

NEWS



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

December 2021

NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY - for SEBCO Pool Study

Jefferson Township, Butler County, working with the Southern Butler County Pool Association (SEBCO Pool), is in the process of completing a Pool Feasibility Study. This study includes a comprehensive evaluation of the pool facility, operations, and community needs. Possible financial funding for pool maintenance is dependent on this Feasibility Study. How can you help? Below is a link to a community input survey. We are asking that you take some time (approximately 6 minutes) to provide your input regarding your experiences with and expectations of SEBCO Pool. "Your input is valued as we begin looking at future opportunities for SEBCO Pool." <https://survey.chh2o.com/oQ88By>

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

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the road report as submitted. Bills listed as paid between the Nov. 8th and the Dec. 13, 2021 meetings totaled \$25,991.89. Bills listed for payment from the General Fund this evening totaled \$9,580.85. No bills were paid from the State Fund. The balance of all funds after payment of the bills presented totaled \$2,169,984.27. The Supervisors voted to pay the bills presented and any others that are due prior to the Jan. 3, 2022 meeting.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee does not meet in Nov., Dec., or Jan. Therefore no report was given.

Baseball - www.saxonburgbaseball.com

Pool - www.sebcopool.com

Softball - www.sagsa.org

Soccer - www.knochsoccer.org

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer (Planning Chairman) reported on the Nov. 15, 2021 P.C. meeting. Tom and John Morrow were there to discuss the M. Morrow Estate Lot-Line Revision (Plan No. 3) on Alwine Rd. which was reviewed and tabled at the October 18, 2021 P.C. meeting. Revised Lot 1 is 5.55 acres; Revised Lot 2 is 15.44.; and Revised Residual is 5.97 acres. The driveways to Lots 1 and 2 and the Lot on Alwine Rd. are existing. The Planning Commission discussed the old dwelling still remaining on Lot 2. The Morrow Plan #2 was approved November 10, 2014 (and recorded as such) by the Township having been noted in the meeting minutes and indicated on the plan of Subdivision (2014) that the old dwelling is to be removed. The Morrows have indicated that they hoped to save the lumber left from the old house now labeled 'partially razed uninhabitable foundation.' The P.C. decided that it MUST be completely razed by Labor Day, Sept. 5, 2022. He was informed that a demo permit must be obtained through the township office. The P.C. voted to approve the M. Morrow Lot-Line Revision contingent upon 1) removal of the partially razed structure must be completed by Sept. 5, 2022; and 2) indicate (mark) the septic location on Lot 2 and the well location on Lot 1. The P.C. also voted to approve the non-building waiver for the Residual Lot of 5.97 acres (see note on plan.) The Supervisors reviewed the plan this evening. No revised plan was submitted by Graff Surveying or the Morrows. After some discussion, The Supervisors voted to approve the M. Morrow Lot-Line Revision including the non-building waiver on the Residual Lot of 5.97 acres and with the same two contingencies:

(#1 - removal of the partially razed structure must be completed by Sept. 5, 2022 *note to be placed on plan to be recorded* and #2 - indicate (mark) the septic location on Lot 2 and the well location on Lot 1).

The P.C. members discussed the Liberty Point proposed development briefly on Nov. 15th since no formal submission was received (and no further contact) from the developer. It was noted this evening that there is still no formal land development submission. The December 20th Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

December 13, 2021 Unfinished Business

The 2022 Preliminary Budget was advertised for final discussion and adoption this evening. There being no further changes, the Supervisors voted to adopt the 2022 Budget Resolution #479 with no change in the tax millage (which remains at 1 mill).

December 13, 2021 New Business

The Supervisors voted to accept and approve the Collective Bargaining Contract for 2022, 2023, and 2024 as was presented to the union members.

The secretary/treasurer's bond renewal for Jan. 1, 2022 to Jan. 1, 2023. The invoice was received from C. W. Howard Insurance Agency; cost is \$650.00. The Supervisors voted to continue the bond for \$800,000 (no increase).

It was noted that the year-end mailing and 2022 dues invoice from BCATO were received. The Supervisors voted to authorize any elected or appointed official if interested to be appointed. Official appointment at 1/3/22 meeting.

It was noted that we have received PSATS 2022 Conference materials. Registration for the April 24-27, 2022 Conference begins Jan. 11th at 9 AM for any Supervisor, Manager or Secretary wanting to attend. We usually address this at the Jan. reorganization meeting (Jan. 3, 2022.)

There was discussion on the stop sign at Bonniebrook Rd. and Great Belt Rd. (for traffic traveling north on Bonniebrook) due to some complaints. The Manager has done some research and will continue to look into the situation.

The fee schedules from the attorney and the engineer as well as the sewage enforcement officer have been received. The Fee Resolutions will be revised and adopted during the Jan. 3, 2022 regular meeting. It was noted that Doug Duncan, who we plan to re-appoint as primary SEO, is recommending a new 'alternate' for appointment on Jan. 3rd.

Miscellaneous Business – December 13, 2021

Our long-time dog officer, Dennis Sybert, has resigned. The Manager has been in contact with the State Dog Warden's supervisor, Tom Wharry, from the Dept. of Agriculture. A thank-you is to be sent to Dennis.

II-VI, Inc. sent notice of the 'community early warning system tests' on Fri., Dec. 17 and on Sat., Dec. 18 at 12 Noon. This notice has already been placed on the website's home page!

The Manager reported that trees were removed at the park at Field #7 by Stephenson's. The trees were trimmed along the fence line on Field #3; the cost was shared equally by the Township and the Baseball Association. The Manager said ARPA funds can be used for 'invasive species removal' and park maintenance.

Major Expenditures since the Nov. 8th meeting through Dec. 13, 2021

Code.Sys Code Consulting – Oct. inspections	\$1,071.90
Teamsters #261 & Employer – health ins. premium for Jan. 2022	\$6,317.52
Herbert, Rowland and Grubic, Inc. – SEBCO Pool study thru Nov.2021	\$14,915.50
Purvis Brothers, Inc. -gas and diesel	\$2,612.79
RA Services – annual license (accounting)	\$1,010.00

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E-Code 360 is up and running, so you can now view township ordinances via our website:
www.jeffersonbutler.com – under “home” click ‘find out more’.

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.), 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 – 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), Scott Kriley (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.

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: jefftpbutlerpa@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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓

⇒ **During the upcoming WINTER months**, as per the Township Ordinances, NO ONE is to park on the cul-de-sacs or any public road or right of way 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:** 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!



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




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