



JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP

May 2009 Newsletter

TOWNSHIP OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM
and Friday mornings - 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

(Exceptions are posted on the front door and indicated on the answering machine.)

Recreation Committee

At the Supervisors meeting on May 11, 2009, Recreation Committee Chairman Leo Rosenbauer reported on their May 6, 2009 meeting as follows: **Baseball:** Opening day was Saturday, April 25th. All tournaments have been scheduled except 7yrs. olds -- *there will not be one for the 7 year olds*. The additional dumpster installed at the request of baseball needs to be moved to beside the concrete bin at the Thrower Field parking lot. **Pool:** The contractor has been working on the pool. The new concrete has been poured in front of the building to make it ADA compliant. The pool has been uncovered and drained. Opening day will be Saturday, May 23rd. Season pass purchases are down by 40%, probably due to extension of the Knoch school year. Advertisement was sent to various schools besides Knoch. **Softball:** Clean-up day went well. The insurance claim money paid for materials to repair the dugouts. **Soccer:** They have had port-o-johns upset twice and a shotgun blast was fired into the bottom of one. They have contacted the rental company and the state police. They will consider suggestions to move them inside the fenced area and/or install motion detectors/cameras. The Supervisors asked why they don't lock the gates at the soccer entrance. The soccer season is half completed. The flag raising ceremony went well on Saturday, April 25th. They request that pot holes be repaired on the roadway from the soccer entrance gate to the soccer parking lot. James R. Jones said he was told that Weleski's would not donate stone. If and when tar and chipping is done on township roads, the Township may include this area. The soccer association is still very interested in the retaining wall installation and Leo reported that Gary Pinkerton (County Parks Director) is looking for the old ADA (handicapped accessibility) plans for the Soccer Fields.

Planning Commission

The April 23rd Planning Commission meeting was canceled due to lack of business.

Public Business and Comment

Mr. Rich Craft was present from Olsen & Associates in regards to a **'new' request** for approval from the Jefferson Township Supervisors to use the **'rails to trails corridor'** to extend a sewer line from the Herman area to the Buffalo Authority (letter dated April 27, 2009.) Several points were discussed: 1) one of the reasons for the original purchase of the corridor was for utilities, 2) concerns about lack of control or loss of authority to protect properties along the corridor, and 3) heavy machinery hauling material via township roads. Chairman Jones *moved* to approve the 'concept' for a sewer line extension proposed by Olsen & Associates using the Jefferson Township portion of the rails to trails corridor on the condition that the sewer line construction stay within the actual r/r corridor width and contingent upon approval by Winfield and Buffalo Townships. But the **motion died** for lack of a second. The supervisors were concerned about 'approving something' without seeing an actual plan. Mr. Craft indicated that DEP will not 'mandate or force' them (Summit Township) to proceed to Saxonburg Authority or to Buffalo Authority. He said Summit Township will look to Clearfield Township for an alternative or will build their own system.

May 11, 2009 Unfinished Business

At the regular meeting on May 11, 2009 it was noted that the proposed joint trash drop-off day with Saxonburg Borough has been proposed for mid-August. Details will be provided later.

The Supervisors appointed the township secretary/treasurer, Lois Fennell, as the voting delegate to the pending Tax Collection Committee under the Countywide Earned Income Tax Collection (Act 32) mandated by the state.

May 11, 2009 New Business

The Board received notice (letters dated April 15, 2009) from Saxonburg Borough and Saxonburg Area Authority that Mr. Bill Coe resigned as the township representative. Two township residents have already expressed interest in being appointed. Mr. Richard Steward from Oakleaf Drive and Mr. Curtis Heakins from Oak Drive. The Supervisors considered the matter briefly and several people present said they knew Mr. Heakins, a long-time resident. No one knew Mr. Steward. The Board appointed Mr. Curtis Heakins to replace Bill Coe as the Jefferson Township representative on the SAA.

The secretary presented information to the Board of Supervisors for an ‘electronic document management system’ for township office use only; and a product which would make the Township Code of Ordinances available on-line via link from the township’s website. Some of the costs should be reimbursable to the Township from the CDBG administration funds (administered by the County.) The matter was tabled for further thought.

The Board voted to request a ‘change order’ to reallocate \$7,000 of the 2008 “housing rehabilitation” funds to ‘accessibility’ costs associated with the pool bath house renovations.

The Board voted to accept any additional CDBG funding provided under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) (*if approved by the state and received by the county*) and use the funds for ‘handicapped access (ADA) projects’ in the Laura J. Doerr Park.

The Board voted to adopt Resolution #285 adopting the “Municipal Records Manual of 12/16/09 provided by the Local Government Records Committee created under Act 428 of 1968, and Resolution #286 authorizing the ‘disposition’ of old records according to that manual.

The Board authorized the secretary/treasurer to attend two seminars and pay the registration and usual expenses. She will attend the June 2nd seminar titled “Assessing Your Financial Condition” in Cranberry Township and the June 17th (evening) seminar titled “Act 32 – Earned Income Tax Collection”.

Chairman Jones reported that Saxonburg Area Authority is selling the water system to PA American Water Company, who plans to extend the water line that follows Saxonburg/Butler Rd. from Sheetz at the top of Center Ave. to Aderhold Drive in Saxonburg. The old main line that SAA uses will then be obsolete. This should be done by the fall of 2010. According to the SAA letter dated 5/1/09, they have 50 hydrants in Saxonburg Borough, 19 in Jefferson Township, and 46 in Clinton Township. SAA does not currently bill the municipalities. However, PAWC will be charging for the hydrants (approx. \$211 /month or \$2,532 /annual for Jefferson Township.) The Supervisors discussed the probability that the water line extension (which we have no say over) will result in additional hydrants along Saxonburg/Butler Rd. and therefore, additional fees. Other municipalities tax for the hydrant expenses. It was suggested contacting Connoquenessing about how they do this..

Notice was received that Concordia Lutheran Ministries is filing applications for a GP-5 *Utility Line Stream Crossing permit and a BWM-GP-11 *Maintenance, Testing, Repair, Rehabilitation, or Replacement of Water Obstructions and Encroachments General Permit (according to a letter from Hiser Engineering dated 4/17/09). Notice has also been received that they are applying to DEP for *Renewal of Existing NPDES Permit (according to a letter from Gateway dated 4/27/09).

Miscellaneous from May 11, 2009

Mr. Rosenbauer and Mrs. Gross attended the County Stormwater Planning Committee meeting in April. The county appointed engineers are collecting each municipalities zoning, subdivision & land development, and existing stormwater regulations for the study.

Mr. Bill Foertsch reported that 18 of this political signs were stolen. He notified the state police. Lois Rankin said a few of her signs were missing, too.

Lois Fennell said she will attend a special meeting of the Butler Co. Sewage Association (which Jefferson Township uses as the township sewage enforcement officer/agency) in regards to the DEP funding shortage.

The Board will be reviewing some 'sample' ATV/dirt bike/quad regulations they received from the township attorney.

The Board authorized the secretary/treasurer and the roadmaster to open the road materials bids (bidding was authorized last month) around noon on June 8th for review prior to the Board taking any action at the regular meeting at 3:30 P.M.

Major expenditures between meetings and at the May 11, 2009 meeting:

Air Vac Equipment Co. – polyflex road material	\$ 4, 008.75
Quality Aggregates, Inc. – 2RC and 2A limestone (as bid)	\$13,751.78
Sewickley Construction Products, Inc. – geo-textiles (road material)	\$ 3,820.00
Caterpillar Financial Corp. – final payment on backhoe	\$21,665.23
Callen Pre-Casting – catch basins and grates	\$ 3,020.00

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

According to the Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) it **illegal** for any business to burn solid waste without a permit from DEP (724-656-3160 – *DEP Solid Waste Management Program*). There is a "burning ordinance" in Jefferson Township for residences! Please call the Township office for details. Recyclable items are NOT to be burned!!

It is illegal for residents or other non-resident users of Laura J. Doerr Park to dump their personal household trash in the park dumpsters. This is considered "theft of services." The Township officials will continue to monitor the situation and will prosecute violators if necessary.

SPRING IS HERE and the grass is growing so when mowing, please do not allow the cut grass to accumulate on the roadway. It is a safety issue - especially if the grass becomes wet. It could cause a vehicle to lose traction!

The Newsletter

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Board of Supervisors - 2nd Monday at 3:30 P.M. Recreation Board - 1st Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.
Planning Commission - 4th Thursday at 7:30 P.M. (except for Nov.19 and Dec.17, 2009 due to holidays.)

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