



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER April 2016

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Interested persons please contact the Township Office if you desire to become a member 'at large' from the Township with intent to become Chairman of the Recreation Committee.

Recreation Committee

Wayne Deaner reported on the April 6, 2016 Recreation Committee meeting. Wayne reported that he, Leo Rosenbauer, Keith Thrower and Dutch Grabe met at the park on March 17th to discuss the camera security system. Supervisors Davis and Cypher were also present. This evening the Supervisors voted to proceed to have West Penn Power replace the junction box at the Rt. 356 park gate. Prior to that work, which was quoted for \$1,855.00, the electrician will have to set the meter and the conduit will have to be installed for that camera. The Township road crew has already installed conduit for the other two cameras and Dutch Grade installed wiring and outdoor electrical equipment boxes.

Baseball: Opening day is Sat., April 30th. Spring maintenance is underway. They thanked Jeff Stull for removing junk behind Field #3. The baseball tournaments have not be scheduled yet.

Pool: The Pool is having a huge water softener system installed. The water will be tested every month by a State Inspector. Clean-up day was Sat., April 2nd. and the pool cover was removed. They requested that the Township road crew pick it up and store it, as usual, until fall. Their staff hiring is complete. The swim team is being organized.

Softball: They have two 8+under, one 12+under, one 15+under and one 18+under teams this year. There are NO slow pitch teams for the first time in their history. Knoch High and BC3 teams are using their field again for games this year. The new infield surface on Field #5 is working extremely well this spring and they may do the same for Field #4 later this year. Their tournament is scheduled for July 15th-17th.

Soccer: REMINDER - golf outing scheduled for Sat., May 21st at 2 PM at the Birdsfoot Golf Course. Register at their website: www.knochsoccer.org

Projects: Jeff Stull has volunteered to donate concrete blocks to be placed at the Rt. 356 entrance gate to block unauthorized entry into the park. After some discussion, the Supervisors agreed that 4 blocks (2x2x6) would be sufficient.

Old Business: The dumpster at the Farm Field was relocated to avoid having the garbage trucks cross the trail. Leo Rosenbauer is checking one more time with Classic Signs about repainting the Rt. 356 entrance sign (work previously approved.) If there is no response, Viki Nulph has volunteered to paint the signs if the Township will purchase the paint.

Misc. Wayne Deaner commented the road crew for their excellent work and special care of the park!

Road Foreman's Report

John Cypher read the report submitted by road foreman, Bill Foertsch. The snow fence is down and in storage. Spring clean-up in housing plans is done; maintenance is underway on intersections and main lines. Nursery Lane tree trimming is done. The salt bin was topped-off but then more salt had to be used. The Supervisors discussed and decided not to get anymore additional salt to top-off the salt building again. They are hoping the cost will do down some in the next contract. The road crew is currently checking and cleaning

close to 300 inlets and outlets of culverts throughout the township. As weather permits, the road crew will remove the salt spreaders and move forward to set up trucks for berming and summer maintenance. If the Board proceeds to award the garage completion bid this evening, they can begin to clear out the building for construction. Chairman Cypher suggested that the scrap metal in and around the garage and township property should be gathered and sold. The Board voted to proceed. South Buffalo Township is interested in the old Trac Paver. The Township has not used it for at least 4 years. No bidding is required to sell to another municipality. The Supervisors voted to sell it to South Buffalo Township for somewhere between \$2,500 and \$3,500. Chairman Cypher said the old 'front loader' does not get used and asked the other board members to consider selling it. They want to look at it first. Bill Foertsch suggested that it could be traded up for a tractor for use at the park.

Planning Commission

Evie Gross, P.C. Chair, reported that the March 24, 2016 Planning Commission (PC) meeting was cancelled. Chairman Cypher noted correspondence with XTO Energy's attorney and the Township attorney and the P.C. Chair., Leo Rosenbauer. XTO wants to re-install a temporary water tank on the existing base on the John Jerich property. Attorney Marshall provided several options. The Board voted to opt to have XTO verify in writing to the Township that the tank to be built on the property will be within the same footprint as the originally constructed tank (or will be smaller) and that the proposed work on the site will not result in any changes to the Storm Water Management Site Plan approved by the Township in 2014. If XTO provides this written verification, then the Township would be justified in not requiring a new or amended plan approval.

April 11, 2016 Unfinished Business

The Supervisors opened the paving and seal coat bids submitted for this evening. The prices were read by the secretary as follows:

Wiest Asphalt	Paving /Item 1 - 1,617 ton Bituminous Binder Course, FB-2	\$56.88	\$91,974.96
"	Seal Coat - no bid		
Russell Standard Corp.	Paving /Item 1 - 1,617 ton Bituminous Binder Course, FB-2	\$58.50	\$94,594.50
"	Seal Coat/ Item 1- 147,009 S.Y. Dbl Bituminous Seal Coat, SRL G	\$ 1.877	\$275,935.89
Suit Kote Corp.	Paving /Item 1 - 1,617 ton Bituminous Binder Course, FB-2	\$75.88	\$122,697.96
"	Seal Coat/ Item 1- 147,009 S.Y. Dbl Bituminous Seal Coat, SRL G	\$ 2.393	\$351,792.53
Youngblood Paving	Paving/Item 1 - 1,617 ton Bituminous Binder Course, FB-2	\$89.00	\$143,913.00
"	Seal Coat/ Item 1- 147,009 S.Y. Dbl Bituminous Seal Coat, SRL G	\$ 1.914	\$281,375.22
Midland Asphalt	Paving - no bid		
"	Seal Coat/ Item 1- 147,009 S.Y. Dbl Bituminous Seal Coat, SRL G	\$ 3.000	\$441,027.00

The Supervisors voted to award the paving bid to the apparent low bidder, Wiest Asphalt Products and Paving, Inc. for \$91,974.96. The Supervisors voted to award the seal coat bid to the apparent low bidder, Russell Standard Corp. for \$275,935.89.

Dave Andrews from the Connoquenessing Watershed Alliance explained the West Jefferson Rd./Creek Rd. Habitat Improvement Project to the Supervisors at the April 11th meeting. This area was chosen due to flooding and lack of sufficient habitat for the fish (the stream is stocked, but the fish don't stay!) It will take about 5 days to do the projected 1,000 ft. of stream. Permit application has already been sent to the Conservation District and they hope to begin late June. At this point, there is no 'monetary' cost to the township. The Watershed Alliance will pay for the whole project (with the help of extra donations from XTO Energy.) The Township loader or backhoe with operator will be needed, as well as the road crew's help in picking up and delivering the donated 'root balls'. They will be installing 44 devices used to stabilize the banks and create 'habitats' for the fish. The roads will need to be closed to through traffic from about 8 AM to 3 PM that week.

The Supervisors publicly opened and read the 'garage completion bids' as received at the advertised opening on March 30, 2016. They are:

1)	Advanced Truss, Inc.	\$109,261.00
2)	HDCS (Heckman Div. Con. Serv.)	\$144,746.00
3)	Springer Contracting	\$119,513.00
4)	Community Builders Group	\$113,326.50
5)	James D. Miller & Sons Construction	\$135,194.00
6)	Swede Construction	\$142,360.00

The Supervisors voted this evening, April 11, 2016, to award the bid to the apparent lowest, responsible bidder, Advanced Truss, Inc. for \$109,261.00. This is under the amount budgeted (\$120,000) for 2016.

The Supervisors will continue to look at the draft revised floodplain ordinance provided by our attorney. They agreed that the Planning Commission should get a few copies to review and make comment to the Board.

The Supervisors and Planning Commission will continue to look at the requirements to satisfy the new 'small MS4' designation. Erin Kepple from the SW Planning Commission offered to meet with the township officials if needed.

In regards to the Armstrong Cable Franchise, we just received notice that the new FCC regulations require that the 'free' services the township gets (i.e. internet/cable) are to be considered as part of the fee percentage. The Township will have to allow those services to be deducted (at a discounted rate) from our quarterly franchise fee receipts.

April 11, 2016 New Business

The first public hearing on the 2016 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funding was held at 6:50 PM on April 11, 2016 (prior to the regular meeting) as advertised by the County of Butler. Wendy Leslie, CDBG Coordinator, explained that the 2016 CDBG allocation has not been announced yet, but will likely be close to the 2015 amounts (about \$93,566 for both Admin. & Project funds.) The remaining 2013 project funds (\$5,800), 2014 project funds (\$76,950) and 2015 project funds (\$76,781 which are not under contract yet) have been designated by the Township for housing rehabilitation. The Supervisors can determine a 'project' for the alternate use of funding; they need to make that designation before the next CDBG hearing held at the County usually later in the summer.

A letter from Winfield Township's Manager was received inquiring whether Jefferson Township Supervisors would be interested in joining a proposed "Southern Butler County Emergency Operations Center". The township would share in the cost of start-up (approx. \$20,000). Mr. Hartwig hopes to obtain 'buy-in' from 4 or 5 municipalities that would utilize the EOC if developed. He suggested that some Act 13 funds might be designated for this. The Supervisors indicated that they are interested in participating if there is joint support by 4 or 5 municipalities.

Miscellaneous and Public Business, April 11, 2016

- Received NOTICE from XTO Energy that they are applying for a well permit for the proposed Bachelder Unit 1H in Penn Township off Crisswell Rd.

- Received NOTICE from Range Resources regarding the proposed well site on the property of John Allen in Clinton Twp. off Westminster Rd.

An e-mail was received from Ken Hawk, owner, president and general manager of WSNQ AM 1620 in Saxonburg. In an effort to reach out to the community, his is asking for any "news, news releases, court papers, public service announcements, etc." be forwarded to his e-mail address: saxonburgradio@zoominternet.net

Mr. Sharpe from Bullcreek Rd. was present about a driveway issue and Mr. Honzo from Saxonburg Road was present about a water run-off problem. The Supervisors will be looking at the sites and will decide what the Township is able to do, if anything.

A letter was received from Karen Boltz, one of the auditors appointed in January for 2016. She states that she does not wish to be reappointed in 2017.

A volunteer is still needed to serve on the Recreation Committee as a 'member at large' and who will likely serve as the 'chairperson'.

Major Expenditures since the March 14 through April 11, 2016:

AmeriHealth Casualty Service - w/c premium payment	1,203.91
Cargill Salt - salt (state \$20,682.59 & gen. fund \$10,291.94)	30,974.53
Chase Card VISA - Murphy Tractor (for service on SkidSteer)	1,182.09
Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham - legal fees Feb.	1,376.27
Health Assurance of PA - health insurance	4,225.25

The Newsletter

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TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday - 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM & Friday mornings - 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM.
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.

NOTE: OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, APRIL 29 through FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016 for vacation!!

A contact list will be posted on the door at the township and provided in the answering machine message.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors – 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. (except Jan. & April)

L. John Cypher, Chairman Lois Rankin, Vice-Chair. Rodger Davis, Supervisor

Planning Commission – 4th Thursday at 7:00 P.M. except for Nov. 19 & Dec. 17, 2015)

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chairman), Evelyn Gross (Secretary), Danielle Sedlak, (Vice-Chair), Bill Montgomery, Kathryn Foertsch, Gary Stone, James C. Jones, Robert Wetzel, and Robert Williams

Recreation Board – 1st Wednesday at 8 P.M. Feb. to Oct. (no meetings Nov., Dec. & Jan.)

Members: (Vacancy) (Chair.), Wayne Deaner (Secretary), Viki Nulph, Greg Bauer (Pool), Brian Patten (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.

The Tax Collector is Nadine Grabe - 724-352-3288

245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002 - 352-3288

HOURS FOR COUNTY/LOCAL TAX PERIODS:

April 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M.

and the only Saturday is April 30th from 10 AM to 12 Noon.

Or otherwise by appointment - 724-352-3288.

Nadine will NOT be available to take payments between May 14th and May 22nd.



Butler County's 2016 Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collections:

2016 Dates: April 16, May 7 & 21, June 4 & 25, July 16, August 20, September 17,

October 15 and 29, November 19, and December 17 (winter dates are weather permitting.)

Just for clarification...the contractor cannot take large freon appliances like full-size refrigerators and freezers.

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

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NOTICE: Best Buy Electronics is no longer accepting televisions for recycling in Pennsylvania.

