



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Report

John Cypher read the road report. The foreman has asked 'what are we doing for help this year?' and Mr. Cypher said they are still looking at their options. The 2022 – 2023 salt contract has been locked in for 1300 tons (200 ton less than the current season). If pipe is needed for projects (such as Oak Dr., O'Hara Rd., and Janice Lane) the material may need to be bid out. The township officials also need to consider the 'paving and chip sealing' needs for this year. The foreman suggested that if 'road sweeping' is needed, the cost should be around \$2,000. Snow fence will be torn down as weather allows. Four pallets of crack seal materials have been ordered and should be here by the end of March. The road crew will continue storm clean-up, pothole search/patching, sign repair, and equipment & building maintenance. The door opener for the overhead maintenance garage door has been repaired (the capacitor was purchased for installation by the road crew.) Some maintenance needs to be planned and done to West Jefferson Road Bridge. The road foreman requested that any available Supervisors ride along on a road inspection to view this and other items.

The Supervisors reviewed quotes received for a 'John Deere 6110M Cab Tractor' and 'Alamo mower deck' (\$104,348.56 plus 77,508.58 for a total of \$181,854.14.) These quotes were lower than comparative pricing. Manager Rosenbauer was told by the foreman that they are both on the Co-Stars contract, but he will verify this with the dealers, LandPro Equipment LLC and Seigworth Road Supply. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to proceed to order the tractor as long as it is verified to be on the Co-Stars state contract. The Supervisors voted to proceed to order the mower deck as long as it is verified to be on the Co-Stars state contract.

The road foreman submitted a price for a Ventrac mower, but the Supervisors were not prepared for a decision on this yet. Leo Rosenbauer noted that the flooding issue on Bonniebrook Road is currently under control. The tree trimming in the housing plans has been completed.

Recreation Committee

Brian Patten was present to report on the March 2, 2022 Recreation meeting.

Baseball: Clean-up date is scheduled for March 27th. www.saxonburgbaseball.com

Pool: Weather permitting, their clean-up day is March 26th and ask that the cover be picked up by the road crew for storage on March 28th. It was noted that for 2022, the pool will be repaired the best way possible and then more permanent repair/replacement options will be decided upon later. The Pool Study is completed and a DCNR Grant application is being prepared. www.sebcopool.com

Softball: Clean-up Day is scheduled for March 26th, with a rain date of March 27th. www.sagsa.org

Soccer: Field clean-up day is Sat., March 19th (rain date is Sat. March 26th). www.knochsoccer.org

Old Business: They asked for an update on the park road name and numbering. Mr. Rosenbauer submitted the request for "Doerr Park Drive" and noted that 9-1-1 prefers that the fields and the concession stands are numbered (i.e. Field #1 will be F1, then F2, F3, etc.)

Park Projects: Cale Patten is working on the design of the Kiosks/Signs at the two park entrances. He will submit a design(s) for approval. The goal is to complete the project by late spring 2022. They do not have a cost estimate yet, but Brian said it will not be elaborate: wood structure with metal roof; weather and vandalism resistant.

Mr. Rosenbauer reported that Jamie Sweeny (Baseball president) asked when the water will be turned on. It was noted that it will be probably opened for the 'clean-up' days at the end of March.

Planning Commission

Due to having an applicant virtually attend the meeting, the Chairman moved the P.C. report up to this part of the meeting.

The P.C. reviewed the Dish Wireless Land Development and after a brief discussion, voted to approve it as submitted. Ariel Stouder, representative for Dish Wireless, joined the Supervisors' meeting 'virtually'. They are a new mobile service adding a new antenna to the existing tower at 748 Dinnerbell Rd., which will include 3-way radio equipment and cable to the equipment pad (5' x 7' raised platform) with equipment cabinet on the existing fenced-in gravel area. Leo Rosenbauer noted that the drawing shows the adequate 40 ft. setbacks and said once the land development plan is approved, there is no building permit required. After a brief discussion, the Supervisors voted to approve the Dish Wireless Land Development as submitted.

The P.C. reviewed the J. R. Goodlin Land Development. They approved a 'storm water modification' requested by their engineer, Rich Craft, to permit the use of an assumed ½' (one-half inch) per hour infiltration rate instead of testing. The P.C. then voted to approve the J. R. Goodlin Land Development with 4 contingencies: 1) Attachment #7 date should be revised to 2022 vs. 19___. Attachment #7 needs added to the recordable plan. 2) Owner to notify the Township prior to storm water construction so the Township engineer can inspect. 3) Storm water facility to be constructed by April 30, 2022 prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy for the Residential Garage; and 4) Acquisition of a building permit for the 'non-permitted' structure (cooler unit) within 15 business days from the outcome of the Supervisors' meeting on March 14, 2022. There was a lengthy discussion this evening with Mr. Goodlin stating that he did not see the plan presented by his engineer until the night of the Feb. 21st P.C. meeting and that he does not want to do what his engineer had presented due to the 'cost' and due to contingency #3 which states that the stormwater facility needs to be constructed by April 30, 2022. Mr. and Mrs. Goodlin finally decided to 'withdraw' the submitted land development (prior to action by the Supervisors) and plan to resubmit 'revised or new' plans. The Supervisors voted to accept the Goodlin's letter of withdrawal for the J.R. Goodlin Land Development Plan #2. Then, the Supervisors voted to set a submission date of no later than June 6, 2022 (two weeks prior to the Planning Commission's June 20th meeting) to give the Goodlins sufficient time to have a revised or new land development plan prepared.

The P.C. reviewed the modification request made on behalf of Liberty Pointe Land Development seeking relief from Chap. 22-1006.4 – Sidewalks on both sides of the street. The P.C. agreed that granting this modification will not be contrary to public interest and the purpose and intent of the part is observed if the trail is paved. The developers (present this evening) agreed to pave (asphalt) the trail if modification is approved for sidewalks on one side of the street. After Leo Rosenbauer explained that a 'third' (3rd) plan revision has been submitted along with new modification requests, the Supervisors voted to approve the modification for Liberty Pointe to construct sidewalks on only one side of the road as presented (with paving of the trail.) The P.C. had tabled action on the plan, and a third plan revision is to be reviewed by the P.C. on March 21st. The Board took no action.

Evan and Clair Toth had preliminary discussion with the Planning Commission on a possible subdivision of Donald Toth's property. Following conversations with the township manager and their surveyor, Graff Surveying, they have proposed two flag lots. Kyle Toth's lot with frontage on Rennick Road would be reduced slightly to allow for an additional 'flagpole' to Donald Toth's existing house and the new lot will be taken out of the property in the rear of Donald Toth's property, which is located in Summit Township, but with a separate 'flagpole' to the proposed lot for Evan Toth. The P.C.'s consensus was that this will be acceptable, and Mr. Toth can proceed with septic testing (via Summit Township) and with his surveyor. The driveway permit cannot be issued until the plan is approved. Nothing has been submitted for the March 21, 2022 P.C. meeting.

March 14, 2022 Unfinished Business

Discussion on the boom mower/tractor and the suggested Ventrac mower took place under earlier under the 'road report.'

Leo Rosenbauer reported that the ‘truck credit’ (grant) for \$122,500.00 has been approved. This is half of the cost for the truck (\$225,000) already ordered. It was scheduled for delivery in Sept. 2022, but that has already been delayed until October. Hopefully there will not be further delays.

March 14, 2022 New Business

The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #486 to add the \$35.00 modification request application fee. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #487 for Disposition of Records. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #488 accepting the terms and conditions of the DCNR Grant Application. This application is due by April 14, 2022. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #489, if needed, for the DCED Grant (administered by the Commonwealth Financing Authority). This application is due by March 15, 2022.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – March 14, 2022

Bill Broman presented a list of nine (9) questions to the Supervisors this evening. Attorney Marshall advised Mr. Broman that the Board is required to take public comment, but this is not to be a ‘question and answer’ period. The questions were read by Mr. Broman with little response by the Supervisors, since some matters were Mr. Broman’s opinion, and some matters may need to be considered by the Township. John Cypher thanked Mr. Broman for his comments and interest in the Township.

An email was received from the South Butler Community Library Director on Feb. 17, 2022. Go to www.southbutlerlibrary.org to find out about their fun activities coming up in April 2022.

Leo Rosenbauer reported that he was contacted about a culvert at end of Oak Drive. It has been determined that the culvert was placed by the Township years ago (per former road foreman). It is partially within the township right-of-way. The Supervisors need to view this. The Supervisors agreed to try to be available to ride along on a road inspection to view some of the items discussed here and in the road report; a date of April 6th or 7th was discussed depending on the road foremen’s schedule.

Leo Rosenbauer announced in January that ‘removal of invasive species along the soccer field fence line was planned to be done by Beblo Excavating in the amount of \$5,300.00. He plans to revisit that project because the scope of work may change.

Mr. Rosenbauer added that the YMCA will be renting the pavilion again this summer on weekdays.

Lois Rankin suggested that we insert a ‘pie chart’ on the website or in the newsletter showing where the township income is received. She also announced the Spring Convention of the Butler County Association of Township Officials on May 19, 2022. She urged the other Supervisors to attend.

Major Expenditures since the Feb. 14th meeting through March 14, 2022

Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter, & Graham – legal fees – Dec.2021	\$ 2,470.00
Teamsters #261 Health & Welfare – April health ins.	\$ 4,737.98
Code.sys Code Consulting – building permit inspections Feb.	\$ 1,379.40
Selective Insurance – 3/2022 to 3/2023 ins. pkg.	\$23,024.00
Stephenson Equipment, Inc. – signs	\$ 1,540.00
Compass Minerals – salt	\$17,256.03
Stephenson’s Tree & Landscaping – tree trimming	\$10,800.00

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

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: jefftwbutlerpa@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: PLEASE** be sure your trash containers and recycle containers are removed from the roadway during snow events. Leaving them on the roadway hinders proper snow removal procedures. The township is NOT responsible for damaged containers.

⇒ **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.

⇒ **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 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 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!



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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