



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MAY 2021 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

Manager Leo Rosenbauer was contacted by Jeff Riemer from Herman Gas desiring to install a new gas line the entire length of the northern side of Alwine Rd. There is already a gas line on the Saxony Farm side of Riemer Rd. The existence of this gas line is a deterrent to maintenance (i.e. storm drainage) as well as possible future improvements. John Cypher said he does not favor a gas line too close to the road on the north side which would further limit the Township's use for maintenance and future use. The Supervisors agreed to table the matter pending further research by the Manager and Supervisors.

John Cypher read the road report presented by the manager and road foreman. The road crew picked-up 36" diameter culvert pipe for O'Hara Rd. culvert crossing. They worked on the boom mower, cleaned, and washed the mower & side deck. Mowing to start on May 17 or 19. New rear tires put on the boom mower by Skander Tire (approx. \$1,575) and 2 rear tires were leaking on the Case 930M' serviced by Good Tire Service. The road crew removed tree on Frazier Road. Milling areas were marked on Bonniebrook; the road was swept to prepare for the milling. Trimmings were removed from Bonniebrook Rd. which had not been removed by the residents. They rearranged the maintenance shop office for placement of the used air conditioner. Mowing was done at the park and township building. Leaves were removed from ditch lines with the twin turbine blower. Recalls on the Bobcat were performed. Catch basin and culvert pipe with an extension cross pipe were installed at 255 Bonniebrook Rd. in preparation for the paving project. Water drainage issue on the north bound lane (at 122 Bonniebrook Rd.) should be repaired by the end of this week. The road crew will assist Summit Township on 5/17 and 5/18 to push up millings from Bonniebrook Rd.

Manager Rosenbauer suggested allowing the road crew to attend the Stephenson Equipment Customer Appreciate Day and Luncheon on May 27th (Thursday). The Supervisors have no objection to a couple of hours off if the schedule works out okay. He noted that the flagger training 'certification cards' should be coming soon.

Recreation Committee

Brian Patten was unable to be present tonight and did not have the Recreation Meeting minutes from May 5, 2021 available for this evening.

Manager Leo Rosenbauer reported that he and Greg Bauer attended a zoom meeting with Jim Feath (HRG, Inc.) and a representative from Councilman Hunsaker to discuss their collaboration regarding the 'pool study' and a RFP (request of proposal) for future renovation of the SEBCO Pool. It appears the RFP could be completed in about 4 months. CDBG admin. funds will be used to pay for the study. There was a brief discussion about the pool patching done for this 2021 season.

Mr. Rosenbauer noted that the YMCA will rent the pavilion again this summer. They have a new contact-person and they plan on a couple of special events for the kids during those rental days.

Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com

Pool: www.sebcopool.com

Softball: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission's April 19th meeting was cancelled. However, Leo Rosenbauer (Planning Chairman) reported that he received a letter dated 4/15/21 from James K. (Kevin) Miller requesting an extension of time for the Stoneybrook Land Development Phase II of sixty-two (62) days from the P.C.

meeting of April 19, 2021 to a new deadline of June 21, 2021. Chairman Cypher noted that this means the that the Supervisors must take action by their June 14, 2021 meeting. With this understanding, the Supervisors voted to accept the extension request as stated in the letter. The Manager reported that the developers' agreement, cost estimate and bonding are still outstanding.

May 10, 2021 Unfinished Business

Summit Township received only one bid for the Bonniebrook Road Multimodal Project 'line painting' from Williams and Willman. It was noted that this is less than the original \$30,000 estimate and that only about one-fourth of this is Jefferson Township's cost. The Supervisors voted to accept the award to be made by Summit Township for the line-painting from Williams and Willman for \$24,510.75.

May 10, 2021 New Business

Chairman Cypher noted that the Supervisors are still considering how to help the Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. using the American Rescue funding. They will also be looking at other uses for the funds, including reimbursement to Township for lost revenue due to the COVID-19.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – May 10, 2021

Ms. Donna Eakin was present on behalf of Joe Kubit, candidate for Common Pleas Judge. She promoted Mr. Kubit's work ethic and experience (30 years). Mr. Kubit arrived later this evening and he was given a few minutes to speak regarding his candidacy.

Mr. Richard Goldinger was present to introduce himself as candidate for Common Pleas Judge. He expressed his experience as current district attorney, court room experience and other organizations.

Mr. Lloyd Brewer had submitted a request to speak to the Supervisors and commented regarding 'ethics and conflicts of interest to be a supervisor'.

A notice was received from R.A.R.Engineering Group, Inc. regarding the application by PA American Water GP-5 for the Thoma Meat Market Utility Line Stream Crossing.

The Township received info. from the South Butler Community Library: 1) Open to visitors since March; 2) 2 Fundraisers this year – Gift Card Raffle will be June to Nov. (gift cards donations due by May 21st) and Booktoberfest German Dinner in October; and 3) SummerQuest 2021 theme is "Tails and Tales". For more info go to www.southbutlerlibrary.org

Leo Rosenbauer noted that 'E-Code 360' is up and running. He is very pleased with it. There is no charge for 2021 for this service. Attorney Marshall commented to him that this could easily save the township \$500 a year just from his use of the on-line township code.

Manager Rosenbauer further noted that he is working on 'fillable forms' for use on the website and an announcement section called 'Monthly Happenings'.

John Cypher noted that the **Primary Election is Tues., May 18, 2021**. Precinct I is the Municipal Building at 157 Great Belt Rd.; the office will be 'closed' for regular business. Precinct II has been moved from the Jefferson Grange to the Calvary Baptist Church at 199 Great Belt Rd.

Major Expenditures since the February meeting through March 8, 2021

Vogel Disposal Services – trash service at park	\$1,425.59
Dave Maley Construction – remove 2 a/c; install 1 a/c	\$2,600.00
Butler County Assessment – co/local tax card processing	\$1,714.45
Stephenson Equipment – road signs & pipe	\$2,430.46
Teamsters #261 & Employer Health & Welfare – health ins.	\$5,849.56
Code.sys Code Consulting – inspections on building permits	\$3,397.36

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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 (Soccer – to be determined)

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.

WE ASK THAT IF YOU HAVE BUSINESS AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE TO PLEASE CALL AHEAD, SO WE KNOW YOU ARE COMING -724-352-2324. Masks required.

The Township is endeavoring at public meetings to limit attendance to protect Township residents and the possible spreading of the virus.

We urge you to take precautions attending any event or 'scheduled' meeting.

We hope you will limit exposure to others, including at the township building.

Practice social distancing, such as no longer shaking hands and staying six feet apart, No more than ten (10) people at a meeting place and washing hands often or using hand sanitizer!

ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: jefftwpbutlerpa@zoominternet.net – 724-352-2324

STAY at HOME applies, especially if you are sick!

ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓

⇒ **Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections - 2021 Saturdays- June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, and Dec. 18.**

By Appointment Only (pre-registration required)

CALL 1-866-815-0016 Location: 129 Ash Stop Rd., Evans City, PA 16033

Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management

Sheryl Kelly, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator (PROP-Certified Recycling Professional)
124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208, Butler, PA 16003 Phone 724.284.5305

Email skelly@co.butler.pa.us

Web Site www.recyclebutler.us

A copy of the 2021 "Hard to Recycle Guide" provided annually by Butler County, can be found on the Township website.

REAL ESTATE /PER CAPITA TAX COLLECTOR

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

SPRING HOURS: March 9; April 20, 21, 22, 27,28 & 29 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM.

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.

⇒ **NEED HELP during COVID19:**

You can contact (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>
- **Pennsylvania American Water** has extended its suspension of water service shutoffs and late fees until after March 31, 2021 for all customers, both residential and non-residential. The company urges customers who are facing financial hardship to seek financial assistance immediately by contacting Pennsylvania American Water pennsylvaniaamwater.com or calling 1-800-565-7292. Please do not wait until a shut-off is looming to contact them.

⇒ **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.

⇒ **Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance**
www.jeffersonbutler.com

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of 'ordinary' (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, yard waste, wood, and other similar items) by residents to 'dusk to dawn'. **Items '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 before leaving unattended. Recreational fires are permitted (as per Ordinance.) 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. TIRES are NEVER to be burned by ANYONE. Dumping of Tires is ILLEGAL and subject to fines.

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