



# JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP JANUARY 2016 Newsletter

## Re-Organization Jan. 4, 2016

As required by state law, all municipalities must hold their organization meeting on the first Monday of the year unless it is a holiday. The Jefferson Township Organization meeting was held on Monday, Jan. 4, 2016 followed immediately by the regular meeting *as advertised* (no meeting on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>.)

The Supervisors voted to appoint L. John Cypher as Chairperson and to appoint Lois J. Rankin as Vice-Chairman. Other Township officials were appointed or re-appointed *as follows*: Lois J. Fennell, Township Secretary/Treasurer and Planning Commission Clerk; Code.sys™ Code Consulting, Inc. as the building inspectors (except electric) for all permits under the PAUCC (residential, commercial & industrial) and BCO for all permits under the PAUCC with Dave McGuigan as our primary contact and BCO (building code officer); Allegheny Inspection Service, Inc. as the electrical inspectors for all permits under the PAUCC; David R. Vaughan as the code enforcement and building permit officer; D. Ben Cypher as fire marshal; Dillon, McCandless, King, Coulter & Graham as solicitors with Matt Marshall as our primary contact; Frank B. Taylor Engineering as the Township Engineers; Dennis Sybert as the dog control officer; Adam Hartwig as the emergency management coordinator; Eric Butler as the assistant emergency management coordinator; James C. Jones as the vacancy board member; Danielle Sedlak, Keith Bachman and Kevin Miller as the members to the Appeals Board for 2016, with Justin Stirling as alternate member; and Wayne Deaner to another 3-year term on the Recreation Committee. Lois J. Fennell was re-appointed as primary delegate and Erma Mowry as alternate delegate to the Butler Co. Tax Collection Committee; and Lois Fennell and Lois Rankin were re-appointed as representatives to the Butler Co. Association of Township Officials. Doug Duncan was re-appointed as primary sewage enforcement officer with David Ice re-appointed as alternate. Curtis Heakins was re-appointed to the Saxonburg Authority Board for a 5-year term (2016-2020). Bob Williams was re-appointed to another four year (4 yr.) term on the Jefferson Township Planning Commission. Declining reappointment were: Harold Riemer, who served on the Planning Commission since 1997 and Alfred Maurhoff, who served on the Planning Commission since 1984. They were both very active in the community and their participation has been greatly appreciated and will be greatly missed. The Board voted to appoint Gary Stone and James C. Jones for four year terms (2016, 17, 18, and 19) on the Planning Commission.

Other decisions at the re-organization meeting included: re-appointment of the cleaning person (Lois Rankin - working-supervisor); keeping First Commonwealth Bank as our primary depository plus a CD at Nextier and savings at PA Local Government Investment Trust; authorizing supervisors and secretary/treasurer to attend the annual state convention in Hershey (if they so desire) and pay the usual expenses; setting the mileage reimbursement at going IRS rate; keeping the treasurer's bond at \$800,000.00; and setting the monthly meetings on the second Monday monthly at 7:00 P.M. except for April which will be the 1st Monday, April 6th. The Planning Commission will continue to meet at 7:00 P.M. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (except Nov. & Dec.) The Recreation Committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 8 P.M. (except Nov., Dec. and Jan.)

After voting for a 3% raise for the secretary/treasurer and a 4% raise for one part-time road/park laborer, the Board voted to ratify a decision to hire two part-time temporary CDL drivers for snow removal and salting, due to being down to only two regular full-time roadmen temporarily. They will be paid \$17 hour with no benefits and a minimum 4-hour call-out.

The regular business portion of the meeting began at 7:40 P.M.

## Road Foreman's Report January 4, 2016

Bill Foertsch reported the 96 International truck had to be taken to Transaxle for a broken axle after their Dec. 18th salt run. They got it back on Dec. 30th. Bill reported that Thorn Creek is eroding at the bank along Creek Rd. The Supervisors will be looking at this and will determine who to contact about it and how to proceed. The JD Skid Steer has a hydraulic oil leak under the cab area. If the road men can't find it or get to it, the Board agreed that they take it for repairs (probably to Murphy Tractor Sales.)

## Recreation Committee

There were no meetings in December and January; there no report.

## Planning Commission

The December 17th meeting was canceled due to lack of business. The next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2016.

### Jan. 4, 2016 Unfinished Business

Last month, Evie Gross noted that she was contacted about the Jerich/Mountain Gathering 'water compound' a while back. The tank was removed, but Mr. Jerich wanted to leave the gravel base intact. The Supervisors would have to 'waive' the remainder of the restoration required in the Operations and Maintenance Agreement. The township attorney advised this evening to check on whether there are any 'engineering' reasons that the Board should not grant the waiver. The engineer responded that the 'Operations and Maintenance Agreement' will need to remain in perpetuity with the property as long as the gravel remains. This 'infiltration basin' will need to be maintained by the property owner. John Cypher proposed that we prepare a letter stating the above and then he will talk to Mr. Jerich again.

### Jan. 4, 2016 New Business

Sheryl Kelly, County Waste Management Coordinator, e-mailed to explain that the electronics and hazardous waste collection contractor had inquired about starting a county-wide pickup program for those who can't attend their scheduled collection events. They want to know if there are any conflicts. The Supervisors voted to respond stating that Jefferson Township has no ordinance or contract that would prohibit a pick-up program as described and as long as the Township is not involved, the Board has no objections.

### Miscellaneous Business, Jan. 4, 2016

Lois Rankin, who will be attending the PSATS State Conference in April, will collect items for the troops again this year. Items need to be delivered to the Township by April 14, 2016. See flyer e-mailed with this newsletter to our list of recipients.

There were a few complaints about the trucks entering/exiting the Becker Rd. 'gas well' entrance. Lois Rankin said she may be able to contact Amy Dobkin. Bill Foertsch will contact Jon Hood about the matter!

The Board approved repair of the Dyson sweeper (for office/meeting room cleaning) @ \$135 estimate.

#### Major Expenditures since the Dec. 14, 2015 through Jan. 4, 2016:

AmeriHealth Casualty Service - w/c premium payment	\$1,203.91
Health Assurance of PA - health ins. for Feb.	\$4,225.25
PSATS (PA State Assn. of Twp. Supervisors) - 2016 dues, etc.	\$1,577.00
Transaxle - 96 International repair	\$1,611.01

### 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.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

L. John Cypher, Chairman

Rodger Davis, Vice-Chair.

Lois Rankin, Supervisor

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

Members: Evelyn Gross (Chair.), Bill Montgomery (Vice-Chair), Danielle Sedlak (Secretary), Kathryn Foertsch, Harold Riemer, Leo Rosenbauer, Al Maurhoff, Robert Wetzel, and Robert Williams

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

Members: Leo Rosenbauer (Chair.), Wayne Deaner (Secretary), Viki Nulph, Greg Bauer (Pool), Brian Patten (Baseball), James C. Jones (Softball), and Stu Milcic (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

⇒ During the winter months, as per the Township Ordinances, **NO ONE** is to park on the cul-de-sacs so that the road can easily be cleaned of snow. Please **DO NOT PUSH SNOW ONTO THE ROADS** when plowing your driveway. Should this cause an accident, you could be named in a claim or lawsuit. **In addition**, this is a reminder that the Township is **NOT** responsible for replacing or repairing mailboxes damaged during the plowing/salting process.

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

**Preliminary 2015 Dates:** Sat., January 16, February 20, March 19, 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**

**Butler County Department of Recycling & Waste Management**

**124 West Diamond St. PO Box 1208**

**Sheryl Kelly**, Environmental Specialist, Recycling & Waste Mgt. Coordinator

**Butler, PA 16003**

PROP-Certified Recycling Professional

**Phone 724.284.5305**

Email [skelly@co.butler.pa.us](mailto:skelly@co.butler.pa.us)

Web Site [www.recyclebutler.us](http://www.recyclebutler.us)

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**Redevelopment Authority County of Butler**  
**114 Woody Drive □ Butler, PA 16001**  
**724.287.6797/1.800.433.6327/TDD: 1.800.545.1833 x772**  
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