



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

NOTICES

It was announced that Viki Nulph is resigning her position on the Recreation Committee effective at the end of 2019. This is a volunteer position from the 'at large' population of Jefferson Township. Meetings are February to October on the 1st Wednesday beginning at 8 PM. Any interested persons should contact the Township Manager at 724-352-2324 or stop by the office at 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA

Remember!

During the upcoming winter months, as per the Township Ordinances, **NO ONE** is to park on the cul-de-sacs or any public road so that the road can easily be cleaned of snow. Please **DO NOT PUSH SNOW ONTO THE ROADS** when plowing your driveway. Should this cause an accident, you could be named in a claim or lawsuit. In addition, this is a reminder that the Township is NOT responsible for replacing or repairing mailboxes damaged during the plowing/salting process. Mailbox installation guidelines are available at the USPS website - "Regulations for Installing a Mailbox."

Also, residents living along the Butler-Freeport Community Trail are asked to be considerate when plowing snow from their property. Some residents are plowing snow onto the trail and in front of the gates, which blocks emergency vehicle access. If there would be an emergency, Emergency Services / First Responders would have difficulty getting to the scene.

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the road report: Trees were removed on Heller Rd. and O'Hara Rd. Some trees were removed in several spots along the park boundary line. The snow fence is installed; the railroad ballast was removed from under the overpass on Golden City Rd. The railroad company was contacted about the problem. "No Parking" and Speed Limit signs are being installed (where needed) in all housing plans. Truck maintenance was performed and trucks were set-up for winter. The part-time road employee was familiarized on township equipment and routes. Road salting/antiskid in progress....200 tons of salt were ordered on the new contract...Winter Is Here!

The manager is in process of getting prices for tree trimming along Riemer, Marwood, Caldwell and Rancindin Roads. The Board was asked to consider the purchase of a leaf blower (in 2020) and possible replacement of the skid loader and 530 Truck (in 2021).

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee does not meet in November, December, and January. No report. Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com Pool: www.sebcopool.com Softball: www.sagsa.info. Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission did not meet in November; there was no business to conduct.

December 9, 2019 Unfinished Business

The 2020 Budget was introduced to the Board of Supervisors in October. At the November meeting the Supervisors authorized advertisement for final review and adoption at the Dec. 9, 2019 meeting. The Supervisors voted on Dec. 9, 2019 to adopt Resolution #441 adopting the 2020 Budget with the tax millage remaining at 1 mill.

The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors will be reviewing a proposed timbering ordinance over the next month or so. The Manager is gathering information to revise the fee resolutions for the January meeting (including, but not limited to building permits, septic permits, mobile home park 'renewal' permits, professional services fees.)

December 9, 2019 New Business

Currently Jefferson Township donates only to Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. The Township donated \$8,000 in Feb. 2018 plus an additional \$25,000 in Nov. 2018; and in 2019 the donation was \$8,000. The Township is 'authorized to require a report on how these donations were spent. The Supervisors authorized the manager to draft and send a letter to Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. requesting a written report on how donations were spent over the last couple years...prior to anticipated donation in 2020.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – December 9, 2019

Pat Kennedy and his aunt were present to discuss water drainage issues at 160 Alwine Rd. After some discussion, the Supervisors and the Manager were all in agreement that this is NOT a township issue. The problem is due to the deteriorating terra-cotta tile drain installed by prior property owners 'years ago' and the Township has no authority to work on private property.

Rich Craft from Olsen Craft Associates, LLC attended to present questions from Clearfield Township regarding to MS4 (stormwater) matters. 1) Is the township an MS4 community or likely to become one by 2023? 2) Is the township tracking stormwater BMP's and their maintenance? 3) Is the township open to stream/floodplain restoration as a stormwater management BMP? 4) Is the township interested in cooperating with others in our watershed (specifically the Buffalo Creek Watershed.) Mr. Craft has approached Buffalo Township, Clinton Township and Saxonburg Borough. He plans to contact Winfield Township (Butler County) and West Franklin (Armstrong County) and perhaps others, as well. The Supervisors will review.

A notification letter dated 12/4/19 was received from DEP noting their receipt of XTO's 'water management plan amendment application dated Oct. 21, 2019 and noting its approval with various expiration dates for various 'sources'. These sources include PA American Water, Adams Twp. Municipal Water, etc.

II-VI, Inc. will test their 'community early warning system' on Dec. 20 & Dec. 21, 2019 at 12 Noon.

Manager Leo Rosenbauer said that he and the road foreman were contacted by Albert Foertsch about a drainage issue on O'Hara Rd. (water is ponding near the road.) They both looked at the site. Apparently, the terra-cotta tiles and stone sump installed many years ago by Lee Graff and John Foertsch's relatives have deteriorated. (A similar situation was discussed earlier in the meeting regarding the Kennedy property on Alwine Rd.) Chairman Cypher said this is NOT a township issue and the township cannot work on private property.

The foreman found out on Thanksgiving Day from a resident that Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. closed O'Hara Rd. The road crew went out the day after Thanksgiving to discover that a tree fell onto communication lines. Doug Lefever, our new part-time road employee and a member of the fire department, is working to get more open communication between the Township and the Fire Dept.

Major Expenditures since the Nov. 11th meeting through Dec. 9, 2019

Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal Oct. 2019	\$1,015.00
Teamsters #261 Health & Welfare – Dec. health ins. (w/new employee)	\$4,387.17
Detroit Salt Company – road salt	\$15,591.28
RA Services – annual service contact for accounting	\$1,010.00

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

Manager: Leo Rosenbauer Sec./Treas.: Lois Fennell

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

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.), Danielle Sedlak, (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah, Robert Wetzal, Robert Williams and Dan Driscoll.

Recreation Board – 1st 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.

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!!!!



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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You may be eligible to have your windows, furnace, roof or more replaced!





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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.

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