

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR MEETING

December 12, 2016

### CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Jefferson Township Board of Supervisors, held at the municipal building on 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler, PA, was called to order by Chairman John Cypher at 7:00 P.M. on December 12, 2016. All rose to pledge the flag.

### ROLL CALL:

Those present were John Cypher, Lois Rankin, Braden Beblo, and Sec/Treas. Lois Fennell.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Board met briefly with the engineer on Wed., Nov. 16th to hear information on the MS4 waiver application; and had a notary present that morning to witness their signatures on the Miller/Lezzer (Stoneybrook) Developer's agreement.

John Cypher reported that the Supervisors met briefly in executive session before the start of this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

### MINUTES:

John Cypher *moved* to approve the Nov. 14, 2016 regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. Braden Beblo *seconded*. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### FINANCIAL:

Bills paid between the November 14th and the December 12, 2016 meetings totaled \$3,949.58 from the General Fund and \$18,610.98 Fire Escrow Fund returned to property owner; repairs completed. Bills presented for payment from the General Fund this evening totaled \$7,093.50. No bills were presented from the State Fund this evening. Total of all funds after payment of the bills was \$1,427,947.98. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented plus any regular bills that may become due before the January 3, 2017 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT:

Tax Collector Nadine Grabe, presented the annual tax report to be signed by the chairman and secretary.

RECREATION COMMITTEE: No report/no meetings in Nov., Dec. and Jan.

Lois Rankin inquired about the meeting that Greg Bauer was to set up with Keith Thrower, park committee members and the road foreman, so they can become informed about accessing the camera system and pictures. The secretary has not been notified, but will let the Supervisors and Road Foreman know when she gets word. It was also noted that Gary Pinkerton has not gotten back to the Township about options in regards to the swing set and fall safe surface.

### ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Road Foreman William Foertsch submitted a report to the Board of Supervisors. John Cypher read the report: Bill Foertsch inquired about the budget for 2017 equipment purchases. He has suggested replacing the pay loader. John Cypher said that they should start looking for prices, with trade, including a price on a new John Deere. Buffalo Township is planning on resurfacing the bike trail through Jefferson Township in 2017. They had no plans to bond township roads during the project. Bill spoke to Buffalo Township Supervisor, John Haven, to express his concerns and finally told Mr. Haven that they would have

## ROAD FOREMAN REPORT, cont.:

to bond 'our' roads or just use the 3 state routes that access the trail (Herman Rd., Winfield Rd., and Sarver Rd.) The Supervisors agreed stating that if they use our roads, they must bond them. The cell phones (approved in Oct.) were updated this past week for \$144.98 (one smart phone/two new flip phones.) The road crew has been doing some building maintenance and organization. The snow fence is nearly up, except for one section along Fisher Rd. (waiting for beans to be harvested.) The Mack truck will hopefully be on its way to Walsh Equipment by December 19-23.

John Cypher expressed special thanks to the road crew for their efforts to track down a vehicle that did damage to the guardrails on Fisher Rd. early this year. Along with the help of neighbors, they got the VIN and driver's name, who had no license, but did have insurance on the vehicle, and so the Township was able to claim the damages of \$1,957.50, which was paid by the General Insurance Company in October. John asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the State Police officer who did the investigation and to note in the newsletter 'our thanks' to the neighbors who relayed information to the road crew!!

PLANNING COMMISSION: No report/Nov. 17th meeting was cancelled - no business.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The 2017 Budget was introduced to the Board of Supervisors in October, reviewed at the November meeting and advertised for final review and adoption this evening. The adjustments made: \$155,000 for Hannahstown Rd. won't be spent until 2017 (from Impact Fee funds) and payment on the Mack truck, ordered this summer, will not be disbursed until 2017. John Cypher responded to a question from Bill Foertsch that the Board will look at the roads in the spring and determine the extent of road paving and chipping to be done and, yes, they can shift budget funds or use impact fee or capital reserve if needed to expand the 'road project'. *Motion* by John Cypher to adopt Resolution #391 adopting the 2017 Budget as amended with no increase in the real estate tax mills (remains at 1 mill). *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

The Miller/Lezzer - Stoneybrook Drive Developer's Agreement has finally been approved and recorded by the Township Attorney. The Lezzer/Miller-Stoneybrook Building and Phasing Plan Revisions was approved contingent on the completion of the developer's agreement on Sept. 12, 2016. The 90 day 'recording' time has therefore expired. *Motion* by Lois Rankin to re-approve the Lezzer/Miller-Stoneybrook Building and Phasing Plan Revisions to allow additional time to get it recorded. *Seconded* by John Cypher. All agreed and *motion carried*.

It was noted that we received one letter of interest (from Jeanie Franke) in one of the two open Auditor positions (Jeanie Franke). Lois Rankin will be re-contacting the other person (Marlene Shrader). Sue Hartzell provided another name (David Campbell) if needed.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

## MISC. BUSINESS:

- Received NOTICE from Range Resources re: Surface Landowner/Water Purveyor of Well Drilling Operation - for Thompson, Donald 11750 1H, 2H, + 3H - Martin Rd., Buffalo Township.

ATTENDANCE: Dennis Kriley, Bill & Mandi Foertsch, Nadine Grabe, Jim Rankin, Evie Gross, and Sue Hartzell.

ADJOURN: *Motion* by Lois Rankin to adjourn at 7:27 P.M. *Seconded* by Braden Beblo. All agreed and *motion carried*. The reorganization meeting is scheduled for TUESDAY, Jan. 3, 2017 at 7 P.M. at the Township Building, 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler. to be followed immediately by the regular meeting for January. The Auditors need to re-organize on Wed., Jan. 4, 2017 at 7 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted by Sec/Treas., Lois Fennell*