



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## JULY 2022

### NEWSLETTER

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

#### **Road Report – July 11th meeting**

John Cypher read the road report. Caldwell Dr., Bullcreek Rd., Frazier Rd., Victory Rd., and Patterson Rd. have all been crack sealed in preparation for the 2022 sealing project.

The culvert pipe at 4144 Patterson Rd. and the 2 pipes at 263 West Jefferson Rd. are to be cleaned out by a 'water jet-vac truck' as soon as quotes are received and it can be scheduled. Pipe at 4144 Patterson Rd. will then have Rip Rap installed at the outlet (per review by Manager Rosenbauer and Supervisor Beblo.)

Base repair on Rennick Road planned for July 11 (today) and July 12. Rennick Road requires 600 ft. of pipe and 4 catch basins to be installed before the final paving begins. All digging is on the outside of the cartway. Rennick Rd. will be closed to 'thru traffic.'

The second berm mowing should be completed with the 6330 side deck mower, as they have had issues with the 6300 boom mower again. The main pin and swivel mount broke, damaging the swivel mount. Garry, from the road crew, hopes to weld the mount in house.

Doerr Park Drive signs were installed and broken paper towel holders replaced. Screened millings were spread to repair/fill pot holes in the parking areas of baseball and soccer.

#### **Recreation Committee – July 11th meeting**

Brian Patten, Recreation Committee Chair., reported on their July 6, 2022 meeting.

**Baseball:** No report.. Website: [www.saxonburgbaseball.com](http://www.saxonburgbaseball.com)

**Pool:** Brian asked Leo Rosenbauer, Township Manager, to report on the meeting with Representative Marci Mustello today at 1 PM. Greg Bauer and John Cypher, were also present to discuss 'funding options' with Marci Mustello and Ann Coleman. Marci supports the pool renovation and would like to receive information on who uses the pool (i.e. the Swim Club Championships bring in about 500-600 people from many municipalities every couple of years.) It is annual but rotates between pools large enough to handle the attendance. This event took place at SEBCO Pool yesterday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Marci will support our funding efforts. Website: [www.sebcopool.com](http://www.sebcopool.com)

**Softball:** Annual Tournament scheduled for August 5 – 7. They expect 30 teams to participate and will use fields 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Website: [www.sagsa.org](http://www.sagsa.org)

**Soccer:** The Soccer Association thanked the road crew for addressing the parking lot. John Cypher said they applied about 40 tons of millings. Youth Soccer Camp is Aug. 8-11. Field work day is Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>. Fall registration is open and the season starts on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>. Website: [www.knochsoccer.org](http://www.knochsoccer.org)

**Action Requests:** The Soccer Association has asked that the township consider adding handicapped (ADA) accessible parking and an observation area at the overflow area straight off Rt. 356. John Cypher said this may be added to a CDBG project in the future.

## Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported on the June 20, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. The P.C. reviewed a modification request from Linda Golab, 143 Nursery Lane, for stairs to a new deck to be only 17 ft. from the property line (right side of house.) The steps for access to the rear of the property will not encroach any closer than the front corner of the existing house (which is 15 ft.) The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the 17 ft. side-set back (or a modification of 8 ft.) for the proposed steps as presented. The Supervisors reviewed the request. The Supervisors voted to approve the Golab 17 ft. side-set back (for an 8 ft. modification) as presented.

Rich Craft and Mr. Goodlin attended the P.C. meeting to discuss the possibility of the township considering modification to Chapter 26 allowing Mr. Goodlin's graveled area (installed without appropriate permitting) to be 'pervious' instead of 'impervious'. The P.C. said they cannot deviate from the ordinance. Mr. Craft has submitted a full 'electronic' land development with stormwater planning for review at the P.C.'s July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The P.C. had continued discussion on several sections of Chapter 22 (Subdivision and Land Development) to be revised. They also discussed possible changes to Chapter 4 (Building) that they would like to ask the township attorney about.

Luke and Lloyd Brewer's subdivision was tabled by the Supervisors last month and they returned to discuss and get a decision. There was significant lengthy discussion, which included but was not limited to:

- Notarizations completed on modifications #1 and #3.
- Modification #4 submitted as requested by the P.C. at the May 16, 2022 meeting.
- The need to 'label' the existing garage on proposed Lot 2 as 'residential use only.'
- If the two lots need to be labeled 'no further subdivision', since they cannot use the proposed access to Neupert Rd. to further develop the proposed lots; they would need to find a new access.
- The differences in 'interpretation' - 'What is the front building line?' Why can't the same criteria for lots along a cul-de-sac be used for these odd pie-shaped lots?

After discussion, the Supervisors voted to approve Modification #1 - 2 non-conforming flag lots (Lot #1 and Lot #2) contingent that Flag Lot #2 is created with a 50 ft. width pole and the lot line between Lots 1 and 2 is created to be perpendicular to the road right-of-way (Neupert Rd.) and the length of the 'pole' must be long enough (to north) to get the required 125 ft. width. Note that Modification #2 was withdrawn at the May 16, 2022 P.C. meeting. The Supervisors voted approve Modification #3 – Front set-back for the existing (residential garage) structure to allow a 30 ft. instead of a 50 ft. set-back. The Supervisors voted to approve Modification Request #4 – to NOT require a land development submission for the existing garage (on Proposed Lot 2) intended for continued residential/agricultural use. Lastly, the Supervisors voted to approve the L. Brewer Subdivision with the three (3) modifications (#1, #3, and #4) as stated above, with the existing garage labeled 'residential,' pending SEO/DEP planning approval.

## July 11, 2022 Unfinished Business

An email was received from Wendy Leslie, County CDBG Coordinator, asking for formal approval to extend the 2020 CDBG-CV (covid) already redesignated to housing rehab. (thus extending the cooperation agreement between Butler County, the Redevelopment Authority, and the Township) for a new spending deadline of Dec. 31, 2022. The Supervisors voted to approve this new CDBG-CV spending deadline of 12/31/22.

## July 11, 2022 New Business

The 2022 Allocation of Impact Fees (Act 13 funds) came in at \$189,548.29 (which is \$89,548.29 over the budgeted 2022 amount.) The Supervisors voted to adopt the Supplemental Budget Resolution #491 for these additional funds.

The Manager would like to Supervisors to consider 'transferring the additional Impact Fee Funds and also additional General Funds (already in the 2022 budget) to the 'Capital Reserve Fund' for possible future bridge project(s). John Cypher said this should be considered during the budget discussions this fall. Lois Rankin asked for a 'budget update' for review prior to the 2023 budget preparation.

Only one bid was received for the ‘polymer modified rejuvenating sealer, in place’ for Riemer Rd., Alwine Rd. and Bonniebrook Rd. The bid was from Russell Standard Corp. for a total of \$49,480.20. This is a new product, which is being tested in coordination with LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program via PennDOT) and Penn State. It is hoped to determine if pavement life can be extended for pavements that are 1 to 2 years old. The Supervisors voted to award the bid to Russell Standard Corp. for \$49,480.20.

The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement to bid UP TO 6,500 gal. of diesel fuel, 3,000 gal. of 10% ethanol gasoline, and 1,000 gal. of E-zero gas for opening at the August 8, 2022 meeting. The vendors must ‘bid all three items.’

The IRS has increased mileage allowance for the second half of 2022 (beginning 7/1/22) from \$.585 to \$.625 (62 ½ cents). The Supervisors voted to adjust the township reimbursement allowance to the IRS ruling.

## **Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – July 11, 2022**

Monica Rummel was present to report on the South Butler Community Library. First she thanked the Jefferson Township Supervisors for their support. The library is busy; many people still use the ‘pick-up/drop-off window’; they just completed the extended parking; the mini-golf fund raiser was a great success (made \$6800) and they plan to do it again next year; the Saxonburg Rotary Club is sponsoring a pavilion construction. The So. Butler Library staff volunteered on the Butler County Booktoberfest for which they received \$1400 donation. They ‘need’ some outdoor maintenance on the building and they need ‘more space.’ They also need to fill two paid positions (people who have computer experience.) Monica asked if Jefferson Township could please donate a ‘raffle basket’ for the Booktoberfest again for this summer (needed by the end of July). Supervisor Rankin is willing. The Supervisors voted to allow \$50.00 or more (as needed) for the basket. [www.southbutlerlibrary.org](http://www.southbutlerlibrary.org).

The PSATS 2022 Regional Forums begin on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> – in Erie, PA and then there is another nearby on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> – in Cranberry Township. Lois Rankin is interested in attending the Erie forum. Leo Rosenbauer is still considering. The Supervisors voted to pay the registration and to reimburse usual expenses for Lois Rankin and Leo Rosenbauer to attend if they wish.

II-VI, Inc. sent notification after the last meeting, that the Community Early Warning System was to be tested on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. A notice was sent with the June newsletter distribution and was posted on the website for a week prior to that date.

### **Major Expenditures since the June 13th meeting through July 11, 2022**

Evan Toth – park tree trimming	\$7,200.00
Teamsters #261 & Employer (Health Insurance) – Aug. 2022 (new employee adj.)	\$6,757.26
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal June 2022	\$1,700.00
Encova Insurance – workmen’s comp. 8/1/22 to 8/1/23 policy	\$11,272.00
Interstate Pipe – pipe	\$4,287.00
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – diesel and gas	\$2,538.74

### **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

### **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.), Martha Fleming (Secretary), Evelyn Gross, Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik.  
Robert Wetzel is an alternate P.C. member.

**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), Jamie McSwaney (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. **The AUGUST meeting has been rescheduled for Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM.**

**Please see websites for the park associations under ‘Recreation Committee’ above.**

**REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR**

Tax Collector Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd, Butler, PA 16002 - 724-352-3288

**SCHOOL Real Estate Tax hours from 4:30 to 7:30 PM on the following dates:**

**Tues., Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, then Sept. 20, 21, and 22 and Sept. 27, 28, and 29.**

OR 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** ↓↓

⇒ **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 is 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.**



### PA AMERICAN WATER – ‘WaterSource’

LIHWAP – Low Income Household Water Assistance Program – contact [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us) or request an application by calling the Dept. of Human Services Customer Service at 877-395-8930 (or for the hearing-impaired call PA Relay at 711).



### DON Housing Department

USDA Access & Rehabilitation Program for Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Lawrence, Mercer & Westmoreland Counties.

This grant provides needed repairs and renovations for homeowners with very low to low income whose primary residences are located in a USDA eligible area. Funds awarded through an application process on a first come, first served basis. To find out more, go to [www.doninc.org/HPP](http://www.doninc.org/HPP) or phone 724-652-5144 (for hearing impaired TTY/VP: 724-652-5152). *The Township has NO involvement in the grants or processing of the applications!*



**NOTICE:** First Energy will be trimming vegetation during May and June and then applying ‘herbicide’ on certain properties from June to Sept. 2022. The First Energy representative has indicated that affected property owners have received notice directly from First Energy.

**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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