board of Supervisors is asked to consider the proposal for a GAGA Ball Pit to be installed by Sophia Greene for her Girl Scout Gold Project.

Baseball: Website: www.knochyouthbaseball.com

Pool: Website: www.sebcopool.com

Softball: Website: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: Website: www.knochsoccer.org

Sophia Greene gave a very thorough proposal for the GAGA Ball Pit and the Supervisors had several questions and concerns, which included 1) long term maintenance after its installation; 2) liability for injuries; 3) whether there would be a requirement for 'fall safe surface'; and perhaps other questions. The Board voted to table the decision in order to look into the matter further.

The Supervisors voted to approve Supplement #01 to the contract for the new pool building w/filter room at SEBCO Pool in the amount of \$30,100 for HRG to design the new building.

Planning Commission

Brian Noah reported on the July 15, 2024 Planning Commission meeting. Grant Williams submitted a revised subdivision on 7/5/24. He officially withdrew the plan submitted 5/6/24 (verbally, this evening - 7/15/24.) Lot 1 will now be 6.43 acres and will include the existing house, well, septic and existing concrete driveway. Lot 2 will now be 81.65 acres with a proposed driveway to West Jefferson Rd. (at the site distance markings on the revised plan). After the P.C. reviewed the responses to the HRG comments (letter of July 8, 2024) they voted to recommend approval of the Williams/Finucan Subdivision Plan with four (4) contingencies. This evening, only one contingency is still outstanding. The Supervisors voted to approve the Williams/Finucan Plan on West Jefferson Road **with the contingency** that DEP approves the Lot #2 connection to public water line.

The P.C. reviewed the Michael Baker DEP Planning Module Component 1 on Heller Road for Lot B-4 which is part of the Waechter Plan previously approved as nonbuilding lots. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the Michael Baker DEP Planning Module Comp. 1 by the Board of Supervisors contingent upon Section G of the component 'check list' being revised as marked by the P.C. Chairman and forwarded to Graff's office. The P.C. and the SEO have found the component received to be complete. The Supervisors voted to approve the Michael Backer DEP Planning Module Component 1 to be submitted to the DEP.

The P.C. reviewed the rest of Chapter 4 (section 205 to 208) of the Code of Ordinances. Leo Rosenbauer reported on the July 15, 2024 Planning Commission meeting.

Aug. 12, 2024 Unfinished Business

The 2024 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding totals \$106,485.00 (\$87,382.00 for projects and \$19,103.00 for admin.) The Supervisors voted to sign the cooperation agreement designating the County of Butler to administer the 2024 CDBG Funds (designated for housing rehab.) and other paperwork to be signed by the chairman. They also voted to adopt the 'three-year plan', Resolution #530 (which designates the use of the funds) and to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution #531 (non-discrimination).

Aug. 12, 2024 New Business

The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement of fuel bids for opening Sept. 9, 2024 (using the same amounts bid 'up to' as last year.

The Supervisors voted to adopt the revised Right-To-Know (Open Records) Policy Resolution #532 to reference the 'RTK/ORO' as appointed annually by the Board; to change the address for the PA Office of Open Records'; and to add language to section III. Township Response).

The Supervisors voted to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) of \$27,450.00 for the 2025 Pension Plan Budget as provided by T.J. Anderson.

The Supervisors voted to approve DRAWDOWN #4 for Liberty Pointe Development recommended by the Township Engineer (HRG) in the amount of \$81,645.80.

The Supervisors voted to table the authorization of the Township Solicitor to initiate appropriate legal action/proceedings to restrain, correct or abate violations of the Township Code of Ordinances, to prevent unlawful construction, to recover damages, and to prevent illegal occupancy of a building, structure or premises at the property of 340 Riemer Road, Sarver, PA 16055, Butler County Tax Parcel #320-1F94-16A, against all responsible persons/entities.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – Aug. 12, 2024

A public business form was submitted to the Supervisors for discussion on 'road safety matters' on Constitution Ave. Although she lives in Saxonburg Borough, the problem has developed across the road (which is in Jefferson Township) in front of the Liberty Pointe Development. Chairman Cypher noted that he would like her concerns to be heard: 1) vehicles parking and blocking the road; 2) the change in speed limit from 25 MPH to 35 MPH on the one section from Isabella to Water St., but not on the other side from Isabella St. to Fisher Rd.; and 4) flooding at the bottom of the hill. There was significant discussion, including that 'only residents and property owners from Jefferson Township' are supposed to ask for 'public business/comment.' Nevertheless, due to it being a traffic safety concern, the Supervisors voted (2 approved/1 opposed) to authorize the township to look into the situation.

It was noted that an ad has been placed in the Butler Eagle for the sec/treas. trainee. The ad is to run 12 days (8/9 to 8/22/24) and the job applications are due by Aug. 26th. The Supervisors voted to place the notice on the website as well.

Lois Rankin announced that the Annual Safety Day for municipal workers is scheduled for Oct 9, 2024 at the Herman Volunteer Fire Dept. The Supervisors voted to authorize the road crew to attend that day.

Major Expenditures since the July 8th meeting through Aug. 12, 2024

Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – June 2024 legal	\$3,600.00
Insight Pipe Contracting – clean/CCTV video	\$4,056.63
Code.Sys Code Consulting – June invoice – bldg. permit inspections	\$4,423.69
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – gas and diesel	\$1,783.88
Teamsters #251 & Employer –health insurance premium Sept. 2024	\$6,949.72
Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic – engineering/plan reviews/inspections	\$6,059.12
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – July legal	\$13,460.00
Encova Insurance – w/c policy 8/1/23-8/1/24	\$18,631.00
Code.Sys Code Consulting – July invoice – bldg. permit inspections	\$4,381.12
Compass Mineral – salt 442.2 tons delivered	\$37,931.92

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 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 Demek (Baseball Assn. President
or *alternate* representative Justin Thompson (new Baseball Vice-Pres.),
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

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

The OFFICE is open during Sec/Treasurer’s hours between 8/9 to 8/25 – 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM – only!

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

FALL SCHOOL TAX Collection Hours: 4:30 to 7:30 PM on 8/6/24, then 9/17, 9/18, 9/14, 9/25 and 9/26/24.

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.

⇒ **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.

⇒ **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).

⇒ **Butler County Recycling Events**

2024 Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Events

Butler County DEP collection permit approved hold its 2024 Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics collection events for our county residents as follows:

Sept 7 - 157 East Airport Rd, Butler, PA 16002 Nov 9 - 690 Valencia Road, Mars, PA 16046

Residents will be required to pre-register to attend these events and are scheduled for an approximate arrival time which helps to keep attendees from waiting in long lines. The Noble Environmental web site is <https://nobleenviro.com/> or call 412-567-6566. At the top of the web page, click on “E-waste and HHW Collections” to find the registration page and details about attending an event. Please note that only credit cards are accepted for payment. Cash and checks are not accepted.

⇒ **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 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>

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

