

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on September 10, 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, Dennis and Jane Bernhardt and Denise Deiter, Esq.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board's Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Braddock asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the August 13, 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 Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department – K-9 Program

Police Officer Josh Klinger of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department spoke to the Township Supervisors about the K-9 program the Department hopes to begin in 2020. Officer Klinger cited several incidents that occurred within the last two years, including an incident where a local hunter who had a medical emergency while hunting in the Waterville area where having a trained K-9 in the area would have been beneficial in saving time and money.

Officer Klinger stated that the TVRPD is currently seeking donations to fund the K-9 program. The donations would go towards the purchase of a K-9, training for the handler, and equipping a patrol vehicle for the program. The K-9 would be trained in narcotics detection and tracking. The initial startup cost of the program is approximately \$15,000. After the initial start up of a K-9 program, it is estimated that the program will cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000 annually.

Officer Klinger asked the Board to consider making a donation toward the K-9 program stating that a donation would ensure that the Township would be given use of the K-9 if needed, even if the K-9 Officer is off duty.

A discussion was held and the Supervisors agreed to consider including a donation to the Police Department for the K-9 program as part of the 2020 Budget.

Bid Opening – DSA for Ramsey Drive

The Board of Supervisors received one bid for 2,300 tons of DSA @ \$22.00/ton delivered as directed to paver at Ramsey Drive totaling \$50,600; and 150 tons of DSA @ \$20.00/ton delivered to the Township Building totaling \$3,000 from Hanson Aggregates for a total bid of \$53,600.00

Chairman Braddock made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$53,600.00 for 2,450 ton of DSA from Hanson Aggregates; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Zoning Report:

Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe reported that zoning permits were issued by Code Inspections to Pine Village for a remodel, deck and porch at property located at 600 Elder Lane; and Scott Gordner for a shed on his property located at 900 Rte. 414, adding that the property is located within the flood fringe.

An 18 month temporary permit for a portable toilet was issued to Pennsylvania General Energy for 3445 Ramsey Road.

A discussion was held regarding the demolition of a trailer on Third Street and the house on Second Street that needs cleaned up and it was the consensus of the Board that Supervisor Yohe contact Vic Marquardt of Code Inspections about the properties as the issues are covered under the International Property Maintenance Code adopted by the Township.

Road Foreman's Report:

Supervisor Bierly requested approval to attend the PSATS Fall Forum scheduled for October 7th and 8th in Union County at the Best Western/Country Cupboard.

It was the consensus of the Board that Supervisor Bierly attend the PSATS Fall Forum, and schedule permitting, Supervisors Braddock and Yohe may attend the PSATS Fall Forum if they desire.

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

- Loffredo's Tree Service removed 11-13 dead trees and trimmed additional trees at the Township Park
- Employees repaired wash-outs in two areas along Dam Run Road
- Replaced a 10 inch pipe with a 15 inch pipe on Dam Run Road
- Installed a hundred feet of six inch under drain pipe in front of the building at the new Township property
- Leveled dirt at the new Township property

The Supervisors reported that Nate Hollick, PLS, is surveying the Township's right-of-way through the Point House Property. A discussion was held regarding the possibility of installing a split rail fence along the right of way and it was noted that no work should be done on the right-of-way by the Township until the survey is completed.

Chairman Braddock reported on the progress of renovations to the Fort Big Pine Building, stating the handicapped bathroom is finished, a new roof was put on the building and work is currently being done in the meeting room, and the outside of the building will be sided and landscaping will be done.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Act 13 Payment In Lieu of Fire Tax to Waterville Volunteer Fire Company

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to approve the Act 13 payment in lieu of fire tax to the Waterville Volunteer Fire Company in the amount of \$17,000.00; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

Waterville Volunteer Fire Company Donation

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to approve payment of \$12,246.93 from Act 13 Funds to the Waterville Volunteer Fire Company to assist with the purchase of firefighting equipment; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Budget Work Sessions

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to schedule budget work sessions for October 15th and 29th at 6:00 pm; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

Correspondence

None

Public Participation

Donna Bierly reported that the bids for the Water Company building will be opened Thursday, September 12th and also reported there was a major water leak behind the Glenn McConnell property that has been repaired.

Mrs. Bierly also reported on behalf of the Recreation Committee that three more reservations this month for the pavilion at the park bring the total to 10 for the year. The committee is also in the process of getting cost estimates for signs for the Park.

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 made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Yohe, MCU.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer