

NEWS



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

THIS SUMMER, 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.

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.

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. The 2019 paving project is to start July 8th and is expected to take approximately 10 working days to complete. Glenn Heilman has agreed to help with quality control (approved by all three Supervisors polled.) The Supervisors voted to ratify this 'individual' decision to hire Glenn Heilman for 'quality control' during the paving project. There was some discussion about the feasibility of possible training of township personnel for quality control rather than hiring an outside consultant.

After completion of the paving project the road crew will back up the pavement shoulders with screened millings. The foreman asked if quotes should be obtained to have an outside contractor shoot the millings with MC-70 oil...as was done in past years. The Supervisors voted to obtain quotes.

The Supervisors voted to name Austin Taylor as 'temporary road foreman' from Aug. 3rd to Aug. 18th while the regular road foreman is on vacation.

The second berm mowing is to be completed by 7/8/19. The boom mowing is way behind due to another break down. It will be out of service for a week or two.

The millings from Hannahstown Rd. will be dumped at the township stone yard. The Board agreed that some can be used to touch up the soccer parking area and roadway, as well as the overflow parking area.

A 24" concrete pipe on O'Hara Rd. was plugged with debris and is separating. It should be replaced after Alwine Road pipes are completed. An excavator will be needed to complete the project.

There were 3 qualified quotes for the 'guide rail' on O'Hara Road: Green Acres \$14,359.38; PennLine \$13,431.25 and Keystone Guiderail \$11,757.50. Estimated installation would be August or September. The Board voted to proceed with work through Keystone Guiderail as quoted (\$11,757.50).

Chairman Cypher additionally reported in regards to the Bonniebrook Rd. 'drainage bid' opened this morning at Summit Township. Due to PennDOT's delay, bids were advertised late this year and only three bids were received. Two of the 3 appear to be 'credible' (each came in slightly over \$800,000) and the third bid (the lowest bid at \$304,000) is basically an unknown company and may have defective paperwork. Larry Osche, Summit Township Supervisor asked our Board's opinion. Chairman Cypher said he sees only two options at this point in time for Summit Township to take, as lead grantees, at their meeting: proceed with the lowest bid (if paperwork is correctly submitted) *or* reject all bids and wait until early 2020 to re-bid.

Recreation Committee

No meeting on July 3, 2019 due to lack of quorum. Next meeting Aug. 7, 2019 @ 8 PM. Chairman Patten sent a note to say that the new bleachers were installed on June 15th and thanked everyone who helped that day! Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com Pool: www.sebcopool.com Softball: www.sagsa.org Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org

Planning Commission

The June 17, 2019 meeting was cancelled due to lack of business. No report.

July 8, 2019 Unfinished Business

Chairman Cypher gave a brief update on the Spaulding septic repair issue. Mr. Spaulding is working on getting the easement 'in writing' with a neighbor and it needs to be recorded before the SEO, Dave Ice, can complete the permitting. It is a good plan with an end in sight and therefore the Board intends to give the needed time for completion.

The 2019 CDBG Allocation was announced (via Wendy Leslie, Butler County CDBG Coordinator). Project funds are \$86,497 and Admin. funds are \$18,910. The Board has already designated these funds for housing rehab. unless something changes before the fall application is due. The 2018 CDBG 'contract' with the Redevelopment Authority is ready for the Township and County Commissioners to sign. The Supervisors voted to sign the 2018 CDBG Contract with the Redevelopment Authority.

July 8, 2019 New Business

The Impact Fee allocation was announced last week. Jefferson Township is receiving \$222,913.75 (based on the 2017 reporting year). This is \$122,913.75 over our estimated (budgeted) income. Therefore a Supplement Budget Resolution needs to be adopted for this increase. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #434 Supplement Budget Resolution for the additional Impact Fee Allocation received.

Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - July 8, 2019

A notice from II-IV, Inc. was received 6/17/19 (between meetings) re: siren testing on June 21 and June 22 at noon. 'Notice' was sent with the June Newsletter distribution the week of 6/17: however, it did not go as usual and was re-distributed on 6/25/19.

There was discussion about whether or not a person is legally obligated to clean up 'horse droppings' from the roads or is this just a neighbor friendly moral obligation.

Ann Coleman from Representative Marci Mustello's office was present to introduce herself. She said Jefferson Township is one of the top 6 municipalities in Butler County for Impact Fee receipts this year. Their office is moving in August from Lyndora to the old Kerven Subaru at 100 Barracks Rd. They are planning an Open House for August 22nd. She said to please contact them in regards to any state grants we may apply for, for letters of support, etc.

Major Expenditures since the June 10th through July 8, 2019

Hei-Way, LLC - coldpatch	\$1,150.70
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic - park master plan study (continuing)	\$ 3,326.25
Teamsters #261 & Employers Welfare Fund - health ins.	\$ 3,334.23

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 Wetzels, 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.

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

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

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!!!!

Here are her tax hours for the School Tax Billing Cycle:

August, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29th.

September 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 & 30th.

Hours are from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. @ 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002.

All other times by appointment

⇒ Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections:

2019: Saturdays - July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 5 and 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14

By Appointment (pre-registration required) CALL 1-866-815-0016; Location: 129 Ash Stop Rd., Evans City, PA 16033

Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management

124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208

Sheryl Kelly, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator

Butler, PA 16003

PROP-Certified Recycling Professional

Phone 724.284.5305

Email skelly@co.butler.pa.us

Web Site www.recyclebutler.us

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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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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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