



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

**“ANNOUNCEMENTS” are at the end of the Newsletter!**

## Road Foreman’s Report

John Cypher read the road report submitted. The Bonniebrook Road project (joint Multimodal Grant with Summit Township) is coming to an end. Fog lines are scheduled to be painted. The third (and final) berm mowing for 2021 is to start around August 24th and end about Labor Day. 350 ton of salt has been delivered under the old contract. The new salt contract has been delayed (we may not know the price until October.) 300 ton of anti-skid for this 2021-22 winter season has been ordered and should be delivered by mid-August.

The road foreman would like to purchase a used ‘thumb’ for the 420E CAT Backhoe. This piece of equipment is needed for moving and setting large rocks and /or logs (fallen trees). The Supervisors voted to proceed with the purchase.

The road crew has been touching up broken road edges and other work in early preparation for winter. Some crack sealing is to be done while time and weather allows.

The Golden City Road bridge is on the scour critical list. LTAP was contacted to do an inspection and shortly after PennDOT did a bridge inspection and notified the Township that the bridge needs to be repaired soon. Manager Rosenbauer said Supervisor Beblo recommends removing the sand bar before repairing the bridge (which will make it easier to make the bridge repairs.) A GP-3 is needed for stream work and HRG is to give us an estimate to prepare the GP-3. Three quotes will likely be needed. We already have a GP-11 for the bridge work. The Supervisors voted to proceed in all haste to do the bridge repairs.

In addition to the report submitted, the road foreman asked for input on tree trimming needed on Oak, May, Douglas, and Alana Drives. There was discussion mainly about Alana Drive, where property owners ‘wanted’ to trim the trees themselves last year but failed to do so. The Supervisors are in favor of the tree trimming – 30 ft. up. The manager will notify the President of the Homeowners’ Association of Countryside that all residents will have approximately one month in which to have their trees shaped; otherwise, the Township will proceed as needed. The manager will acquire quotes to perform tree trimming in Countryside and in Forest Glen.

Chairman Cypher reported meeting with Pavement Technology, Inc. representative (Zach) about their product “reclamite”. It is a maltene or petroleum-based product used to extend the life of paved roads. It is not yet PennDOT approved. Then, they met with Russell Standard representative (Brian Cancio) about their product “veritas green”. It is organic oil based used to preserve newer asphalt. It is not yet PennDOT approved. Use of these materials will cost much less than tar and chip applications. The Supervisors voted to do Frazier Rd. and a portion of Bullcreek Rd. – one side with veritas green (at no cost via Russell Standard) and the other side with reclamite (to be quoted by Russell Standard), if feasible this year, depending on the quotes.

## Recreation Committee

Brian Patten could not be present to report. His notes on the July 7, 2021 Recreation meeting include the following: Baseball – Fall Ball registration is open; season set for Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> through the end of October. One tournament for 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> coming up. Knoch Baseball will be holding workouts on Wednesdays starting later in August. [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com)

Pool - The August school schedule MAY cause reduction in pool hours beginning on August 26 (hours may be 3 PM to 8 PM). They will post this on website/social media if it is necessary. The pool is scheduled to close for the season at the end of the day – Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day. [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com)

Softball – The summer season is over. The last tournament is Aug. 6-8; Fall Ball registration will then begin for ages 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U,19U. [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org)

Soccer – Fall registration is open; season starts Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> through Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org)

Two Action Items: 1) Soccer would like the township to inspect the tree growth around the perimeter of the soccer fields and trim as necessary. The Supervisors discussed the matter, noting that the Township has not done so in the past (this would be outside the fence. They said the road crew cannot spend this number of hours at the park and away from the road/equipment maintenance duties. 2) Pool President, Greg Bauer, wants to be sure that HRG, who is conducting the pool study, understands the likelihood of reduced hours due to lifeguard schedule conflicts in August (this year.) Manager Leo Rosenbauer noted that HRG was informed of the reduced pool hours this past Friday and that the pool study should be completed within 4 months; this is needed so that payment can be made, and reimbursement sought before the end of 2021.

## Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer (Planning Chairman) reported on the July 19, 2021 Planning Commission meeting. A DEP sewage planning module was submitted for Jim Chick (Acme Investments Plan/DEP Module Plot). The P.C. discussed the background of the original submission and the matter of the remnant not being permitted for sewage. This permit changes the property (approx. 64 acres) from non-building to a building lot per DEP regulations. The P.C. voted to approve the DEP sewage planning module for Jim Chick subject to final review by the SEO. The Supervisors voted to approve the DEP Sewage Module for Jim Chick.

The P.C. was notified that the Township received an ‘extension letter’ via S. D. Graff Surveying on behalf of their client, John R. Goodlin, (J.R. Goodlin Jr. Plan No. 2 on North Pike Rd.) The expiration date is 120 days from July 9, 2021 (Sat., Nov. 6, 2021). This means the P.C. must take action by their Sept. meeting and the Supervisors must take action by Oct. 11, 2021. The P.C. members acknowledged the extension and determined that the stormwater and land development requirements must be met. The Supervisors acknowledged this and had no objections.

It was noted that Senate Bill 554 (Act 65 of 2021) has been adopted by the State. We are now required to post ALL public meeting agendas (including the Planning Commission meeting) on the door and on the township website at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

John Cypher was present at the P.C. meeting. He thanked the P.C. members for their volunteer positions on the Planning Commission and urged continued dedication to follow the township ordinances and the ‘PA Municipal Planning Code’ in reviewing and approving plans and modifications submitted to them.

## August 9, 2021 Unfinished Business

It was noted at the July meeting that an email was received from Wendy Leslie, Butler Co. CDBG Coordinator, regarding the COVID-19 CDBG funds. There have been NO qualified ‘rent/mortgage/utility assistance’ applicants, and she asked us to think about reallocating, but uses are very restrictive and must be used ‘to respond to, to prevent, and/or to prepare for COVID-19.’ This was noted again at this Aug. 9, 2021 meeting: there are no new ‘ideas’ on uses for these funds.

The 2021 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) regular funds total \$109,583 (\$89,924 is for projects/activity and \$19,659 is for administration.) The Supervisors voted to designate the 2021 CDBG funding for housing rehabilitation.

The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution # 472 designating the County of Butler to administer the CDBG and authorize entering into contract (signing the contract) with the County.

The Supervisors voted to adopt the “three-year plan” Resolution # 473 (designating the use of the funds.) The Supervisors voted to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution # 474 (stating non-discrimination).

Fuel bids were advertised for opening this evening. Only one fuel bid was received. That bid was from Purvis Brothers, Inc., which was opened and read as follows:

Up to 6,500 gal. on-road diesel OPIS \$2.1550 + \$.15 differential = \$2.305. (Winterization \$.40 additional.)

Up to 1,000 gal. unleaded No Ethanol gasoline OPIS \$2.2323 + \$.70 differential = \$2.9323.

Up to 2,500 gal. regular unleaded gasoline OPIS \$2.1491 + \$.15 differential = \$2.2991.

A bid bond and insurance certificate were enclosed. The Supervisors voted to award to Purvis Brothers, Inc. as bid.

## August 9, 2021 New Business

The Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. submitted a letter, today, requesting the Township ‘s continued consideration to provide financial support through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The matter of them being a 501(c) (4), instead of the 501(c) (3) non-profit (a designated requirement by ARPA) is still a matter of confusion.

Lois Rankin noted that she attended the PSATS Erie Forum, at which they reported on the ARPA funds. They urged Townships to wait for the final regulations to be developed and distributed to townships. PSATS has submitted comments to the US Treasury regarding the need to include 501(c)(4) non-profits (which is the classification of MANY volunteer-fire companies.) The Township will wait and see what happens.

## Miscellaneous Business – August 9, 2021

Monica Rummel, our representative to the South Butler Community Library, spoke about the library and various programs they offer. She thanked the Township Supervisors for their continuing support and for the basket prepared by Lois Rankin for the “Booktoberfest” on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at Saxonburg Fire Hall. For more info. go to: [www.southbutlerlibrary.org](http://www.southbutlerlibrary.org)

Michael A. and Michael T. Pintirsch (father and son) were present to ask if the Township looked at their driveway ‘transition’ onto Bonniebrook Road. The son (Michael T.) owns the property on Bonniebrook Rd. After some discussion, Chairman Cypher noted that it is impossible to determine if anything should be done just looking at pictures. Manager Rosenbauer and the road foreman are to look into the matter ‘again’ and also look at the drainage/ditch line there.

The Township received NOTICE from Penn United Technologies, Inc. that they are applying for renewal of the State Only Operating Permit for its facility at 196 Alwine Rd., Saxonburg.

Marcy Mustello, State Representative, is holding a Family Fund Night at the Butler Memorial Park Rotary Shelter, 100 Memorial Drive, Butler, PA on August 19<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 P.M. for the Community. Admission and food are free. There will be door prizes and giveaways, food stands, and vendors.

## Major Expenditures since the July 12th meeting through August 9, 2021

Code.sys Code Consulting – June 2021 inspections	\$8,470.24
Stephenson Equipment, Inc. – midland widener rental	\$4,250.00
Summit Township – share of ‘partial’ line-painting & base paving	\$394,252.31 (Bonniebrook)
Detroit Salt Co. – 350+ ton salt	\$26,309.95
Keystone Spring Service – 2015 F550 repairs	\$1,853.46
Selective Insurance – w/c renewal and 1-week endorsement widener	\$12,753.00
Teamsters #261 & Employee Benefits – Oct. premium	\$5,849.56

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**E-Code 360 is up and running, so you can now view township ordinances via our website:**

[www.jeffersonbutler.com](http://www.jeffersonbutler.com) – under “home” click ‘find out more’.

## 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 7:00 P.M.**

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

### **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), Scott Kriley (Baseball), James C. Jones (Softball), and (Soccer – to be determined)

*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.

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

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.

REAL ESTATE TAXES – DISCOUNT PERIOD OFFICE HOURS:

AUGUST 10TH FROM 4:30 - 7:30 AND SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, & 30 FROM 4:30 - 7:30

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**    ↓↓

⇒ **Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections - 2021**  
**Saturdays - Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, and Dec. 18.**

**By Appointment Only (pre-registration required)**

**CALL 1-866-815-0016    Location: 129 Ash Stop Rd., Evans City, PA 16033**

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

Sheryl Kelly, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator (PROP-Certified Recycling Professional)

124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208, Butler, PA 16003    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)

A copy of the 2021 "Hard to Recycle Guide" provided annually by Butler County, can be found on the Township website.

⇒ **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 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.**

**Do you live in Jefferson Township?**  
*You may be eligible to have your windows, furnace, roof or more replaced!*



Don't miss your chance to make some home improvements before the cold weather hits!

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.*

**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**




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