

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2019

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on October 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cummings Township Municipal Building with Walter Braddock, Michael Yohe and Richard Bierly present.

Public Attendees: Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe, Dan & Mary Jo Nestlerode, Donna Bierly, John Gasperine, and Paul Sattazahn

Pledge of Allegiance

Board's Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Braddock asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the September 10, 2019 meeting, there being none, he then 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 one zoning permit was issued by Code Inspections to Lone Spring Hunting Camp located at 1196 Ramsey Road for an addition.

Zoning Liaison Wolfe also reported that he followed up on the deck being built to replace an existing deck on property located along Elizabeth Drive in Ramsey Village and talked to the property owners and learned that they are also putting in a patio and retaining wall and he sent that information to Vic Marquardt.

Wolfe also reported that while in Waterville over the weekend, he noticed lumber at the intersection of Second Street and Lightning Bug Lane and believes it may be for a deck or porch and he provided that information and the name of the property owner to Vic Marquardt for him to follow up on.

International Property Maintenance Code Enforcement

Vic Marquardt of Code Inspections sent a letter to and spoke with Mr. Baney about the condition of his property on Second Street which does not comply with the provisions of the International Property Maintenance Code adopted by the Township. Mr. Baney assured Vic that he would see a significant improvement when he rechecks the property on October 17th.

Vic Marquardt also spoke to Mr. Beach about the required demo permits needed for the demolitions on Third Street, but to date, Mr. Beach has not applied for the required permit.

Road Foreman's Report:

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

- Cleaned ditches and headwalls on Dam Run Road
- Graded and spread DSA stone on Dam Run Road
- Cleaned up stone and stockpile area on the Fire Hall grounds
- PStone spread stone at the fire hall grounds and at the driveway of the new building

Roadmaster Bierly reported that the snow plows will be installed on the trucks at the end of October.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

PSATS Strategic Planning for Fire Departments

Supervisor Yohe reported that PSATS is holding a Strategic Planning for Fire Departments program in Mansfield on November 7th to address lack of membership in volunteer fire companies and he would like the Board to approve the Supervisors and members of the Fire Company to attend the program.

A discussion was held about Senate Resolution 6 being proposed which provides financial assistance to volunteer fire companies such as paying for equipment and may include tuition forgiveness to volunteers based on the number of hours they volunteer.

Supervisor Yohe said the Supervisors may also hold an Executive Session with Solicitor Dieter to determine what the Township's obligation is under the Second Class Code to support the fire company.

Supervisor Yohe feels that if there is no fire company providing service within the Township, the Supervisors would have to make arrangements to provide those services to the community through another entity which may cost as much, if not more, than the Township's current contribution and he also believes that services would be degraded.

Chairman Braddock stated that even with the recent merger with McHenry Township's fire company, there is only one member from McHenry Township that is actively involved with the Waterville Volunteer Fire Company.

Supervisor Yohe said they have started holding quarterly meetings between the McHenry and Cummings Township Supervisors and the Fire Company to get everyone on the same page and everyone is aware that there is a problem and some type of member recruitment activity will be held in McHenry Township.

Dan Nestlerode of the Waterville Fire Company reported that the Fire Company received its three-year certification for Quick Response Service (QRS) from the Department of Health.

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to approve paying for up to five representatives from the Township may attend the PSATS Strategic Planning for Fire Departments program in Mansfield on November 7th; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Certificate of Deposit Renewal

The Board discussed renewing two Certificates of Deposit that are scheduled to mature in mid-October and early November.

Chairman Braddock made a motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurer reinvesting funds from a maturing general fund Certificate of Deposit with Jersey Shore State Bank after obtaining the highest interest rate available on the October 13, 2019 maturity date; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Chairman Braddock made a motion to approve the Secretary/Treasurer reinvesting funds from a maturing Act 13 fund Certificate of Deposit with First National Bank after obtaining the highest interest rate available on the November 2, 2019 maturity date; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Correspondence

Lippert Quit Claim Deed for property in Ramsey Village.

Notification from ALTA ARD Operating, LLC's request to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for a permit to drill wells on COP Tract 357 in Cummings Township.

Public Participation

Donna Bierly reported on behalf of the Recreation Committee stating that there continues to be requests to rent the pavilion at the park and she would like to have the second portable toilet removed from the park by the end of October, adding that she would also like to stop pavilion rentals at the end of October, stating there is a lot of preparation and cleanup for volunteers as they clean the pavilion and exercise station and walking areas on Friday evenings, turn the water on and then cleanup after the party.

Supervisor Yohe suggested that the Recreation Committee post a cutoff date for pavilion rentals and indicate that use of the pavilion will then be on a first come first serve basis with no cleanup provided on the Township's new website when it is up and running.

It was noted that parking for the Apple Butter Festival will be available at the new township building property.

Paul Sattazahn questioned why an ambulance from the Waterville Fire Company would not come up to his address on the Pike which is in Cummings Township.

Dan Nestlerode, member of the Waterville Fire Company explained that the Fire Company does not provide ambulance service and the ambulance would be dispatched from either Jersey Shore or Lock Haven, adding that the Fire Company responds to fires and provides Quick Response Services.

A discussion was held, and Mr. Sattazahn was given the contact information for John Yingling the Emergency Management Coordinator for Lycoming County who may be able to provide him with more information as to ambulance service providers who would cover that area of the township.

Invoices

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Braddock made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer