

# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

## REGULAR MEETING

May 9, 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 May 9, 2016. All rose to pledge the flag.

### ROLL CALL:

Those present were John Cypher, Rodger Davis, Lois Rankin, and Sec/Treas. Lois Fennell.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: None.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Board met with the attorney at 5 PM today, before the start of this meeting, on personnel matters.

### MINUTES:

John Cypher *moved* to approve the April 11, 2016 regular meeting minutes as written and distributed. Rodger Davis *seconded*. All agreed and *motion carried*.

### FINANCIAL:

Bills paid between the April 11th and the May 9, 2016 meetings totaled \$30,532.02; this included the 25% down on the garage completion construction. Bills presented for payment from the General Fund this evening totaled \$12,636.56. No bills were presented from the State Fund this evening. Total of all funds after payment of the bills was \$1,525,796.18. *Motion* by John Cypher to pay the bills presented plus any regular bills that may become due before the June 13, 2016 meeting. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

PUBLIC BUSINESS OR COMMENT: None.

### RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Wayne Deaner, Recreation Committee Secretary, reported on their May 4, 2016 meeting. Wayne noted that we are still in need of a 'chairperson' for the Recreation Committee. He reported that the security camera system is being installed. The Butler County Park & Renovation grant of \$5,850 was awarded to the Township with a local match of \$1,950 (for a project total of \$7800.00.)

Baseball: Opening day was Sat., April 30th. Tournaments have not been scheduled yet, but should be scheduled by the end of May. The maintenance shed rehab is in progress.

Pool: They have three work days scheduled: 5/14, 5/16, and 5/21. Opening day is Sat., May 28th. Some rehab work will be done in the pump house. They will be contacting sponsors to display advertising signs at the pool.

Softball: The season started for ages 8 to 10 and age 12. Age 15 and 18 start in mid-May. The Saxonburg Fast Pitch Tournament is set for July 22nd-24th. No field or park issues to report.

Soccer: Wayne Deaner reported that there was vandalism at the Soccer concession stand. Thanks to soccer having security cameras in place, the vandals were identified by the police and repairs will be made!

Park Projects: Jeff Stull of Thrower Concrete donated concrete blocks to place at the Rt. 356 park entrance to discourage unauthorized entry. *Motion* by John Cypher to send a thank you letter. *Seconded* by Rodger Davis. All agreed and *motion carried*.

## RECREATION COMMITTEE, cont.:

Old Business: The Recreation Committee suggests that a dedication be held for the gazebo and asked the Township to provide a sign identifying the donor as Penn United Technologies in memory of Carl and James Jones. The Board tabled the matter for consideration. The Committee suggested that we ask for donations to purchase four picnic tables (cost is about \$1,000 each). Leo Rosenbauer suggested that we talk to Wendy Leslie about using CDBG funds for tables (one or more) that are accessible for the handicapped. The secretary will e-mail her. Leo Rosenbauer will remind Classic Signs about re-painting the Rt. 356 park entrance sign...one more time. If they don't get it done in a week or so, he'll get the paint for Viki Nulph to do it. *Motion* by John Cypher to send a letter of thanks to Rich Weleski for planting flowers and mulching at the park entrances. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*.

Lois Rankin asked about needing 'no ATVs' or snow mobiles' signs at the park. The matter was tabled for review of the 'parks rules and regs.'

## ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

Road Foreman William Foertsch submitted a report to the Board of Supervisors. John Cypher noted that the road crew completed the berming project for 2016. All the scrap has been hauled to Garvin's Auto Salvage; John noted 13 truck loads for which Garvin remitted a check for over \$2520.40. The maintenance garage has been cleaned out and is ready for construction. The road crew also primed and painted the interior wall as requested by John Cypher. The Hustler mower had 2 repairs this month; a starter was rebuilt and a new pto clutch was installed. Signs were ordered to place at housing plans to notify residents that road will be oiled and chipped during the summer and a placard will be added when dates have been scheduled. After some discussion, Rodger Davis *moved* to purchase 3 outside motion lights for the maintenance garage man doors to replace broken and damaged ones; total cost about \$250. *Seconded* by Lois Rankin. All agreed and *motion carried*. The road crew will be working on patching and more preparation for the chip seal of roads; also some crack sealing as time and weather allows. They plan to do the first mowing towards the end of May. The Supervisors discussed possible equipment purchase for 2016. John Cypher noted that there is \$150,000 budgeted and he suggests considering replacement of the 2007 Peterbuilt with a new 10 ton. They agreed to look into estimates and trade-in or selling of old truck. The Supervisors discussed and agree to notify townships (Butler County and via PSATS discussion group) that we are interested in selling the 1959 Massey Ferguson tractor w/front loader. If another township purchases it, no bidding is required and the price can be negotiated. Glen Heilman will discuss the 'trac paver' purchase with his fellow Supervisors from So. Buffalo Township and will let us know.

The Supervisors discussed in executive session and announced this evening that they will do without an interim foreman while the foreman is on vacation in June and John Cypher will act as foremen. They announced that the 60 calendar-day probation will end on May 12th for the new road employee. Nick Krelow will receive \$17.00 hour beginning 5/13/16, will receive 3 personal days for the balance of 2016; will receive boot benefit this year as well. Otherwise his vacation and sick days will begin at the start of 2017. He is also eligible for the health insurance and disability insurance and the pension plan via the township. The Board okayed a personal day for Bill Foertsch on May 27th.

John Cypher reported that he and Bill talked to Gary Sharpe about the driveway (see public business from April 11th meeting.) He was told that he can get an 'official' driveway permit to put in a swale or pipe, or the township can restore the berm back to as it should be (before Mr. Sharpe tried to make a new access there.) John reported that he met with Mr. Honzo. The problem there stems from his neighbor not clearing out the culvert and the water backing up on Mr. Honzo's property. The Township is not responsible. In regards to a complaint from Clyde Fennell about overhanging branches from a pine tree on Great Belt Rd., John and Bill talked to the neighbor and got permission to trim the overhanging branches over the right of way only!

## PLANNING COMMISSION:

Leo Rosenbauer reported on the April 28, 2016 Planning Commission (PC) meeting. The P.C. reviewed the St. Luke's land development. They have proposed a roof over the existing cement pad. The porch roof specs were pasted onto an old subdivision plan from 1996. There were eight (8) comments to be addressed: 1) Existing land uses not shown. 2) Location map not included. 3) Name and Address of Owner missing. 4) Name, address and seal of registered surveyor needed. 5) Building lines not shown. 6) Names and addresses of adjoining property owners needed. 7) Certification blocks needed. 8) Distances between all proposed additions and property lines needed. It was noted that the proposed porch appears to be within the side-yard setback and would need a lot-line set-back modification, which St. Luke's could give to themselves as they own the adjacent property. Mr. Gillespie and Mr. Wilt were not sure whether there was a 'consolidation' of the lots (as shown on the county maps.) After some discussion and a motion that failed to require satisfaction of the comments as well as other requirements in Chapter 22, the Planning Commission voted to table action on the plan, pending re-submission.

Concerning St. Luke's proposed paving of the parking lot, a copy of the storm water plan from 2000 was submitted. They plan at that time included a new school building and a new worship center and parking. The storm water pond was sized for those improvements, however, the worship center was not built; only the parking lot was improved some. The P.C. requested that this information be sent to our engineer for review before they pave the parking lot.

Leo reported to the P.C. members the XTO-Mountain Gathering re-use of the pad on John Jerich property for another temporary water tank for fracking wells. Leo thought there should be additional recorded protections for the township, but Attorney Marshall advised the Supervisors who decided at their April 11th meeting that the existing agreements were sufficient and approved the re-use with the contingency that XTO verify in writing to the Township that: **a)** the tank to be built on the property will be within the same footprint (or smaller area) as the originally constructed tank; and **b)** that the proposed work on the site will not result in any changes to the SWM Site Plan approved by the Township in 2014.

Kevin Miller brought in a preliminary drawing and proposed to convert two quads in Stoneybrook Plan into 4 duplexes. They would have the same number of units and density. Duplexes are selling better and do not require sprinkler systems. The P.C. advised Mr. Miller to contact Attorney Marshall to see if there are any changes in the agreement with the Township (i.e. developer's agreement and bonding.)

The P.C. discussed a complaint (phone call) regarding the Durham property using the private lane for a business access. They discussed the excavation taking place at the old Saxonburg plant site on Dinnerbell Rd. They requested that Dave Vaughan investigate. Leo noted that the Conservation District will be visiting the site in regards to 'earth moving.' Leo Rosenbauer reported that DEP is handling Frank Leslie's filling-in of pond and flood plain on his farm off Caldwell Dr.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The front loader was discussed during the road report.

## NEW BUSINESS:

The gas and diesel bid was discussed very briefly and tabled. They will consider whether quoting or bidding needs to take place this year. Purchases to date are well under the 'quote' requirement.

The Township was contacted by Saxonburg Borough about an "Electronics Recycling Event" for 2016. Lois Rankin said it would likely be in September. The Board is agreeable to participate and will wait for more information.

A letter was received from Butler County Emergency Services regarding "All Hazards Mitigation Plan 2015". They want to know if Jefferson Township will adopt the Butler County Plan. The Supervisors said to run it by the new Emergency Management Coordinator for his opinion before we adopt a resolution.

## MISC. BUSINESS:

- Received NOTICE from XTO Energy that they are applying for a well permit for the proposed Briston B Unit 4H well in Butler Township off Dutchtown Rd.
- Received NOTICE from Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources is applying for a 'temporary waterline' (above ground) placement along the edge of the well pad access, off Dinnerbell Rd.
- Received NOTICE from Gannett Fleming that they will submit a 'water management plan amendment' to DEP for approval to withdraw water from the Paul Smith pond.
- Received NOTICE from XTO Energy that they are submitting a well permit renewal affidavit for the proposed Kiley B Unit 3H well off Becker Rd.
- Received NOTICE from XTO Energy that they are applying for a well permit for the proposed Christensen Unit 5H well off Saxonburg Rd.
- Received Well Location Plat for fromRange Resources for the Allen, John 10202 Well 6H/7H off Westminster Rd. in Clinton Twp.

A representative from PLGIT will be coming to the office on May 20th at 10 AM to talk to Lois Fennell about our accounts and the new regulations on investments. Also, a representative from Armstrong is coming at 9 AM on May 20th to talk about the services they provide; due to FCC reclarification, they can't be free anymore, but can be offered at a discounted rate. Supervisors Cypher and Davis will try to attend that morning.

Rodger Davis talked to Dave Andrews. The permit applications were sent and they are still on track for the West Jefferson Rd./Creek Rd. Habitat Improvement Project stream work (discussed and authorized last month.)

Lois Rankin noted that there are supposed to be MS4 workshops during the week of July 25th in Cranberry, but specific dates and times have not been set. She said to put the topic on the June agenda.

## ATTENDANCE:

Gene & Shirley Widenhofer, Wayne Deaner, Jim Rankin, Dennis Kriley, Evie Gross, and Leo Rosenbauer.

## ADJOURN:

*Motion* by Lois Rankin to adjourn at 8:14 P.M. John Cypher *seconded* the motion. All agreed and *motion carried*. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7 P.M. at the Township Building, 157 Great Belt Rd., Butler.

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