



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

SEPTEMBER 2024

NEWSLETTER

"ANNOUNCEMENTS" are at the end of the Newsletter!

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher gave the road report as submitted by the road foreman.

- The chip seal and fog seal roads are completed for 2024 and the road foreman is pleased with the outcome.
- The third and final berm mowing was completed on Sept. 3rd. It took an extra day due to the road crew helping with the search for the missing 17-year-old boy. John Cypher noted that there was a State Police organized search with a command center at the township building. Lois Rankin noted that she was informed early in the morning, and she called the road crew out around 4:30 AM. She expressed her thanks to the road crew, the manager, all the search teams, and all those who donated food, coffee, etc. Everyone is relieved that the boy was found safe.
- The replacement cover for the salt building may be delivered this week. Balance is \$3,053.00.
- The price of salt has gone up by \$4.29 per ton for the 2024-2025 season; that is \$90.07 per ton (under the same vendor as last year). We must purchase a minimum of 720 tons.
- The road crew hopes to do some patching of depressions, repairing low shoulder areas, crack sealing, performing some maintenance at the park and township facility, and perhaps installing some pipes and catch basins in the next month or so.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee met on August 7, 2024. In the absence of Brian Patten, John Cypher gave a synopsis of that meeting. Baseball – no report. Softball reported that their annual tournament on Aug. 2, 3, & 5 was smaller, but overall successful. They reported problems with drivers going the wrong way in the parking lot and asked the township to consider improvements. Thanks to the township road crew for mowing around the outside of the fences in preparation for their tournament. Fall Ball will run through mid-October. Soccer reported that the Fall season is expected to run through mid-October. They thanked the township road crew for fixing the potholes in the main parking area. They request replacement of older metal trash cans with plastic ones. They reported that their ADA Accessible parking spaces need attention. They reported two trees that may need to be removed (north side of Doerr Park Dr. near the park gate at the Rt. 356 entrance before the entrance to the soccer fields). The Pool Association reported that the pool is now closed; winterization prep work is beginning. They plan to leave the water features up throughout the winter. They indicated that the pool cover can be delivered whenever convenient for the road crew. PARK PROJECTS: Sophia Greene plans to return to the Board of Supervisors to answer questions regarding her proposed gaga ball pit. ACTION REQUESTS: 1) Township is requested to deliver the pool cover. 2) Township was asked to consider additional signage or road markings to indicate traffic flow in the softball parking lot. 3) Three requests from the Pool Assn. to contact the township with a date to deliver the cover (after some prep work is done.) The manager will look into these matters.

Baseball: Website: www.knochyouthbaseball.com

Pool: Website: www.sebcopool.com

Softball: Website: www.sagsa.org

Soccer: Website: www.knochsoccer.org

John Cypher reported on his research regarding the proposed gaga pit. He visited two sites in the county with gaga pits and talked to the Butler County Parks Director about the proposal. He said that 'no fall safe surface is required' and that since there is no 'association' affiliation, this will be under the township's

liability insurance. Sophia Greene answered questions presented to her last month. She said they would sand and stain the wood, put a bevel (or dip) as an entry in lieu of a gate. They may use some nails initially to hold the wood in place but will install bolts for permanency. If she gets sufficient donations, they may add 'caps' over the top rail. It will be installed behind the Ladies' pavilion. A PA One Call has been submitted. The Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the proposed GAGA pit to be installed by Sophia Greene as a 'Gold Award Girl Scout' project (Troop 26087).

Planning Commission

Evie Gross reported on the Planning Commission (P.C.) meeting on August 19, 2024. They discussed the modification request from Jack Keihl to build another non-residential structure on Lot 2 next to his lot with existing dwelling (220 Hannahstown Rd.) There is an existing garage (considered non-residential as there is no dwelling on that lot.) He was given three options to consider: 1) Build a temporary structure. 2) Removal of property line, which would eliminate the need for a modification. 3) According to Chap. 22-601, submit a simple land development for the proposed carport (which would also eliminate the need for a modification.) There was significant discussion before the P.C. voted to table the decision so Mr. Keihl could consider his options. No action for the Board of Supervisors to take on Sept. 9, 2024.

The P.C. reviewed wording for Chap. 15 revision; but did not begin review of Chap. 5 or 6 of the Code of Ordinances at their meeting.

Sept. 9, 2024 Unfinished Business

John Cypher reported on his research regarding the request from Judy Varney about a road-safety issue on Constitution Ave. A problem had developed across the road (which is in Jefferson Township) in front of the Liberty Pointe Development: employee's and other vehicles were parking and blocking the road. The Township Manager and Asst. Codes Enforcement officer have alleviated that matter. John Cypher had noted on Aug. 12th, our record of Township Ord. #87 and the Borough Ordinance #364 from 1991 for 'occasional police enforcement and traffic control on boundary line roads between Jefferson Township and Saxonburg Borough' which we believe is still in force, but it does NOT require the Borough to ticket or fine. He spoke to the Saxonburg Borough Manager, Mr. May, and they do have record of a 1955 agreement between the Borough and the Township for 'maintenance' of the cartway (which at the time was gravel.) They also have the cooperation agreement (our #87, their Ordinance #364 from 1991). The matter to be considered this evening is whether the township officials want to discuss the two 'intergovernmental agreements' with the Saxonburg Borough officials...to determine what to do next (i.e., update or enter into revised agreements.) Lois Rankin noted that she spoke to Bill Gillespie recently and perhaps this is the time to enter into an agreement like the one Summit Township has with Saxonburg Police. After considerable discussion, the Supervisors voted to authorize the Board of Supervisors to attend a Borough meeting and then invite the Saxonburg Council (or their representatives) to attend one of our meetings to discuss the possibilities.

Two fuel bids were received for opening this evening as advertised. Both provided a Bid Bonds and insurance certificates. *PURVIS BROTHERS, INC.*

Item 1 – up to 6,500 gal. on road diesel fuel - Unit price \$2.2456 & \$.17 differential = \$2.4156 per gal.

Winterization per gal. \$.04 (cents).

Item 2 – up to 1,000 gal. unleaded No Ethanol gas -Unit price \$2.9545 + \$.50 differential = \$3.4545 per gal.

Item 3 – up to 3,000 gal. regular unleaded 87 Octane gas – Unit price \$2.3244 + \$.17 differential = \$2.4944 per gal.

GLASSMERE FUEL SERVICE, INC.

Item 1 – up to 6,500 gal. on road diesel fuel - Unit price \$2.2565 & \$.157 differential = \$2.4135 per gal.

Winterization per gal. \$.035 (cents).

Item 2 – up to 1,000 gal. unleaded No Ethanol gas -Unit price \$2.262 + \$.657 differential = \$2.919 per gal.

Item 3 – up to 3,000 gal. regular unleaded 87 Octane gas – Unit price \$2.1875 + \$.157 differential - \$2.3445 per gal.

The Supervisors voted to award the fuel (all three items) to the lowest responsible bidder, Glassmere Fuel Service, Inc. as bid and subject to the instructions on Attachment #1 and Table 1 Diesel Fuel attachment included in the bid packet.

Sept. 9, 2024 New Business

The Supervisors voted to approve Component #3 for an SFTF (small flow treatment facility) for Terry Allen (Caldwell Drive) to repair/replace existing system and adopt Resolution #533 for Act 537 Plan Revision (required by DEP).

In order to posture the Township Supervisors to take immediate action if needed for possible future litigation, the Supervisors voted to authorize of the Township Solicitor to initiate appropriate legal action/proceedings to restrain, correct or abate violations of the Township Code of Ordinances, to prevent unlawful construction, to recover damages, and to prevent illegal occupancy of a building, structure or premises at the property of 340 Riemer Road, Sarver, PA 16055, Butler County Tax Parcel #320-1F94-16A, against all responsible persons/entities.

Southwest Quorum in Canonsburg (Hilton Garden Inn) is coming up on Wed., Oct. 2, 2024. The cost is \$99.00 for PSATS members.

The Municipal Grant Writing Workshop is Sept. 30th at BC3 sponsored by Butler County. RSVP due by Sept. 25th, but the manager may already be registered to attend.

The Butler County Local Government Officials Course offered three Saturdays this fall. The classes are free for governments in Butler County.

Sat., Sept. 28, 2024 – Session 1: Municipal Finance

Sat., Oct. 12, 2024 – Session 2: Powers & Duties of Local Government

Sat., Oct. 19, 2024 – Session 3: Community Infrastructure and Public Safety

It was noted that the November meeting is scheduled for the evening of Nov. 11th (Veteran's Day). The Board did not want to reschedule.

Public Comment & Miscellaneous Business – Sept. 9, 2024

Major Expenditures since the Aug. 12th meeting through Sept. 9, 2024

Purvis Brothers, Inc. – gas & diesel	\$1,814.06
Orion Safety Products – flares, etc.	\$1,734.56
Teamsters #261 & Employer – health ins. Oct. 2024	\$6,949.72
Wine Concrete Products – grate/top, etc.	\$1,155.00
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham – June 2024 legal	\$2,897.50
Russell Standard Corp. – seal and fog coats	\$154,454.95
Butler County – DCNR draw down rec'd 9/5, then paid to County toward SEBCO Pool Project	\$277,500.00

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 6:00 P.M.

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Evelyn Gross, Mike Gaston, James Jones,
Brian Noah (Vice-Chair.), Martha Fleming (Secretary), Robert Williams, Dan Driscoll, and Bernie Shulik.
Robert Wetzel is 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), Justin Demek (Baseball Assn. President or alternate representative Justin Thompson (new Baseball Vice-Pres.),
James C. Jones (Softball), and Kody Durrett (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.

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

FALL SCHOOL TAX Collection Hours: 4:30 to 7:30 PM on 8/6/24, then 9/17, 9/18, 9/14, 9/25 and 9/26/24.

By mail anytime. All other times by appointment only. Never leave unstamped envelopes in the Tax Collector's personal mailbox. Secure Drop Box located on the porch at 245 Heller Rd.

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.

⇒ **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).

⇒ **Butler County Recycling Events**

2024 Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection Events

Butler County DEP collection permit approved hold its 2024 Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics collection events for our county residents as follows:

Nov 9 - 690 Valencia Road, Mars, PA 16046

Residents will be required to pre-register to attend these events and are scheduled for an approximate arrival time which helps to keep attendees from waiting in long lines. The Noble Environmental web site is <https://nobleenviro.com/> or call 412-567-6566. At the top of the web page, click on “E-waste and HHW Collections” to find the registration page and details about attending an event. Please note that only credit cards are accepted for payment. Cash and checks are not accepted.

⇒ **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 it 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.

⇒ **BUNDLE UP BUTLER** (sponsored by Center for Community Services)


DONATIONS of ‘Gently Used Coats, Gloves, Hats, & Scarves’ needed. Drop Off Box located at the Jefferson Township Office – 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA 16002 – through Monday, Oct. 7th.

The ‘event’ is on Oct. 11, 2024 at the Butler Farm Market from 10 AM to 1 PM.

⇒ **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>

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

