



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the road report as submitted. The JD 6330 tractor needs 4 new tires. The front tires must be replaced, the rear tires could wait until spring. The tractor is needed for blowing leaves and installing snow fence in the fall. The Supervisors discussed the pricing received so far, but the manager expects prices from Elliott's Tire Service as well. It was agreed to wait until all the prices and availability of the tires come in. Both front tires on the 2019 F550 4-door need to be replaced before inspection due by Sept. 30th. The manager was directed to get the best price and proceed.

More repairs to the boom mower had to be done during the 3rd mowing. A stone took out the right door window (\$300). Bushings and cylinder had to be replaced as well as welding up the main boom mount (\$325 plus road crew labor.) R.J. Hydraulics had to repair a cylinder. Garry Foertsch did some refabrication on the main arm support and the Township is very fortunate to have his talent!

A box and pipe have been installed at the Great Belt/Bonniebrook Rd. intersection by Shields Asphalt and the road foreman. The culvert pipe and box were replaced on Patterson Rd. by the road crew; the old metal pipe was rusted out.

There was significant discussion again about how to handle the water and icing issue at 220 Hannahstown Rd. Although there are 2 drainpipes coming from 2 houses that discharge onto the grass and there are other contributing factors to investigate, such as the removal of pine trees and excavation work done by an adjacent property. It was decided to get together to inspect the location later this month on a date to be determined.

The Scout Pavilion is now being rented out...Thanks to the work done by the road crew and for use of Bill and Rick's pressure washers! The roof needs a temporary patch as well.

The manager submitted prices for the Golden City Bridge 'scour repair', subsequent to last month's decision to 'proceed in all haste' to do the repairs. The Supervisors voted to proceed to have Beblo Excavation, LLC complete the repairs for \$20,950.

Lois Rankin inquired about the calls received regarding Rennick Rd. speed limit. The road crew was placing and replacing speed limit signs and weight limit signs. According to the township ordinance and speed study, Rennick Rd. is listed as 40 mph. Unfortunately, prior to this, one section was posted in error at 35 mph!

Recreation Committee

Brian Patten reported on the Sept. 1, 2021 Recreation Committee meeting.

Baseball – Fall Ball registration is open; season set for Aug. 28th through the end of October.

www.saxonburgbaseball.com Pool - The pool closed on Sept. 6th (Labor Day). Leo Rosenbauer reported that the 'pool study' engineer from Minnesota will be meeting with Greg Bauer and Roger Cypher on Sept. 23rd. The pool cover needs to be delivered by the road crew by the 24th, so it can be installed over the weekend after that meeting. They are considering a mailing to season pass holders for input into the 'pool study'. www.sebcopool.com Softball – The season is over. Fall Ball registration will then begin for ages 8U, 10U, 12U, 14U, 19U. This season will run to the end of October. www.sagsa.org

Soccer – Fall registration is open; season starts Sept. 1st through Oct. 31st. www.knochsoccer.org

Action Items: Pool study meeting', delivery of pool cover and return of the pool chairs. It was noted that dumpster removals are all set-up with Vogel Disposal...all by Nov. 8th.

John Cypher thanked the committee for their work and planning. Brian noted that the committee will continue to discuss park maps and posting of park rules. Leo Rosenbauer said he is working on the park road name (*tentatively "Laura Doerr Drive"*), but noted that Butler Co. Emergency Services does not like breaking it up (i.e. east or west, etc.) Then we need to consider indicating the various areas (by number): pool, ball fields, soccer field, trail head, pavilions, etc.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer (Planning Chairman) reported on the August 16, 2021 P.C. meeting. A lot-line revision was submitted for a property on Green Manor Drive. There are two long, rectangular-shaped lots and he wants to combine them for proper building setbacks for a future proposed garage. Lot 1 is currently 2.286 acres and Lot 3 is currently 1.916 acres. Combined 'Revised Lot 1' will be 4.202 acres with house, septic, well and other outbuildings indicated on the plan. There is a stormwater clause noted on the plan. The P.C. voted to recommend approval of the Puskas Lot Line Revision as presented. The Supervisors reviewed it on 9/13/21 and voted to approve it as presented.

A modification request was submitted by a property owners on Cobham Lane for a garage which has already been built without a permit. The owner was informed that the correct procedure is to request a modification before a building is constructed to show a hardship (i.e. due to topography or location of well/septic.) A motion to deny failed due to lack of a second; and subsequently the P.C. voted 5 to 2 to recommend approval of the modification request for the garage to be only 12 ft. from the side-property line. There was significant discussion this evening (9/13/21). The Supervisors voted to deny this request for a modification on the basis that the owner failed to prove a hardship and it was built (without a permit) inside the set-back area.

In regard to the discussion last month about posting of agendas, Dan Driscoll asked if the Planning Commission can 'adopt' the agenda at the beginning of their meetings (this would be according to Roberts Rules of Order.) Chairman Rosenbauer checked with the Township Attorney, and he said this is not necessary.

Leo Rosenbauer mentioned a practice used by another municipality to keep the file of 'outstanding' building permits to a minimum. They require a 'deposit' along with the building permit fees, which is refundable' if the permit is completed (with a Final and/or a Certificate of Occupancy). It would be 'non-refundable' if the permit is NOT completed and expires. It is something to consider along with the 'modification application fee' proposed earlier this year.

Lois Rankin asked Mr. Rosenbauer about the removal of a mobile home' on Saxonburg Rd. He responded that the tax collector did issue a tax certificate for the property but did not realize that the PAUCC requires a 'demo permit' for all structure removals.

September 13, 2021 Unfinished Business

Tree trimming quotes were obtained since the last meeting for Oak May, Douglas, and Alana Drives. Stephenson's Tree & Landscaping Service quote was \$10,800. Cutting Edge Tree Service and Landscaping quote was \$4,500.00. The Supervisors voted to award the job to Cutting Edge Tree Service for \$4,500.

September 13, 2021 New Business

The Supervisors reviewed the "Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation Budget for 2022' provided by Thomas J. Anderson & Associates. The Supervisors voted to approve the amount of \$18,900 to be included in the 2022 Jefferson Township Budget.

Miscellaneous Business – September 13, 2021

Ann Coleman from Representative Marci Mustello's office was present to give a report and share some announcements. 1) Residents in her 11th District can apply for the property tax rebate through the end of 2021. 2) The State 'tax refunds' are still in process for taxpayers who are due a refund. 3) Their office is still working on unemployment issues including help regarding ID's, website access and issues, or non-payment issues. 4) They will hold a Veteran's Outreach on Nov. 3rd at the Lyndora Post 778 American Legion. J.O. Longo from Slippery Rock Borough will speak. 5) They can be contacted about a planned 'Cyber Bullying'

course. 6) They held their first “Family Fun Night” last month. They are looking at moving future ones to various locations around her district. 7) They have been contacted and are looking into reviving a Future Farmer of America (FFA) Chapter for Youth in the Butler area via Vo-Tech; a certified Ag. Teacher is needed.

The Township received notice from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for coverage for a Permit to Drill & Operate an Unconventional Well (2H,3H,4H,5H,6H&7H) – located off Ekastown Rd. in Buffalo Township.

The Township received an email from Michelle Lesniak, Library Director, reporting on activities and a ‘summary’ of their trustees meeting on Aug. 11, 2021. Go to www.southbutlerlibrary.org for more information.

Supervisor Rankin noted that several other townships are already posting their “Trick or Treat” notice. Jefferson Township’s will remain at Oct. 31st (on Halloween) from 6 to 8 PM.

Lois Rankin reported that the Butler County Association of Township Officials is planning a full day Fall Convention on Thursday, Oct. 28th. Township officials are invited as usual for a registration fee.

Major Expenditures since the July 12th meeting through August 9, 2021

Purvis Brothers, Inc. – fuel (Aug. invoices)	\$ 1,127.96
Code.sys Code Consulting – building permit ‘inspections’ in July	\$ 1,725.30
Summit Township – our share of wearing course to Bonniebrook Rd.	\$ 228,019.41
Chemung Supply Corp. – sign u-posts	\$ 3,800.00
Hampton Concrete – basins/grates	\$ 1,311.00
HEI-WAY- coldpatch	\$ 1,130.12
McClymonds Supply & Transit – antiskid	\$ 9,001.88
Purvis Brothers, Inc. – fuel (Sept. invoices)	\$ 1,223.30
Stephenson Equipment – Tiger mower parts & pipe & sign breakaways	\$ 4,511.20

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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 Wetzell.

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: jefftwpbutlerpa@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.

REAL ESTATE TAXES – DISCOUNT PERIOD OFFICE HOURS:

SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, & 30 FROM 4:30 - 7:30

ANNOUNCEMENTS ↓↓

Trick or Treat

Sunday, Oct. 31st from 6 to 8 PM

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

⇒ **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. **It is ALSO important** this Fall that you do NOT push or blow fallen leaves from your property onto the roadways!!

⇒ **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!



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