



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

October 2021

NEWSLETTER

“ANNOUNCEMENTS” are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman’s Report

John Cypher read the road report as submitted. Two front tires were replaced on the 2019 F550 and all four tires were replaced on the John Deere 6330. The road crew has a good start on servicing the trucks in preparation for winter, as well as building maintenance. They repaired the walking trail and the parking areas at the park which had washed out due to heavy rains.

The road foreman informed the manager that the roof overhanging the fuel tanks needs to be replaced. The manager is trying to find someone to quote the work. All four handheld 2-way radios (which are 14 + years old) need to be replaced. The Supervisors had no objections. The road crew has been working on crack sealing as weather allows. Mushrush, Bullcreek (north of Mushrush) and most of West Jefferson are done. They hope to get Marwood/Neupert done this week if possible.

Snow fence installation is to start around Oct. 20th as crops come off and weather allows. The road crew will also try to keep up with leave removal in the park and road ditch-lines where needed.

The road foreman asked for ‘conclusions’ to the Hannashtown Rd. water issues. The manager will be contacting two property owners about the water issues along Hannahstown Rd. to discuss possible solutions.

The new salt contract came in at \$57.91 per ton, which is \$17.30 less than last season.

Recreation Committee

No report submitted; No one was present to report.

Baseball – www.saxonburgbaseball.com

Pool - www.sebcopool.com

Softball – www.sagsa.org

Soccer – www.knochsoccer.org

Manager Rosenbauer mentioned that there seems to be a malfunctioning camera at the park, and he will contact the company that installed them to check on it. Chairman Cypher noted that we still need to work on getting the informational kiosks placed in the park. It was noted that Jim Feath (HRG) and the pool study consultant met at the pool prior to the covering the pool for the winter

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer (Planning Chairman) reported on the Sept. 20, 2021 P.C. meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved the DEP (Dept. of Environmental Protection) Sewage Planning Module submitted for the property at 697 Mushrush Rd. A septic test on the lot with existing house failed. The SEO determined that a ‘small flow treatment facility’ is needed. The Supervisors reviewed the module this evening and voted to approve the DEP module as submitted and then voted to adopt Resolution (#475) for Plan Revision to the Township’s Act 537 Plan for New Land Development for this planning module.

The property owner at 132 Great Belt Road re-applied for a 12 ft. set-back (or 13 ft. modification) for a building addition since the prior modification had expired. The P.C. voted to recommend denial by the Supervisors due to failure to show a hardship (and due to having an alternate option which would not require a modification.) Manager Rosenbauer said the property owner contacted him on Oct. 4, 2021 to withdraw this modification request. The Supervisors voted to acknowledge withdrawal of the modification re-application for a proposed addition at 132 Great Belt Rd.

The P. C. reviewed the G. E. Waechter Estate Plan No. 2 on Heller Rd. which was submitted by Graff Surveying. The original Parcel B from the G. E. Waechter Trust Estate Plan had 51.56 acres. It is being divided into four 'non-building lots' for the purpose of estate settlement; no septic testing is required at this time. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the G. E. Waechter Estate Plan No. 2 including a non-building waiver for lots B1, B2, B3 and B4 contingent upon insertion of gas line and electric line rights-of-way widths and submission of a letter of waiver for requirements in Chap. 5 and 7 of the SALDO (Chap. 22) for minor subdivision (which includes topography, wetlands, streams, etc.) It was noted that the contingencies have been met. After some discussion the Supervisors voted to approve the revised G. E. Waechter Estate Plan No. 2.

The P.C. began discussion on possible revisions to the Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance (Chap. 22); the Driveway/Private Lane and Street Ordinance (Chap. 21); and the Multi-Family Ordinance. The matters discussed have been 'accumulated' over a period of time for such discussion and possible revisions. The P.C. would like authorization to proceed with revision of these ordinances. The Supervisors voted to authorize the P.C. to begin review and research to modify or revise or add language as needed, noting that a complete 'amendment' is not desired or needed.

October 11, 2021 Unfinished Business

It has been 180 days since the Board acknowledged receipt of proposal to add to the Ag. Security Area from Cliff Black for three (3) parcels on Bonniebrook Rd. at the April 12, 2021 meeting. Per township procedure, a resolution is needed before recording the addition. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #476 accepting the subject properties (listed for Clifford L. Black) as deemed approved additions to the Jefferson Township Ag. Security Area.

Wendy Leslie, Butler County CDBG Coordinator, emailed to ask for authorization to reallocate the covid funding to housing rehab. It was noted that proposed use of funds could include 'ventilation or mold remediation.' The County Redevelopment Authority is willing to administer this funding, hopefully within the time-line left for use of this grant. The Supervisors voted to reallocate the CDBG-CV (covid) funds for housing rehab. 'ventilation or mold remediation.'

October 11, 2021 New Business

The 2022 Proposed Budget was introduced to the Board of Supervisors this evening. They did not want to schedule a budget workshop. They did not discuss the budget this evening, they plan on discussion for the November 8th (regular meeting) after the Supervisors have had time to review the submission.

It was noted that a letter/invoice was received from Borough of Saxonburg for Volunteer Fire & Ambulance w/c share of premium - \$15,119.79.

It was noted that a direct deposit was received on 9/28/21 for \$14,353.81 for the 2021 Pension System State Aid. The MMO for 2021 was \$19,400. We must pay the total MMO (\$5,046 over what we received from the state). A check has been prepared for this evening to PA State Assn. of Boroughs. Hopefully, we will receive a partial refund early next year.

It was noted that a direct deposit was received on 9/21/21 for the 2021 Fire Relief Aid allocation (foreign fire tax) for \$27,797.47). We are only a pass-thru for the state tax; we must 'transfer' the funds within 60 days; check has been prepared for this evening to Saxonburg VFD and Relief Association.

The Supervisors and Township Manager discussed the purchase of a new truck (via Co-Stars). After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to proceed.

Miscellaneous Business – October 11, 2021

A NOTICE was received from Gannett Fleming that they are applying for reissuance of Erosion & Sediment Control General Permit (ESCG-3) for linear project from Hinch-Smith well pad to the existing Bachelder well pad (Bullcreek and Mushrush Road/Holy Trinity area). A response indicating 'no zoning' was sent to Gannett Fleming 9/30/21.

An email was received from South Butler Community Library promoting "Booktoberfest" Sunday 10/24 from 4 to 7 PM at Saxonburg Firehall with dinner and band. Tickets: single \$40 and couple \$75...to be

purchased in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/173804884087> Questions call 724-352-4810 or go to: www.southbutlerlibrary.org for more information.

An email was received on 9/16/21 from Jody Vettori, Saxonburg Sec/Treas., regarding an email from Chad Slater of the Civil War re-enactors group that is planning a 'preservation march' in 2022. He has asked Saxonburg Borough permission to use Roebing Park as the assembling area to start trek to Cooper's Cabin. He was to get parade paperwork and provide insurance certificate to Saxonburg Council's Sept. 21st meeting...Leo told Jody to proceed through the Borough. This is just to notify the Board and public. The Supervisors expect a request for approval to use 'township roads' when the date of the march is finalized.

The secretary presented information for a possible purchase of new bulletin boards for the front of the building. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to authorize the purchase. It was noted that new blinds have been ordered for the township office!

Major Expenditures since the Sept. 13th meeting through October 11, 2021

South Butler Community Library – 2021 donation	\$7,500.00
Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. – 2021 donation	\$8,170.00
U. S. Municipal – speed limit signs and sign blanks	\$1,524.60
Williams and Willman Line Painting – 8 township roads	\$7,141.50
Summit Township – final line painting on Bonniebrook Rd. (project)	\$4,572.15
Cleveland Brothers Equipment – thumbs for CAT	\$2,500.00
PA State Association of Boroughs – Minimum Municipal Obligation/Pension	\$ 19,400.00
Saxonburg Borough – share of fire and ambulance workmen's comp.	\$ 15,119.79
Saxonburg VFD Relief Assn. – State foreign fire tax for the fire relief assn.	\$ 27,797.47
Super City Mgr. Co. – 30" aluminum tailgate for 2019 F550	\$1,900.00

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E-Code 360 is up and running, so you can now view township ordinances via our website:
www.jeffersonbutler.com – under "home" click 'find out more'.

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.

ANY QUESTIONS: email or call: jefftpbutlerpa@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 ↓↓

Trick or Treat

Sunday, Oct. 31st from 6 to 8 PM

⇒ **Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections - 2021 Saturdays - 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.

⇒ **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.

⇒ **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. For the same 'safety' issue, **it is ALSO important** that you do NOT push or blow fallen leaves from your property onto the roadways this fall.

⇒ **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.

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



www.housingauthority.com