



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP SEPTEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Report – Sept. 12th meeting

Chairman John Cypher read the road report.

- The side deck mowing is completed, but the boom mowing will take a few more days to complete.
- All paving and sealing have been completed; the road crew and the Supervisors are pleased with the results, including the fog seal and grip tight applied to some roads. Rennick Road shoulders are being filled in and several gravel driveways will be addressed as soon as possible.
- A new vac hose had to be ordered for the leaf vac.
- A private driveway culvert at 126 Jones Rd. which was covered over by grass and weeds, was damaged by the side deck mower. The roadcrew will investigate and repair if necessary.
- A Vac truck can be rented from A & H Equipment in Zelienople. Cost is \$3,750 per week or \$10,500 for a month. All the catch basins (about 700) in the township need cleaned out and the foreman asked the Supervisors to consider renting it for next year. The Supervisors voted to include \$12,000 in the 2023 budget for rental of a Vac truck.
- The foreman reported that the rear tires on the 2019 F550 need replaced before winter; and all four tires on the 2015 F550 should be replaced. He is waiting for 'state pricing' and availability via Elliott Tire in Butler.
- The roadcrew has patch work to do on Fisher, Great Belt, and Golden City Roads and crack sealing is needed on Fisher Rd., Oak Dr., May Dr. and Jason Dr. before inclement weather arrives.
- The new salt contract (Co-Stars) resulted in an increase per ton, bringing it up to \$79.05 for this 2022/2023 season.
- Stop signs at Mushrush/Bullcreek and Frazier/Dinnerbell intersections had to be replaced due to hit and runs.
- A sink hole showed up below the trestle on Golden City Rd. and was repaired by the roadcrew. It is believed that it was caused by old lumber or stumps that were covered up by the railroad during construction and it finally rotted away causing a void.

Recreation Committee – Sept. 12th meeting

Brian Patten, Recreation Committee Chairman, reported on the Aug. 10, 2022 and Sept. 7, 2022 meetings. **Baseball:** They are holding fall ball. Website: www.saxonburgbaseball.com **Pool:** The pool is closed for the season. Website: www.sebcopool.com **Softball:** They are holding fall ball. Website: www.sagsa.org **Soccer:** They have fall soccer season. Website: www.knochsoccer.org

Action Requests:

- The Pool Association asked that the road crew deliver the pool cover on or about Sept. 21st.
- It was announced that the Township received notification of the DCNR grant award and some discussion followed. The \$555,000 grant still has paperwork to complete via Butler County Parks & Recreation. Necessary additional funding is still being researched.

- The Soccer Association requested that the Township review overhanging limbs on the trees along the right side of the main soccer parking lot behind the guiderail. The Manager looked at the trees on the right side of the main soccer parking lot. They are ash trees, and he plans to have them cut down, rather than trim limbs. There was discussion about the requested ADA parking and viewing area. The Manager noted that CDBG funds cannot be used for this proposed project since there is not already ADA parking there. Supervisor Rankin would like to see ARPA (American Rescue Plan) funds for this; but the Board needs a drawing and cost estimates to review prior to making a decision.
- It was noted that the walking trail has been washed out (rutted) in the area behind field #3. A request that the roadcrew inspect and repair as needed was presented.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, P.C. Chair., reported on the August 15, 2022 Planning Commission meeting. Mr. John Frydrych from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.) went over some of the Knoch Stadium Turf Land Development's field details with the Supervisors this evening (9/12/22). Manager Rosenbauer noted that they have satisfied the HRG comments (Plan Review Letter 01). Copies of the land development had been sent to the Butler County Planning Commission and the Butler Conservation District. The only outstanding items are the NPDES Permit and the Operations & Maintenance agreement. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted to approve the Knoch Stadium Turf Land Development contingent upon receipt of the NPDES Permit and the execution and recording of the O & M Agreement.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Morgan spoke to the P.C. on Aug. 15th to get information and inquire about options for a proposed land development to move a 'floral/aquatic/fish' small business to the storage building on his property on Great Belt Rd. The P.C. noted several problems, and urged him to continue to look for lease or purchase properties. They gave him several places into which he can look.

Sept. 12, 2022 Unfinished Business - None.

Sept. 12, 2022 New Business

The cooperation agreement with the County of Butler for the 2022 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) regular funds totaling \$108,012 (projects \$88,635 and administration \$19,377) is ready to execute and designate use of the funds. The Supervisors voted to sign the agreement and designate the fund for 'housing rehab.' The Supervisors voted to adopt the "Three-Year Plan" Resolution #494 for use of the funds and to adopt the new "Fair Housing" Resolution #495 (for non-discrimination).

The Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development (Resolution #496) needed to be adopted for the DEP Sewage Module for a 'small flow treatment facility' at the property at 394 Bullcreek Rd. to 'replace' the malfunction septic system. The Supervisors voted to adopt Resolution #496.

Manager Rosenbauer noted that Riemer Gas called about placing a new gas line on the north side of Alwine Rd. The road foreman and the manager met with their representatives and they agreed to place the line according to township guidelines. The Supervisors agreed.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – Sept. 12, 2022

On Nov. 12, 2022 there is a Household & Electronic Waste Collection Event at Noble Environmental, 690 Valencia Rd., Mars, PA from 9 AM to 1 PM. Registration is required by calling 412-567-9566 or at www.nobleenviro.com

State Representative Marci Mustello is sponsoring the upcoming Veteran's Luncheon – Wed., Nov. 2nd from 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Registration is required by Oct. 16th by called 724-283-5852 or go to www.RepMustello.com/events Be sure to check her website for any other events she may be sponsoring.

Supervisor Rankin announced that the Butler County Association of Township Officials will hold a "SAFETY DAY" on Wed., Oct. 12, 2022 (begins at 9 AM) at the Herman Volunteer Fire Hall. Registration is \$15 per attendee. She would like all the Supervisors, Manager, Sec/Treas. and Road Crew to attend. She also asked Evie Gross if she would like to attend.

The Fall Convention of the Butler County Association of Township Officials is scheduled for Oct. 26, 2022 at the Slippery Rock Municipal Building. Cost is \$25 per attendee (Supervisors, Tax Collectors, Secretaries, Treasurers, Managers, and any other township official approved by the Board are welcome.)

Supervisor Rankin reminded the Supervisors, and they agreed that Trick Or Treat will be on Halloween night as usual, which is Monday, Oct. 31st this year.

Major Expenditures since the Aug. 8th meeting through Sept. 12, 2022

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| Holbein, Inc. – asphalt repairs on | \$3,555.00 |
| Code.sys Code Consulting- July 2022 inspections | \$4,262.24 |
| Insight Pipe Contracting – jet & vacuum storm sewers | \$2,746.98 |
| Herbert, Rowland & Grubic – engineering fees | \$2,612.75 |
| Teamsters #261 & Employer (Health Insurance) – Oct. health ins. | \$4,957.98 |
| Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – legal Aug. 2022 | \$3,030.50 |
| Purvis Brothers, Inc. – gas and diesel | \$2,063.50 |
| Russell Standard Corp. – road sealing project | \$216,313.77 |
| Selective Insurance – due for workmen’s comp. after audit | \$3,341.00 |
| U.S. Municipal – reserve/stop signs, etc. | \$1,375.50 |

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.), 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

SCHOOL Real Estate Tax hours from 4:30 to 7:30 PM on the following dates:

Sept. 20, 21, and 22 and Sept. 27, 28, and 29.

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!*

⇒ **The Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program**

Do you live in Jefferson Township? You may be eligible to have your windows, furnace, roof or more replaced!

This program assists homeowners in renovating their homes.... so apply today to find out if you 'qualify' for 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 or 1-800-433-6327 TDD: 1-800-545-1833 x 772 www.housingauthority.com