



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

March 2023

NEWSLETTER

“ANNOUNCEMENTS” are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman’s Report

Chairman John Cypher gave the road report as follows:

Since the last meeting, only about 26 ton of salt was used. The 2023-2024 Co-Stars salt contract was completed for the same tonnage as last year. We do have about 300+ tons to purchase on the current contract.

The road crew has been updating speed limit signs on various roads. A resident on Bullcreek Rd. was present concerning the speed signs on Bullcreek Rd. and Chairman Cypher invited him to speak at this point since we are on the subject. He expressed concern over the 40 MPH signs (correct MPH per ordinance) that replaced old 35 MPH signs. After some discussion, it was agreed that the township will look into the matter and may consider having a new traffic speed study done. The manger will contact LTAP.

Th 5-foot side deck rotary mower has been serviced, fabrication work completed, and painted. It is ready for the JD6330 when they are ready to start mowing this spring.

The snow fence removal will start as weather and time allow; completion goal is April 15th. The road crew repaired one concrete pipe on Mushrush Rd.; two other pipes on Mushrush Rd. need to be done yet. A catch basin repair at the intersection of Rancindin and Caldwell was completed.

The Hotsy pressure washer motor had to be repaired and a new GFI cord was needed. It is about 16 years old, and the foreman said the township should consider replacing it soon.

Rental of a vacuum truck is being set-up for after Labor day for one month. The road crew plans to clean out all the catch basins during that time.

Drainage pipe will be needed but can be purchased within the ‘quoting’ threshold (between \$12,200 and \$22,500 three quotes are needed). Crushed concrete was investigated as requested by Chairman Cypher. Cost is approx. \$13.25 per ton delivered (as quoted.) This material was used on Mushrush Road and it worked well. There is a sample pile in the stone yard to be checked out. The foreman suggests purchasing 800 ton for about \$10,600. The Supervisors voted to proceed to purchase the 800 ton of crushed concrete as priced via John W. Thrower. The road foreman also looked into prices for 2A limestone. The cost for 300 ton would be \$6840.00. No other stone (aggregate) will be needed this year. The cost for both crushed concrete and 2A limestone \$17,440.00 is within the ‘quoting’ threshold and will not require bidding (3 quotes are needed.)

Wayne Township has agreed to purchase the JD6300 with boom mower for \$30,000. They will need a bill of sale so they can put insurance on it before they get it. They may have Seigworth deliver it after our new boom mower is delivered (sometime in April.) The Supervisors voted to accept the \$30,000 for the JD6300 with boom mower from Wayne Township. A “Wayne Township’ check at the time of or just prior to pick-up will be sufficient.

The 2023 Mack truck is now at Stephenson Equipment and is waiting for central hydraulics, plow and spreader. The road foreman will go to a rebuild on Tuesday 3/14/23.

The road foreman plans to meet the Cory from Municipal Services on Wed., March 22nd, to review road projects for this year. No paving is planned for 2023. The foreman is thinking a single seal with a fog seal as done last year. The Supervisors would like to see a list of roads to be done and they would like to ride along with the foreman to review the roads prior to the next meeting (around April 1st.)

The road foreman noted that the Township saved a lot of money from wear and tear on equipment, overtime, salt and anti-skid usage, and spring time clean-up due to the milder winter season. He asked that the Supervisors consider using that savings to offset the cost of a new excavator that has been discussed.

Significant discussion results: John Cypher is still against the purchase of the excavator. Lois Rankin is in favor of the purchase. Braden Beblo would like to list the equipment replacement needs, the storage needs, and the office/meeting room space needs first; then meet to plan for the next 5 to 7 years. The Supervisors agreed to Mr. Beblo's suggestion.

Manager Leo Rosenbauer added the following report:

The Dirt and Gravel Road certification (via Penn State Extension) expires for John Cypher and Bill Foertsch this year. They can attend a 1-day re-certification course this fall. There was discussion on having the two newer road employees attend the certification classes on May 16 and 17 in Cranberry Township. There is no fee for registration, but May 16th is Election Day (a holiday for employees) and they may request to be paid overtime for the day. The Supervisors voted to attempt to make arrangements, if possible, for Gerry and Brian to attend and authorize overtime (time+1/2) if necessary.

E & E Salvage was caught burning scrap; a copy of the report from the Saxonburg Fire Company was sent to our attorney as they are not to be doing 'any burning' at all (especially since they are not to be 'in business' at this time).

Stephenson's are in process of tree trimming and there was an incident on Dreher Rd. (a semi-truck hauling a large shipping container and assumed to be overweight.) The manager contacted the State Police and was told that the owner whose property was damaged by this truck is to contact the State Police with the truck/driver information.

The manager is working with HRG on the Janice Lane and O'Hara Rd. pipe project. The bids for the restroom project are due tomorrow (3/14) to the County CDBG office.

The March 6th Appeal Hearing on the Knoch School District storm shelter was continued until March 22, 2023 for a final determination.

The attorney has reviewed the False Alarm Ordinance and due to the fire department not having authority to enforce, a form letter will need to be prepared by him to be used by the Fire Department and the Township for enforcement.

Recreation Committee

Brian Patten, Recreation Chairman, reported on the March 1, 2023 meeting. There was no meeting on Feb. 1st due to lack of a quorum. They voted to approve their Oct. 5, 2022 minutes.

POOL: Opening day is planned for Sat., May 27, 2023. They hope to uncover the pool on March 25th and ask that the road department pick up the cover for summer storage on or about March 28th. *The road crew will be notified.* It was reported that the pool dumpster is in poor condition (holes in the bottom allow animal access, leakage, and the lids cannot be locked.) They ask that the township look into having Vogel replace it. *The Township Manager will look into the matter.* www.sebcopool.com

SOFTBALL: Registration is now closed for the spring. Clean-up day was Sat., March 4th. The softball president voiced concern about a large oak tree located between fields 4 & 5. He asked that the township look at it. *The Township Manager said they already removed a 'double tree' in that area. He will contact the softball president about the matter.* Softball: www.sagsa.info.

SOCCKER: No report. Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org

BASEBALL: No report. Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com

ACTION ITEMS: 1) Request to look at the oak tree between fields 4 & 5. 2) Have the pool cover picked up for summer storage sometime around or after March 28th. 3) Check with Vogel about having them check the dumpsters' condition at the park for possible replacement. 4) The four associations are to let the township secretary/treas. know the beginning and end dates (1st pick-up and last pick-up) for their seasons!

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported on the Feb. 20, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported on the Feb. 20, 2023 Planning Commission meeting. He noted that Steve Graff (Graff Surveying) contacted him today to request that both the Chick Plan #3 and the S. Sell Plan be 'tabled' by the Board of Supervisors until the April 10, 2023 meeting. The Supervisors voted to table the Chick Plan #3 at the request of their surveyor. The Supervisors voted to table the S. Sell Plan due to surveyor's request. The Board of Supervisors must make a decision by the April 10, 2023.

The P.C. discussed the meeting with the Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. regarding the proposed ‘false alarm ordinance’ and then voted to recommend that the Supervisors consider adoption of such ordinance. The P.C. meeting was lengthy and they did not discuss the SALDO and other ordinances under review.

March 13, 2023 Unfinished Business – None.

March 13, 2023 New Business

The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #508 “Disposition of Records”. The Supervisors voted to authorize advertisement of Ordinance #509 to correct the Intergovernmental Cooperation Ordinance (original #377) re: shared EMC. The Supervisors voted to authorize *either* Leo Rosenbauer or William Foertsch to sign the title papers for the sale of the JD6300 mower with boom mower deck.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – March 13, 2023

The Supervisors talked to Mr. Veselich during the road report. He added comments about the bend near his house on Bullcreek Rd. and offered to work with the township if they need to install a culvert or catch basin. The manager and the road crew will inspect the bend.

Representative Marci Mustello noted that her office is sponsoring two events: 1) Seniors For Safe Driving Seminar on Thurs., April 27th at the Saxonburg Memorial Presbyterian Church (register by calling 1-800-559-4880 or on-line at www.seniorsforsafedriving.com . Cost is \$16.00 which includes lunch. 2) Farmers’ Breakfast on Fri., April 28th from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the American Legion Post 778, Butler. There is no cost for registration, but must register by calling 724-283-5852 or on-line at www.RepMustello.com/events . Flyers are posted at the township and on the township website home page at www.jeffersontownship.com . Her office is still working with people on property tax and rent rebates. She also urges constituents to contact her office if their PA License plate needs to be replaced.

The manger noted that he has someone lined up to open and stock restrooms and empty trash this summer for pavilion rentals. He suggested increasing the ‘per trip’ to \$25.00 to allow for rising fuel prices.

The manager asked the Supervisors to review the photo’s being considered for the new PRINT Directory for Jefferson Township

Lois Rankin announced that the BCATO Spring Convention is Thurs., May 18, 2023. They will have speakers from the Butler County Conservation District. Township officials should ‘save the date.’

The Spring PSATS Conference is April 23, 24, 25, & 26 (Sun.-Wed.) She is registered to attend from Jefferson Township. The Butler County Association of Township Officials will have a ‘County Table’ at the conference to highlight the 32 Townships of the Second Class in Butler County!

Major Expenditures since the Feb. 13th meeting through March 13, 2023

Thomas Geil Garage Doors – bal. due on garage door replacement	\$ 2,843.00
Teamsters #261 & Health & Welfare – April 2023 premium	\$ 5,404.21
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal Feb. 2023	\$ 2,750.25
Herbert, Rowland, & Grubic, Inc. – engineer’s review of land developments	\$ 1,105.00
Jonathan Romett – return of fire escrow insurance	\$ 4,441.80
Stephenson Equipment, Inc. – repair of side deck for JD6330 mower	\$ 2,408.78
Selective Insurance – auto & liability package renewal 3/2023-3/2024	\$24,898.00
Code.sys Code Consulting, Inc. – Feb. 2023 inspections	\$ 1,234.64

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

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, James Vadnal, James Jones,
Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Martha Fleming (Secretary), 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), 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.
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

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.

SPRING TAX HOURS: March 7 - April 18, 19, & 20 - April 25, 26, & 27 - Hours 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM
OFFICE CLOSED – May 26 through June 5, 2023

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 is also not legal for property owners to place any storm/rain/wind debris from their property along the township road rights-of-way.

⇒ **NOTICE: 2023 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & ELECTRONICS “recycling events”**
Butler County has just received DEP collection permit approval to hold its 2023 Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics collection events for our county residents as follows:

- April 1 at 150 Henricks Road, Butler (Center Township)
- May 13 at 207 Ash Stop Road, Evans City (Forward Township)
- July 15 at 191 Election House Road, Prospect (Franklin Township)
- September 2 at 157 Airport Road, Butler (Penn Township)
- November 11 at 690 Valencia Road, Mars (Adams Township)

Residents will be required to pre-register to attend these events and are scheduled for an approximate arrival time which helps to keep attendees from waiting in long lines. The Noble Environmental web site can be found here: <https://nobleenviro.com/> or they can call 412-567-6566. At the top of the web page, click on “Ewaste and HHW Collections” to find the registration page and details about attending an event. Please note that only cards are accepted for payment. Cash and checks are not accepted.



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.

⇒ **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>



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!*

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

www.housingauthority.com