

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on February 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cummings Township Municipal Building with Walter Braddock and Richard Bierly present.

Public Attendees: Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe, Carl Frech, Bub Rainey, Bill Koppenheffer, Paul Satiazah, Tom Casilio of DCNR/Bureau of Forestry, John Gasperine, Victor Marquardt of Code Inspections and Denise Dieter, Esquire

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Braddock asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the January 6, 2020 Reorganization Meeting, there being none, Supervisor Bierly made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MC.

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Approval of Treasurer's Report:

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

Public Participation:

None.

Zoning Report:

Victor Marquardt – Code Inspections, Inc.

Victor Marquardt of Code Inspections, Inc. reported that there were no permits issued during the last month and stated that he received a permit application for the demolition of the trailer on First Street in Waterville and there has been some progress made on the demolition project on Second Street in Waterville.

Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe

Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe had nothing to report for the month.

Road Foreman's Report:

Cummings Township Building Remodel Project - Siding Installation

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to approve hiring Jason McConnell to install siding on the new township building at a cost of \$7,220; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MC.

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

- Cut and remove trees from roadways
- Snow removal, noting that the road crew is doing an excellent job
- Loffredo's Tree Service removed a large pine tree that was leaning over the township garage
- Cut and removed tree limbs and brush at the corner of the fence by the township garage
- Chief Nate Deremer of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department will be attending the March 10th meeting with the police dog to discuss the Police Department's K-9 Program
- Sent a letter to PennDot 3-0 office concerning "School Bus Stop Ahead" signs for Olive Drive and the Waterville side of Dam Run Road, stating that PennDot will issue an approval letter to the Township which will include instructions as to the location for the signs

Waterville Water Association Building Project

Supervisor Bierly reported on the Waterville Water Association Building Project stating that the electrical work and generator installation has been completed.

Supervisor Bierly also reported that the Water Company found a leak in the water line at a cabin on Creekside Lane.

Evan Sellinger – Student Laborer Employment Application

Road Foreman Bierly stated that he received an employment application from 18 year old Evan Sellinger of 420 White Oak Trail to work as a part-time student laborer. Foreman Bierly indicated that, if hired, Evan would be washing equipment and sweeping the garage.

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to hire Evan Sellinger at the approved rate for Students of \$10.30 per hour; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MC.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Waterville Volunteer Fire Company – Rescue 28 Generator/Compartment Work

Chairman Braddock explained that McHenry Township and Cummings Township have agreed to share the cost of the generator and compartment work for the Waterville Volunteer Fire Company's Rescue 28 Unit.

Chairman Braddock made a motion to approve payment of \$15,644.90 reimbursing the Waterville Volunteer Fire Company for one-half the cost of Rescue 28 Generator/Compartment Work; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MC.

Dam Run Road

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to advertise for bids to furnish and place approximately 7,312 tons of DSA on Dam Run Road; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MC.

Resolution 01-22-20 – ARD Road Use and Maintenance Agreement

Chairman Braddock made a motion authorizing the execution of the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement between the Township and ARD Operating, LLC (ALTA) for Dam Run Road; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MC.

Recreation Committee Request

Chairman Braddock made a motion to approve the request from the Recreation Committee to have the Township Solicitor prepare an ordinance with rules including enforcement of same for the Township Park; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MC.

Intergovernmental Agreement with DCNR/Bureau of Forestry

The Supervisors discussed entering into an intergovernmental agreement with DCNR/Bureau of Forestry for a restroom facility to be installed at the Township Playground.

The Board discussed items included in the agreement:

- 1. The obligation of the township to share equally in the cost of construction and maintenance of the ramp.**

According to Tom Casilio of DCNR/Bureau of Forestry since the State will be paying \$75,000 for the restroom the State will not pay for materials for the ramp to be constructed. He said that after the ramp is completed, the State will apply TSA over the 2A screening placed on the ramp by the Township.

- 2. Cleaning and maintain the restroom facility.**

Mr. Casilio indicated that the Bureau of Forestry's employees clean the restroom facilities along the rail/trail on Tuesdays and Thursdays and as part of the original discussion with the Supervisors it was requested that the Township employees maintain the restroom facility at the playground which would include routine cleaning of the sink, floor and toilet. The Township would also be responsible for the hand sanitizers and toiletries.

Mr. Casilio indicated that the State would be responsible for major repairs such as roof or foundation repairs.

3. Frequency and cost of pumping the facility.

According to Mr. Casilio the cost is \$.30 per gallon to pump out the facility and it would cost approximately \$300 each time the facility is pumped out and this expense would be split between the Township and DCNR/Bureau of Forestry.

He recommended that when there are events held in the Township such as the Sawdust Festival that the Township check the restroom and have it pumped prior to the event.

Solicitor Dieter asked what procedure the Township should follow in order to be paid by the State for its share of the cost of pumping the facility.

Mr. Casilio said typically the restrooms along the trail are pumped twice annually and suggested that the Township and State alternate paying for the pumping with the Township paying for one pumping and the State paying for the next. The Company pumping the facility would alternate billing the Township and billing the State directly.

It was the consensus of the Board to act on the proposed agreement with DCNR/Bureau of Forestry at the March township meeting.

SPCA Property

Solicitor Dieter reported that the sales agreement has been signed electronically for the SPCA property and she received the information on each property owner in the Tiadaghton Timbers Development noting that there are approximately 16 property owners and she will prepare an agreement for all property owners to sign releasing the SPCA property from the restrictive covenants and the road maintenance agreement for the development.

According to Attorney Dieter every property owner must agree and sign the agreement and she is waiting to receive feedback from the Realtor to see if there has been any negative feedback from the letter the Realtor sent to the property owners before preparing the agreement because if one person does not agree with the proposal then the Township will not be able to proceed with purchasing the property.

A discussion was held regarding the SPCA property and the proposed land swap between the Township and the State.

Zoning Ordinance Update

Solicitor Dieter has completed her review of the first draft of the Zoning Ordinance and requested that a meeting be scheduled in March with Land Use Planning Consultant Doug Hovey to review and discuss the ordinance.

It was the consensus of the Board to schedule a meeting to review the proposed zoning ordinance.

Waterville Water Association

Chairman Braddock made a motion to release payment to the Waterville Water Association for engineering services paid to Uni-Tec by the Association for the building project from the Act 13 Fund in the amount of \$16,129.57; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MC.

Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer

Secretary Macklem reported that she was notified by DEP that the Township must appoint an Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer.

A discussion was held as to who may be interested in being appointed as the Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer, including Bob Bertin, Terry Myers, and Jeff Kreger.

It was the consensus of the Board that Secretary Macklem contact various Sewage Enforcement Officers in the area to determine if they are interested in the position.

Correspondence

Notification from ALTA of a drilling permit application for Byron Brooks A-1D site in Cummings Township.

Paul Satiazahh

Paul Satiazahh reported that drilling is to occur along the Carrier Road and there may be an increase in traffic on Rte. 44 during the next several months.

Invoices

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer