



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by Road Foreman William Foertsch. The Ferris zero-turn mower is to be ready for delivery by the end of March. The Supervisors voted to authorize Bill Foertsch to sign paperwork as needed.

The 2019-2020 salt contract through CoStars is due to be completed by March 15th. The amount of 1,500 ton will be inserted, the same as this past season (2018/2019). Snow fence will start to come down as time and weather allows. The road crew will continue to address any pot holes throughout the Township, but the roads in the Township have survived the winter extremely well, so very little patching will be required.

We had two successful sales on Municibid: walk lights \$370 and used tractor tires \$860. Chairman Cypher said 'thanks' to the road foremen for his attention to this matter. The Supervisors would like to schedule a 'road inspection' with the road foremen, hopefully by the end of March.

Mr. Foertsch asked for approval to have Penn Sweeping use their Vac-truck to sweep all the housing plans after the winter weather ends. The road crew will then sweep all of the other roads. Estimated cost is \$3,000.00. The Supervisors voted to proceed to use Penn Sweeping to sweep all of the housing plans.

Four phone quotes for tree cutting on Rennick and Alwine Roads have been obtained by the road foreman. They are: Cunningham \$13,200; Olar's \$15,000, Falling \$16,000 and Toth \$20,000. One 'quote' from Olar's indicates a height of 35 ft., while the others indicate 30 ft. height. After some discussion, the Supervisors voted (2 to 1 in favor) to have the road foreman accept the lowest quote submitted by Cunningham unless the 35 ft. was 'requested' by the Township and then Olar's was the only one at 35 ft. trim height. Award is subject to submission of insurance certificate by the 'qualified vendor.'

All three full-time and one part-time road crew members (as well as Supervisor John Cypher) attended the flagger training at Saxonburg Borough on Feb. 14th and should be receiving their wallet cards soon.

Congratulations to Austin W. Taylor for successfully completing his probationary period and becoming a full-time road crew employee. He will be a real asset to the Township. The Supervisors voted to ratify the approval to end the probationary period at 120 days (March 5, 2019) for Austin Taylor.

Jefferson Township officials met with Summit Township officials and Allen Williams on Wed., Feb. 13th to gather information for bidding for the Bonniebrook Rd. project. The Supervisors voted to authorize Summit Township to place the bid notice in the Butler Eagle as soon as PennDOT has given final word that the "Multimodal Transportation Agreement" has been fully executed.

Recreation Committee

Chairman Cypher read the March 6th Recreation Committee report in the absence of Brian Patten.
Baseball: www.saxonburgbaseball.com Field clean-up day is scheduled for March 16; rain date is March 30. Opening day is scheduled for May 4th.

Pool: www.sebcopool.com Opening day will be May 25th. The Pool noticed damage to the bottom of the pool and repairs will need to be made this spring. They are planning a 2019 Community Day Celebration this summer (date to be determined.) They are looking for additional life guards for 2019 - see website for details.

Softball: www.sagsa.org Opening day is April 22 for 10U + 12U teams. Clean-up Day is Mar. 23 for field #4.

Soccer: www.knochsoccer.org Field Clean-up Day is slotted for March 23rd; rain make-up date is March 30th. The Season will begin the weekend of April 6 and will run through June 9th. Practices begin the week of March 18th, weather permitting.

Action Items: 1) Request from the Soccer Association for assistance in increasing the size of the upper parking lot. This was reported last month, but no plan has been presented. 2) Request the Township purchase and install security camera for Pool and for Softball areas. The response by Chairman Cypher again is that security upgrades are in-progress. 3) Request the Supervisors continue their review of the "Park Rules and Regs" so that revisions can be posted this spring or summer.

Misc. Business: The four organizations are to notify the township of all tournament dates for 2019 so as not to conflict with pavilion rental!

John Cypher reported that the revision to the Park Rules and Regulations need to be finalized. He and Danielle Sedlak had added several proposed changes to those already suggested by the Recreation Committee back in April 2017 (i.e. walking trail for 'walking only'; motorized vehicles that are legal for use of PA highways may use the roads, driveways and parking areas in the park; no operation of 'other' motor vehicles is permitted at any time (segways, snowmobiles, ATVs, etc.) John asked if the other Supervisors had any more to add; they did not. The Supervisors voted to authorize preparation of the revised document for the Recreation Committee to re-review before the Board authorizes advertisement of the revised ordinance.

Planning Commission

There was no meeting on Feb. 18, 2019, so no report. However, several weeks ago, we received a Floodplain Permit application for the pipeline project on Riemer Road received from Pine Run Midstream (Scot Sweder.) Danielle Sedlak had directed the application be forwarded to HRG, Inc. for review. HRG has submitted a letter recommending approval. The Supervisors voted to approve the Building/Floodplain Permit subject to payment of the fees including reimbursement to the Township for HRG, Inc. review fees. Mr. Sweder said they will pay the total cost as soon as we get the information to him.

March 11, 2019 Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed other than items discussed and acted upon during the Road Foreman's report and during Misc. Business.

March 11, 2019 New Business

Chairman Cypher announced receipt of a letter of resignation from Danielle Sedlak. The Supervisors reluctantly voted to accept her resignation and her offer to finish up loose ends and assist with training of new hire.

Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - March 11, 2019

Notice was received from Endeavor Professional Services that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for a Permit to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Gas Well at 220 Neupert Rd., Cabot (*which is in Jefferson Twp*). However, the RE: refers to "West Franklin Township, Armstrong County", PA. Received corrected letter referring to Jefferson Township, Butler County as location.

Notice was received from Endeavor Professional Services that PennEnergy Resources is applying to DEP for a Permit to Drill and Operate an Unconventional Gas Well at 158 Bauer Rd., Cabot, (Winfield Twp) PER W60 1H Modification & 2H-7H well permits.

Notice was received from XTO Energy regarding application for a well permit for the proposed Bachelder 4HU and 5HU wells on Criswell Rd. in Penn Township.

The CDC's (Community Development Corporation) 2019 Annual Meeting entitled "Collaborate" is scheduled for March 29, 2019 at 7:30 AM in Cranberry Township. Supervisors are invited at no cost. Lois Rankin said she is not sure, but may attend. No interest from the other Supervisors.

PSATS "Township Role in Emergency Management " & "NIMS and the Incident Command System" classes are available on May 2, 2019 at Penn Township, Butler Co. It is \$35 per person for each class for PSATS members. Lois Rankin said she may be interested.

The 104th Annual Spring Convention of the Butler County Association of Township Officials is Thurs., May 16, 2019 at the Butler Country Club. Registration is \$30.00. The Supervisors voted to authorize the usual township officials to attend and pay the registration and usual expenses.

Chairman Cypher noted that the Board was to review the chart prepared by Danielle Sedlak in regards to 'lane naming' study. John and Danielle reviewed the information and visited the sites. Decisions need made as to allowing any exemptions and actual naming of the lanes. If the Supervisors want him to, John Cypher said he will contact the property owners and then 9-1-1 to complete the project. The Supervisors voted to authorize John Cypher to complete this assignment.

Major Expenditures since the Feb. 11th meeting through March 11, 2019

American Rock Salt - road salt/pd. 2/19/19	\$ 8,652.87
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Allegheny Inspection - electrical inspections on building permits	\$ 1,005.00
Butler Co. Assessment Office - tax cards processing	\$ 1,411.38
J & J power Equipment - new Ferris mower	\$ 14,400.00
Purvis Brothers, Inc. - gasoline & diesel	\$ 1,618.74
Selective Insurance - renewal of general liability & automotive ins.	\$ 19,153.00
Teamsters Employee Health & Welfare Fund - April 2019	\$ 3,334.23

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.), Danielle Sedlak, (Vice-Chair), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, James Jones, Brian Noah, Robert Wetzel, Robert Williams and Dan Driscoll.

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (rescheduled July's to 7/11/18) (no meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: Brian Patter (Chair.), Roger Cypher, Viki Nulph,
Greg Bauer (Pool), Scott Kriley (Baseball), James C. Jones (Softball), and Shane Huffman (Soccer)

Location for all meetings listed: 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002

Any changes are advertised and posted.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM (CLOSED on Fridays.)

Office phone #724-352-2324 Fax #724-352-8850

Holidays, Vacation, & other days off/office closures are posted on the door and noted on the answering machine.

TAX COLLECTOR

Nadine Grabe, 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288 - Pay by mail or call for an appointment.

NEVER leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's mailbox.

The Tax Collector is NOT responsible for envelopes left there by individuals other than the Mail Carrier.

MAIL your taxes, or bring them 'in person' or put them in the 'Drop Box' in front of the house!!!!

Discount and Face hours as follows: March 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 & 28 and April 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 and 30...

all from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. at 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA. Other times call for an appointment.

She will not be available the week of May 24-June 2.

⇒ **Butler County's Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections:**

2019: Saturdays - Mar. 16, Apr. 27, May 4, 11 and 18,

Jun. 15, July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 5 and 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14

By Appointment (pre-registration required) CALL 1-866-815-0016; Location: 129 Ash Stop Rd., Evans City, PA 16033

Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management

124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208

Sheryl Kelly, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator

Butler, PA 16003

PROP-Certified Recycling Professional

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Web Site www.recyclebutler.us



Jefferson Township Burning Ordinance

The Township Burning Ordinance limits burning of 'ordinary' (domestic) waste materials (paper, cartons, boxes, leaves, wood and other similar items) by residents to between the hours of 6 AM to 6 PM from Monday through Saturday. **Items intended to be '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 no later than 6 P.M. PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and do NOT permit leaves and other 'allowed' materials to be left smoldering after 6 PM.

BUSINESSES/COMMERCIAL (ALL non-residential) and MULTI-FAMILY, according to the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection, are PROHIBITED from ANY burning at ANY time.

TIRES are NEVER to be burned by ANYONE. Dumping of Tires is ILLEGAL and subject to fines.



During the winter months, as per the Township Ordinances, **NO ONE** is to park on the cul-de-sacs so that the road can easily be cleaned of snow. Please **DO NOT PUSH SNOW ONTO THE ROADS** when plowing your driveway. Should this cause an accident, you could be named in a claim or lawsuit. In addition, this is a reminder that the Township is **NOT** responsible for replacing or repairing mailboxes damaged during the plowing/salting process. Residents living along the Butler-Freeport Community Trail are being asked to be considerate when plowing snow from their property. Some residents are plowing snow onto the trail and in front of the gates, which blocks emergency vehicle access. If there would be an emergency, Emergency Services / First Responders would have difficulty getting to the scene.

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