



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Report – Oct. 10th meeting

Chairman John Cypher read the road report.

- Rennick Rd. shoulders and driveway approaches have been completed. John Cypher said it looks fantastic.
- A new vac hose was installed on the leaf vac, and it is ready for fall use.
- The driveway culvert along Jones Rd. has been repaired, caused by boom mower damage. Leo Rosenbauer said it looks good!
- The vac truck will be scheduled next year at the best time depending on the road projects.
- Ten tires have been ordered for the two 550 Ford trucks. Elliott's had the best price at \$3,916.
- The right rear torque spring had to be replaced on the 2017 Mack for inspection. It was done at Keystone Spring for \$738.52.
- The 2019 F550 needed a battery replaced (from Advance Auto - \$140.)
- Crack sealing went well, but they ran out of material (after using 4 pallets), so they 'borrowed' some from Summit Township to finish Alana Drive and Stoneybrook Dr.
- Some road shoulders have been touched up with stone and millings on Bullcreek, Golden City, Fisher, Riemer and Alwine roads.
- West Jefferson and Green Manor had some curbs covered with soil and debris and they were cleaned up with the skid steer berming bucket, tractor and broom.
- We are expecting the delivery of the Ventrac (mower) and equipment after Oct. 17th.
- The projected 'build day' for the new Mack truck is Nov. 3rd. They hope to delivery by Feb. 2023; then it will be some time for the bed, plow, spreader and hydraulics to be built.
- The Alamo boom mower has been delivered to the dealer, but the projected 'build day' is Jan. 5, 2023 with a delivery to the township in Feb. 2023.
- If weather permits, they plan to do more patch work on Fisher, Great Belt, Golden City and a small dig on Green Manor.
- Snow fence installation will start after Oct. 17th. Supervisor Rankin and Chairman Cypher agreed that snow fence is beneficial, but the township will not push property owners who do not want it on their properties.
- Leaf removal at the park will start when leaves begin to fall and continue as weather allows.
- The road foreman is watching the weather and will have the trucks set-up for winter maintenance when needed.
- They hope to boom mow about four more days, but it is not critical.
- The road foreman and the road crew have been discussing the purchase of a 12,000 lbs. excavator for future underdrain, culvert replacement and catch basin repairs. They asked the Supervisors to stop over and talk about this with them.

Manager Leo Rosenbauer reported on the following:

- The Goodlin's O & M and Construction Agreement should be recorded soon, and the building permit issued for the cooler.
- The manager noted that the sq. footage was miscalculated on the rejuvenator. However, since we did not proceed with this application on Bonniebrook Rd., the actual cost should be approximately \$22,000 (while the original bid was \$49,000).
- The lowest quote for two pavilion roofs (Ladies Aux. and Scout Pavilions) came in at \$16,362. He was given authority last month to proceed with the lowest quote 'under' the bid limit. The Butler Co. Parks Renovation Grant will fund \$7,500 toward this project.
- The manager asked the Board to consider upgrading the Ladies Aux. Pavilion with new siding (perhaps T1-11) and maybe installation of a propane gas grill.
- Two hearings are scheduled at the magistrate for issues at 671 Mushrush Rd. and 965 Mushrush Rd.
- PennDOT is looking at the Bonniebrook Rd./Great Belt Rd. intersection and will offer their suggestions.

Recreation Committee – Oct. 10th meeting

Brian Patten, Recreation Committee Chairman, was not available this evening, so John Cypher gave the report on the Oct. 5, 2022 Recreation meeting.

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

Pool: They thanked the Road Crew for delivering the pool cover. The pool is now covered for the season; they still have some winterization to do. They are investigating some electrical problems that the pool was experiencing. They hope to uncover the pool and begin needed repairs by the last week of March 2023, for an opening on Memorial Day weekend. Website: www.sebcopool.com

Softball: They have 10 teams participating in fall ball, which runs through the end of October. They are looking at rehab or replacement of their dugouts and will submit plans once they have more information. Jim Jones noticed a large oak tree that is mostly dead and asked that the Township look at the tree (between fields 4 & 5.) Website: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: Soccer season continues until Oct. 30th. They plan to resurface field #5, then will be aerating and seeding all of the fields this fall. They are planning a 'comedy night' on Nov. 19th, see website for details. Website: www.knochsoccer.org

New Business: The park will officially close on Nov. 1st; the Township is to lock the gates by Nov. 9th.

Misc.: It was reported that the walking trail area behind field #3 has been repaired and it looks very nice.

Action Requests: The Township will: look at the oak tree between softball fields 4 & 5; coordinate with Baseball the winterization of the upper concession stand by the end of October; and have the road crew lock the park gates by Nov. 9, 2022.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported on the Sept. 19, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Drane submitted a modification request for a small shelter (17' x 20') along Rt. 356 in front of the original Concordia complex as a children's shade canopy. He said this was to satisfy 'state regs' regarding childcare licensing. They did not acquire a building permit for the structure prior to construction. Mr. Rosenbauer noted that it is 'difficult' to make a decision 'after the fact of building it without a permit'. They are requesting a 55.3 ft. modification (for a 19.7 ft. front set-back instead of the 75 ft. required front set-back.) Mr. Drane said they did not necessarily consider other options for placement, but felt it was built to keep in line with the existing fencing; to make sure there was sufficient shade, and to make sure the structure was secure (i.e. installed hurricane brackets.) After some discussion, the P.C. voted to recommend approval of the 19.7 ft. set back as requested by Concordia Childcare. This evening, the Supervisors reviewed and discussed the request. The Supervisors voted to approve a revision to the modification request requiring the children's shade canopy to be moved back to be in line with the existing older shelter (southwestern corner) and suggested that 'shade curtain(s)' could be installed to keep it shaded more in the afternoon.

Mr. Rosenbauer explained that the Voller/Tebay Lot Line Revision (Voller property is on Keck Rd. and Tebay property is on Rt. 356) was withdrawn. He did receive this request in writing this afternoon. The

P.C. voted to accept the withdrawal of the Voller/Tebay Lot Line Revision. A revised plan has been submitted for the P.C. to review on Oct. 17th.

The Liberty Pointe ‘final application’ for the plan of 112 homes (28 quads) on property off Constitution Ave. (next to the Stoneybrook Plan) was received for review and consideration. The P.C. voted to recommend approval with six contingencies on Sept. 19th. Leo Rosenbauer reported that the township solicitor’s schedule has been backed up but does have suggested revisions to the Developers Agreement and asked that Liberty Pointe send it to him as a word document, so he can insert his recommendations. It was further reported that basically there are three outstanding matters: 1. Developers agreement (including private property storm sewer connection responsibility retained by the homeowners’ association) to be approved by the township solicitor, signed and recorded. 2. The Operations and Maintenance Agreement to be approved by the township solicitor, signed and recorded. 3. The NPDES Permit & Joint Permit written approval submitted to the township. The Supervisors voted to give final approval contingent completion of the three outstanding matters listed.

Oct. 10, 2022 Unfinished Business – none.

Oct. 10, 2022 New Business

The 2023 Preliminary Budget was introduced to the Supervisors this evening. They agreed to ‘no budget workshop’, but to plan to discuss the budget at the Nov. 14th meeting. Supervisor Rankin would like to consider personnel for the office. Chairman Cypher would like to consider additional ‘one-time’ funding for the Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. and asked for authorization to prepare a letter to be sent to other municipalities using SVFD as their primary emergency services urging them to donate additional funds this year. Supervisor Rankin agreed.

It was announced that the 2022 State Foreign Fire Tax of \$33,466.68 was received and a check was prepared to be forwarded to Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Dept. It was also announced that the 2022 Pension System (State) Aid of \$15,411.93 was received. The Township is obligated to pay the MMO approved last year (\$18,900), so we owe the pension plan the difference of \$3,488.07 as well.

The invoice was received from Saxonburg Borough for our share (\$16,233.54) of the Saxonburg Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Services’ workmen’s comp. insurance.

Act 57 of 2022 requires municipalities to adopt a resolution to implement Property Tax Penalty Waiver Provisions. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #498 as presented (using the language provided by PSATS in a sample resolution and reviewed by the township solicitor).

Manager Rosenbauer was asked by the fire department to consider adopting regulations on ‘false alarms’. He obtained a sample from Saxonburg Borough. The Township would have to administer the ordinance. This matter was tabled for future consideration.

The SEO, Doug Duncan, requests that the Board of Supervisors appoint a second ‘alternate SEO’ for the remainder of 2022. His name is Patrick West. The Supervisors voted to appoint Patrick West as a seconded alternate (to be contacted only when Doug Duncan notifies us that he is unavailable) for the remainder of 2022.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – Oct. 10, 2022

Supervisor Rankin reminded township officials about the Butler County Association of Township Officials will hold a “SAFETY DAY” on Wed., Oct. 12, 2022) at the Herman Volunteer Fire Hall.

The Fall Convention of the Butler County Association of Township Officials is scheduled for Oct. 26, 2022 at the Slippery Rock Municipal Building.

TRICK OR TREAT will be on Halloween night as usual, which is Monday, Oct. 31st this year.

Major Expenditures since the Sept. 12th meeting through Oct. 10, 2022

Old Dominion Brush - medium duty hose	\$1,535.98
Teamsters #261 & Employer (Health Insurance) – Nov. health ins.	\$4,957.98
PA State Assn. of Boroughs – payment of MMO to pension fund	\$18,900.00
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – gas and diesel	\$1,311.31
Saxonburg Borough – twp. share of W/C for fire/ambulance	\$16,233.54
Saxonburg Volunteer Fire & Relief Assn. – PA Foreign Fire Tax pass thru.	\$33,466.68
C.W. Howard Ins. Agency - public officials ins.	\$6,483.00

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 – 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.), 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 – 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
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 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.

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114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001
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