



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

NEWSLETTER

December 2017

Road Foreman's Report

Chairman Cypher read the report submitted by road foreman, Bill Foertsch. Bill reported on the quote for a 2019 Mack 14 speed Mdrive truck with stainless dump body, Gledhill plow, Stainless salt spreader and other proposed options....less trade of the 96 International (\$14,500) would come to \$165,739.47. With the Board's approval to order the truck this month, we will still have use of the 96 International for the winter. The Supervisors voted to accept the 'Co-Stars' (state piggyback program) quote and proceed to order the new truck with trade-in and to authorize the road foreman to sign the necessary paperwork.

All garbage cans at the park were emptied into the maintenance garage dumpster, since the four organizations' seasons ended in November or earlier and all 5 dumpsters have already been removed. The majority of the leaves at the park have been removed; light clean-up will need done in the spring or sooner if weather allows. The park is now locked.

The new (used) Leaf-Vac was used to clean drainage along Cobham Lane. The road crew was able to blow the leaves into the woods. They plan to do the same thing along other roads throughout the township as weather permits. They are limited to the use of the Leaf-Vac until the new truck is delivered (which will have a barn door type tailgate and a hoop & tarp system.)

The pipe-liner quote (for the project on Great Belt Rd. near the bike trail) was \$55,000 (via Co-Stars state piggyback program). The video has been submitted and viewed by the road dept. and there is a 20 ft. long dig repair that the road crew will have to do before Insight Pipe can come in to install the liner (in 2018.) The video-taping was included in the quote. The Supervisors voted to approve and authorize the foreman to sign the contract with Insight Pipe.

Lois Rankin asked if it is time to sell the 'bucket truck.' It was noted that there have been some problems with it but the road crew made good use of it until recently. The Supervisors voted to advertise the Ford bucket truck for sale (as is/no warranty) via Municibid, the reserve price to be at the discretion of the road foreman. A legal ad will be placed indicating that the sale will be by bid via Municibid.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee has no meetings in November, December and January. No report.

Planning Commission

Leo Rosenbauer, Chairman of the Planning Commission reported on their Nov. 16, 2017 meeting. The P.C. reviewed and approved the J. Edward Elliott and Joseph P. & Michele L. Kasunich Lot-Line Revision on Green Manor Dr. with one contingency (to label the existing frame building on Lot 7 within the 25 ft. building line as 'existing non-conforming.')

Parcel A of 0.08 acres is to be conveyed to and combined with land of Mr. Elliott to correct the right-of-way (driveway) location (and to clear up deeds). Revised Lot 8 will be 1.92 acres and Revised Lot 7 will be 2.22 acres after conveyance. The contingency had been met, so the Supervisors voted approve the Elliott/Kasunich Lot-Line Revision Plan as revised.

The P.C. reviewed and approved the Wetzel/Smith Plan, a lot-line revision, for Ruth Wetzel and Paul & Lisa Smith on Burtner Rd. Tract A of 12.12 acres will be conveyed to the Smith parcel to equal 65.87 acres (which gives the Smiths more frontage on Burtner Rd.) Ms. Wetzel's parcel will be reduced to 87.80 acres. The Supervisors reviewed the plan at their 12/11/17 meeting and voted to approve the Wetzel/Smith Plan as presented.

Mr. Rich Craft from Olsen Engineering was present for a brief pre-application discussion regarding a proposed paving project for Calvary Baptist Church's parking lot and the proposed Phase II of the Stoneybrook Plan. Formal plans will be submitted in early 2018.

The P.C. reviewed the 11/10/17 comment letter from HRG, Inc. regarding the "Rustique Roost" (Simms) Land Development on Winfield Rd. which had three comments and voted to approve the Rustique Roost Land Development contingent upon those three items being addressed, which were: 1) dedication /signature block *for the owners to sign* needs included on the plan; 2) a note on the dwelling that it is 'existing/non-conforming' structure; and 3) receipt of the Butler County Planning review letter and the approval of the sewage module by DEP. Leo told the Supervisors that those contingencies have been met and the revised plans have been received. After a brief discussion, the Supervisors voted to approve the Rustique Roost (Simms) Land Development contingent upon it being signed by the owners (before a notary public) and upon payment to reimburse the Township for professional services rendered (both legal and engineering) in regards to the land development. The Supervisors also voted to adopt Resolution #406 - Plan Revision for New Land Development (required to be included in submission of the Sewage Component for the Rustique Roost (Simms) to DEP for their approval.)

The P.C. did NOT receive required revisions to the lot-line revision plan submitted by Lee Harbison since it was first reviewed on Oct. 26th. It was tabled at both the Oct. 26th and Nov. 16th P.C. meetings. Due to time constraints under the Municipal Planning Code it was recommended by the attorney that the Supervisors deny the plan as submitted because it is incomplete, which they voted to do this evening, 12/11/17.

Leo Rosenbauer asked Attorney Marshall this evening about an inquiry from Stan Graff regarding the sale of a lot in the Plantation Plan which is partly in Clinton Township and partly in Jefferson Township. It was noted as being 'future commercial' on the plan, but is apparently not zoned as such in Clinton Township and there is no zoning in Jefferson Township. It is also not subject to the covenants and restrictions of the PDR plan. It was agreed that the owners could apply for a permit in Jefferson Township for a house to be built in the 'Jefferson Township' area of the lot. Attorney Marshall said it would be up to the assessment office to adjust the tax parcel number.

Leo said the P.C. members will discuss moving their meetings from the 4th Thursday to the 3rd or 4th Monday. The Supervisors have no objection to the change.

The P.C. will discuss the letter of interest submitted by Dan Driscoll for the vacant P.C. position (beginning Jan. 2018) at their Dec. 14th meeting.

December 11, 2017 Unfinished Business

Last month the Supervisors authorized advertisement of the Proposed 2018 Budget's final review and adoption at the Dec. 11, 2017 meeting. After a brief discussion, they voted to adopt the 2018 Budget Resolution #405 with NO increase in real estate taxes for 2018 (it remains at 1 mill.)

The Supervisors voted at the November meeting to proceed with a joint application with Summit Township for the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation grant (2018/2019 round.) Resolution #404 was presented and adopted by the Supervisors at this meeting on Dec. 11, 2017 to authorize request/application for the Multimodal Transportation Grant.

The Supervisors voted to authorize signing of the cooperation agreement between the County, the Township, and the Redevelopment Authority to administer the 2016 Jefferson Township Housing Rehab. program.

It was noted that the final letter of determination for the Revised Flood maps is 'due' to be issued in January 2018, so our Revised Flood Plain Ordinance will need to be passed within 6 months.

December 11, 2017 New Business

II-VI, Inc. will test the "Community Early Warning System" on Friday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 16th at 12 Noon.

The Supervisors had no interest in passing a 'proclamation' regarding "School Choice Week."

The Supervisors will not pass a resolution to 'opt out' of gaming opportunities within the Commonwealth (as provided for under Act 42.)

The Supervisors had no interest in attending the PA Farm Show's Public Officials Day on 1/10/18.

Public Business and Miscellaneous Business - Dec. 11, 2017

- Received NOTICE from Gannett Fleming that Mountain Gathering, LLC (XTO Energy) have submitted a "Notice of Termination" to the DEP asking for approval to terminate coverage of ESCGP #ESG15-019-0049 - because all earth disturbance activities related to the Christensen Gas Pipeline have ceased and the area has been stabilized.

- Received NOTICE from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources, LLC is applying to DEP for a Permit Application to Drill and Operate Unconventional Well at West Pad 55, 2H, 220 Neupert Rd., Jefferson Twp.

- Received NOTICE from Gannett Fleming that XTO Energy proposes to construct a temporary water pipeline in Jefferson Township (Site name: Christensen Temporary Waterline). A municipal land use letter was sent to Gannett Fleming...responding that there is a 1999 municipal comprehensive plan, but no zoning, that that we have Subdivision & Land Development.

- Received NOTICE from HRG, Inc. that PennEnergy Resources, LLC is applying to DEP for a Permit to Drill & Operate an Unconventional Well (PER W34 3H Well) at 559 Marwood Rd., Cabot in Winfield Twp.

The Chairman and secretary signed the "Certificates of Uncollected Tax" for the tax collector.

The Supervisors noted receipt of the South Butler Community Library's 2018 budget. They also noted receipt of the letter from Butler County to announce the opening of the "Infrastructure Bank" (loan program.)

John Cypher reported that our current codes officer, Adam Hartwig, has tendered his resignation as of 12/31/17. They will be working towards finding a new CEO.

Major Expenditures since the Nov. 13 meeting through Dec. 11, 2017

Highmark Blue Shield - health insurance (for Dec.)	\$3,297.71
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic - engineering	\$1,315.51
Highmark Blue Shield - health insurance (for Jan.)	\$3,297.71
Purvis Brothers, Inc. - diesel	\$1,368.77
RA Services & RT Tech - annual accounting prog. renewal/consultant	\$1,250.00
Code.sys Code Consulting, Inc. - inspections/bldg. permits	\$3,184.42

The Newsletter

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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, *Bill Montgomery*, James Jones, Gary Stone, Robert Wetzal, and Robert Williams

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

Members: Brian Patten (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

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 - 724-352-3288 -- 245 Heller Rd., Butler, PA 16002
Anytime by mail. Other times by appointment only. Please call for an Appointment.

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

2018: Saturdays: Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, Apr. 21, May 5, May 19, June 16, July 21,
Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, 2018

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
Butler, PA 16003
Sheryl Kelly, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator Phone 724.284.5305
PROP-Certified Recycling Professional

Email skelly@co.butler.pa.us Web Site www.recyclebutler.us

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

⇒ 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.

⇒ Housing Rehab. - contact information:

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724.287.6797/1.800.433.6327/TDD: 1.800.545.1833 x772



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