



# **JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP**

## **DECEMBER 2020**

# **NEWSLETTER**

**"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!**

### **Road Report**

Chairman John Cypher read the Road Report as submitted. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> was the first 'snow-storm' a full-day of winter road maintenance. They washed the trucks after this storm. They picked up a 3-point hitch blade for filling & building-up shoulders for a cost of \$550.00. It will be scraped and painted sometime this winter along with other equipment maintenance as needed. Snow fence is being installed in strategic locations. The foremen and manager analyzed and staked curb locations for the Bonniebrook Rd. paving project. A second 'ditch line' leaf removal will be done if the weather permits. Routine roads checks have and will be performed.

### **Planning Commission**

There was no meeting on November 16, therefore, no report at the Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Supervisors' meeting.

**REMINDER: Subdivision Plans, Land Development Plans, and Modification Requests are REQUIRED to be submitted 2 weeks prior to the Planning Commission meeting!**

### **Recreation Committee**

The Recreation Committee does not meet in November, December, and January. Website info:  
**Baseball:** [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com) **Pool:** [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com) **Softball:** [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org) **Soccer:** [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org)

### **December 16, 2020 Unfinished Business**

The proposed 2021 Budget was introduced in October to the Supervisors and advertised for adoption at the Dec. 16, 2020 meeting. The Supervisors voted to adopt the 2021 Budget Resolution #461 with NO tax increase (real estate tax will remain at 1 mill for the 'township tax.')

The proposed, revised Burning Ordinance was re-advertised for adoption at the Dec. 16, 2020 meeting. The Supervisors voted to adopt the Burning Ordinance #459.

### **December 16, 2020 New Business**

Due to recommendations from the State and County, and with the support of the Supervisors, the Township Manager researched and prepared a "COVID-19 Personnel Policy." The Supervisors voted to adopt this Resolution #462 at the Dec. 16, 2020 meeting.

### **Miscellaneous Business – December 16, 2020**

Received notice from Gateway Engineers that PennEnergy Resources is proposing a well site on Cornplanter Rd. in Winfield Twp. Well PER W46 5H-6H modifications.

II-VI – testing of early warning system is Dec. 18 (Friday) and Dec. 19 (Saturday) – at noon.

It was agreed that the manager should attend the tree trimming bid opening at Summit Township Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> (6:30 PM) and bring the bid forms back to the Jefferson Township meeting on Jan. 4, 2021 for review.

A letter of interest was received for appointment to the Planning Commission.

### Major Expenditures since the Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting through Dec. 16, 2020

Anna Riemer – return of funds held in lieu of Riemer Gas ‘road bond’	\$ 12,500.00
MobileTech Computers – laptop, set up and installation	\$ 3,019.00
Holbein, Inc. – Riemer Road repairs	\$ 1,450.00
HRG, Inc. – review of land development and stormwater planning	\$ 1,747.00

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

**Board of Supervisors** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan.)

\*\*December's meeting was moved from 12/14 to Wed. Dec. 16, 2020 at 7 PM - as advertised\*\*

**THE RE-ORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING FOR JANUARY is 1/4/2021 at 7 PM.**

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.), Robert Wetzel, Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik.

**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 (newly appointed for 2020), 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.

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 CLOSED Dec. 24 and 25 for Christmas and on Dec. 30 and Jan. 1 for New Year's.**

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.

**WE ASK THAT IF YOU HAVE BUSINESS AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE TO PLEASE CALL AHEAD, SO WE KNOW YOU ARE COMING -724-352-2324. Masks required.**

The Township is endeavoring at public meetings to limit attendance to protect Township residents and the possible spreading of the virus.

***We urge you to take precautions attending any event or 'scheduled' meeting.***

***We hope you will limit exposure to others, including at the township building.***

Practice social distancing, such as no longer shaking hands and staying six feet apart, No more than ten (10) people at a meeting place and washing hands often or using hand sanitizer!

ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: [jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net](mailto:jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net) – 724-352-2324

STAY AT HOME applies, especially if you are sick!

### 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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS    ↓↓

⇒ **THE NEWSLETTER** is only available On-line OR via e-mailing OR can be picked up at the Township Office. Our Web Site is: [www.jeffersonbutler.com](http://www.jeffersonbutler.com) If you want to have the newsletter e-mailed to you or if you have not received your e-copy, please contact the Township Secretary: [jefftwpbutlerpa.@zoominternet.net](mailto:jefftwpbutlerpa.@zoominternet.net) - 352-2324.

⇒ **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 / 1st Responders would have difficulty getting to the scene.

⇒ **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.

⇒ **NEED HELP during COVID19:**

**You can contact (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>
- **Pennsylvania American Water** has extended its suspension of water service shutoffs and late fees until after March 31, 2021 for all customers, both residential and non-residential. The company urges customers who are facing financial hardship to seek financial assistance immediately by contacting Pennsylvania American Water [pennsylvaniaamwater.com](http://pennsylvaniaamwater.com) or calling 1-800-565-7292. Please do not wait until a shut-off is looming to contact them.

⇒ **Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance**

A copy of the Burning Ordinance #459 has been placed on the Jefferson Township website: [www.jeffersonbutler.com](http://www.jeffersonbutler.com)

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of 'ordinary' (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, yard waste, wood, and other similar items) by residents to 'dusk to dawn'. **Items '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 before leaving unattended. Recreational fires are permitted (as per Ordinance.) 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. TIRES are NEVER to be burned by ANYONE. Dumping of Tires is ILLEGAL and subject to fines.**

## 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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