

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2019

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on December 10, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cummings Township Municipal Building with Walter Braddock, Michael Yohe and Richard Bierly present.

Public Attendees: Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe, Vic Marquardt of Code Inspections, Bill Koppenheffer, Donna Bierly, Ed Brockmann, Robert Sheets, EMC and Paul Sattazahn

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Board's Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

Chairman Braddock asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the November 12, 2019 meeting, there being none, Supervisor Yohe made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

**Board's Approval of Treasurer's Report:**

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

**Zoning Report:**

Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe reported that there were two residences in the Township that he noticed were making improvements, one was installing new windows and the other was installing siding and noted that no permits were required for those projects.

Vic Marquardt of Code Inspections reported that the windows on the property on Second Street have been boarded up; and he met with the property owner at 360 Walker Trail regarding improvements made to that property.

Vic said that no further demolition work has been done on the two mobile homes at the Third Street property during the last month and he plans to discuss the situation with Solicitor Dieter to see if anything can be done about the property under the International Property Maintenance Code.

**Road Foreman's Report:**

Roadmaster Bierly reported completion of the following projects during the month of November:

- Stock piled 150 ton of DSA at new township building
- Placed DSA on Ramsey Drive
- Installed signs on Ramsey Drive
- Installed plow on the pickup truck and skid steer
- Plowed and placed anti-skid on roads
- Cleaned up area around buildings

Supervisor Bierly also reported he received a telephone call from the school bus driver from Chamber's Busing requesting "School Bus Stop" signs near Olive Drive. It was the consensus of the Board to contact Director of Transportation for the Jersey Shore School District.

### **Old Business:**

#### **2020 Insurance Renewal – Gannon Associates**

Secretary/Treasurer Darlene Macklem explained that Gannon Associates placed the Fire Company equipment on a separate policy with VFIS which added \$15.00 to the insurance premium \$4,299.00. Steve Lambert of Gannon Associates also suggested since the fire company renewed their policy in July that the policy be prorated to begin in January and end in July so both fire company policies would renew at the same time.

After a brief discussion, Supervisor Yohe made a motion to have a separate policy for the fire company equipment through VFIS and prorate the policy to begin in January and end in July, 2020, and to renew the township's policy with Gannon Associates; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

### **New Business:**

#### **Resolution 11-27-2019 – Range Resources – Appalachia, LLC Road Use Agreement**

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to adopt Resolution 11-27-2019 approving the execution of the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement with Range Resources – Appalachia, LLC for Dam Run Road; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

#### **Willow Playworks – Maintenance Inspection Agreement**

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to enter into a Maintenance Inspection Agreement with Willow Playworks to inspect the playground equipment in 2020 for \$250.00; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

#### **2020 Budget**

Supervisor Yohe provided a 2020 Budget Presentation handout and provided an overview of the handout outlined in the presentation listed below:

##### **2020 Budget Overall Objectives:**

- Continue to maintain township roads and to improve road quality and do it at a lower cost and with more consistent quality and timely work completion compared to use of outside contractors.
- Support the ongoing activities and planned growth of the Waterville Volunteer Fire Company working cooperatively with the Fire Company and McHenry Township to do so.
- Supporting the Emergency Management Coordinator.
- Continue to make improvements to the park in Waterville and look for other opportunities to enhance recreation in Cummings Township.

- Improving communication and awareness of activities and events for residents and guests by introducing a new, fully functional township website by February, 2020.
- Support other activities that enhance public safety, roads and quality of life.

#### 2019 Key Accomplishments:

- Cummings Township withdrew Zoning Administration from Lycoming County in 2018 and is now performing its own Zoning and Building Code administration. This has helped resolve past problems with incorrect or restrictive decisions and long delays in processing zoning permit applications.
- Continued work on developing a new Zoning Ordinance for Cummings Township which should be in place by April 1, 2020.
- Adopted sections of the International Property Maintenance Code (IMPC) relative to property exteriors to help protect public safety and preserve property values.
- Used Act 13 Impact Fees and Liquid Fuels funds for road maintenance of Dam Run Road which is the primary emergency outlet to and from Waterville.
- Assumed responsibility for maintenance of Ramsey Drive and resurfaced it.
- Continued discussions with residents on West Drive.
- Actively working with PennDOT, Lycoming County and the Pine Creek Valley COG to prioritize improvements to Routes 44 and 4001.

Supervisor Yohe indicated that the Township should end up with \$2.6 million dollars of unappropriated funds at the end of 2020 and appropriated funds include monies for the Waterville Water Association and Waterville Volunteer Fire Company.

Super Bierly made a motion to approve the 2020 Budget as presented; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

#### **Tax Levy Resolution 12.10.19**

Chairman Braddock made a motion to adopt Resolution 12.10.2019 setting the real estate tax rate for 2020 at .00 mills; seconded by Supervisor Yohe, MCU.

#### **2020 Reorganization Meeting**

The Board scheduled the 2020 Reorganization Meeting for January 6, 2020 at 2:00 pm and the January monthly meeting will immediately follow the Reorganization Meeting.

#### **Correspondence**

Notification from Lycoming County of the Inauguration ceremonies for newly elected officials scheduled for January 3, 2020.

Notice of Intent with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission of Range Resources – Appalachia seeking approval for consumptive use of water for drilling and development of natural gas well(s) on the Gentner 3 located in Cummings Township.

## **Public Participation**

### **Ed Brockman of Stallion**

Ed Brockman of Stallion introduced himself to the Board stating his company provides services to PGE and XTO and provided his contact number of 570-460-0640 to report any issues with their trucks travelling through Cummings Township, adding that if there is a complaint, the size of the truck and the time of the incident are important

He proposed placing a digital sign in Waterville that would light up and take pictures when someone exceeds the speed limit and said the information will be used to determine whether their trucks are driving safely and to help slow down vehicles driving through the township.

A discussion was held and Mr. Brockman stated he would remain in contact with the Board of Supervisors.

### **Paul Sattazahn**

Paul Sattazahn stated that the ambulance service issue still has not been resolved.

Supervisor Yohe apologized to Mr. Sattazahn stating that he did not have an opportunity to pursue the matter after the November meeting and suggested that Mr. Sattazahn discuss the issue after the meeting with EMC Bob Sheets and himself.

### **Donna Bierly**

Donna Bierly of the Recreation Board requested that the Board of Supervisors increase the pavilion rental fee from \$25 to \$35.

A discussion was held regarding increasing the pavilion rental fees and whether individuals should be required to clean up after the rental of the pavilion.

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to increase the pavilion rental fee to \$35.00; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

### **Bill Koppenheffer – Waterville Water Association**

Bill Koppenheffer of the Waterville Water Association reported that he sent out a letter to everyone on the water line warning of lead in the water which was required by the State. He explained that It is not a "crisis situation" yet and Tom Dent, of the Waterville Water Association, has developed a plan for corrosion control to resolve the problem, adding the State has given the Waterville Water Association five years to correct the problem.

A discussion was held Supervisor Yohe suggested Mr. Koppenheffer contact Township Solicitor Denise Dieter to determine the extent of liability to the Waterville Water Association with regard to the lead in the water.

Donna Bierly reported that construction began this week on the Waterville Water Association's main building.

**Invoices**

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to approve the invoices as presented; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Braddock wished everyone a Merry Christmas and then made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem  
Secretary/Treasurer