

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
MARCH 10, 2020

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on March 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cummings Township Municipal Building with Walter Braddock, Richard Bierly and Mike Yohe present.

Public Attendees: Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe, John Gasperine, Bub Rainey, Bill Koppenheffer, Paul Satazahn, Donna Bierly, Robert Sheets, EMC, Tyler Bierly, 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 February 11, 2020 monthly meeting, there being none, Supervisor Yohe made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

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

Public Participation:

John Gasperine

Resident John Gasperine asked about the progress of new EMS/Township Building project and the anticipated opening date for the building.

Chairman Braddock reported that the inside of the building is 90% complete but the work on the outside of the building needs completed.

Supervisor Yohe reported that the Board received two different options for the parking lot and are in the process of reviewing the plans to decide on the parking lot configuration and once that is decided it will be placed out for bid. He said the Supervisors hope to have the building open by July 1st would like to have an Open House or have the building open for tours during Pine Creek Township Heritage Days.

John Gasperine asked for the total cost of the project.

Supervisor Yohe indicated that the Board has not done a tabulation of all costs and asked Secretary/Treasurer Macklem to prepare a tabulation of costs and have it available for the April township meeting.

Chairman Braddock listed work to be finished to the exterior of the building including railings, a ramp, siding, deck and porch and stated that the Board does not have estimates for the equipment buildings.

Paul Satiazahn

Resident Paul Satiazahn reported that he heard the Williamsport Sun Gazette is planning to publish stories in the newspaper about the Waterville area.

Donna Bierly

Donna Bierly of the Recreation Committee reported that the park will be officially open the first week of April and stated that the last three weekends the park was packed. The portable toilet will be installed about a month earlier this year because of the number of people using the park and the Committee hopes to have signage at the park installed soon.

Donna also reported on behalf of the Waterville Water Association has passed all of its inspections, it is hooked into the new system and the water testing looks good and there are several minor items to be finished on the building but DEP has approved everything and the expected completion date for the project is June 15, 2020.

Zoning Report:

Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe

Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe reported new construction at 570 Elder Lane and may need a permit for either a replacement or new wrap around deck.

Chairman Braddock said the property owner has obtained a permit for the project and Vic Marquardt confirmed a permit was issued approximately seven months ago.

Victor Marquardt – Code Inspections, Inc.

Victor Marquardt of Code Inspections, Inc. reported that he received calls about seasonal camper permit applications but has not issued any permits yet.

Supervisor Yohe asked about the properties that were in violation of the IPMC and also questioned the time limit for demolition project on Third Street stating they are moving slowly and making little progress.

Vic Marquardt indicated that he issued two violations under the IPMC; a demo permit was issued for the Pointe House; with regard to the violation on Second Street, the property owner boarded up the windows and mowed the grass; and there has been a little progress on the demo project on Third Street.

Vic said he could issue a notice of violation under the IPMC for rubbish on the properties and the owners would have 20 days to appeal the violation and an additional 10 days to comply, so typically it would give the property owners 30 days to comply.

A discussion was held regarding proceeding under the IPMC and setting time limits on individuals to clean up their properties and it was agreed that a violation notice will be issued to property owners of both the First Street and Third Street properties.

Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police – K-9 Unit

Officer Tyler Bierly of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department reported that the K-9 Program is up and running and is going well.

Supervisor Yohe said it was his understanding that the dog is trained to sniff out drugs and for tracking. He said he would like the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department to provide information later this year on the K-9 Unit call activities as it relates to Cummings Township including the response time to the Township in order for the Board to appropriately budget for the continued support of the K-9 Program.

A discussion was held regarding the benefits of having the K-9 Unit available to Cummings Township.

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to donate \$5,000 from the Act 13 Fund to the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police K-9 Program; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

Officer Josh Klinger introduced K-9 Zoli to those in attendance and explained that Zoli tracks using earth disturbance and human odor. He has also been used during an incident in Lock Haven and successfully sniffed out cocaine in the vehicle.

There was a brief question and answer session on the K-9 Program.

Road Foreman's Report:

Roadmaster Bierly reported on the installation of "School Bus Stop Ahead" signs, and said one sign was installed 600 feet South of Second Street and one was installed 500 feet East of Olive Drive.

Bid Opening - Dam Run Road DSA Project

The Supervisors received the following bids for the Dam Run Road DSA Project:

Bidder(s) Name:	Amount of Bid
Dean Construction, LLC	\$210,804.96
Holderman Trucking	\$229,962.40
Charles Construction Company	\$253,360.00
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	\$254,750.08
R C Bowman, Inc.	\$292,187.52
HRI, Inc.	\$337,914.40

Chairman Braddock made a motion to accept the low bid from Dean Construction, LLC in the amount of \$210,804.96; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Old Business:

Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to appoint Robert Bertin as Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer; seconded by Supervisor Yohe, MCU.

Solicitor Dieter advised the Board that they must also approve Mr. Bertin's fee schedule and it was noted that the fee schedule would be made available for the Board to approve at the April meeting.

Intergovernmental Agreement with DCNR/Bureau of Forestry

Supervisor Yohe asked Solicitor Dieter to explain the provisions in the proposed Intermunicipal Agreement with DCNR/Bureau of Forestry for the restroom facility to be installed at the Township's park.

Solicitor Dieter explained that the language of the contract was ambiguous as it applied to the financial responsibility and protocol in sharing costs and determining when pumping the restroom facility would occur and is also unclear as to how to effectuate payment. She said the language is unclear and it is even hard to surmise from the language in the contract how this is to occur.

A discussion was held regarding the language in the agreement and according to Solicitor Dieter the Supervisors can sign the agreement "as it is written" if the Board is willing to assume the risk and consequences where the Township may end up paying for everything including maintaining and cleaning the restroom.

Chairman Braddock suggested the Supervisors determine the annual cost to the Township for the portable toilets currently rented and placed in the park during the summer months.

It was the consensus of the Board to have Solicitor Dieter prepare a simple contract modification to clarify the language in the contract and table further discussion to the April meeting.

Cummings Township Website

Supervisor Yohe reported on the Township's website and stated it is in the final stages and will be up and running within the next two weeks and a 5 x 7 postcard mailer be sent out to promote the website.

Ordinance with Rules for the Park and Enforcement of Same

Solicitor Dieter reported that she has completed a draft of the ordinance and needed clarification as to prohibiting open fires and designated parking areas.

A discussion was held regarding charcoal grills and designated parking areas. The location of the parking areas was discussed and it was noted that one parking area will be beside the old church on Church Street which would be the primary parking area and the other parking area is located at the other end of the park. The enforcement of the rules for the park, the

designated parking areas, overflow parking areas and the possibility of requiring buses to park in the overflow parking areas were also discussed.

It was the consensus of the Board that Solicitor Dieter present Ordinance 04-14-2020 at the April meeting for consideration by the Board.

New Business:

William “Toner” Hollick Memorial Donation

Chairman Braddock made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Pine Creek Preservation Association in memory of past Township Supervisor William “Toner” Hollick; seconded by Supervisor Yohe, MCU.

Ramsey Drive Road Project

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to advertise for bids to furnish and place approximately 7,040 SY Asphalt Prime Coat and 7,040 SY Asphalt Seal Coat, Double Application on Ramsey Drive; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

Sikora Brothers Application for Payment #2 – Waterville Water Association Project

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to approve the Application for Payment #2 to Sikora Brothers Paving, Inc., in the amount of \$163,585.25 for the Waterville Water Association Building Project using Act 13 Funds; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

Approval to renewing maturing Act 13 Certificates of Deposits

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to renew the Act 13 Certificate of Deposit with First National Bank; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Correspondence

Thank you note from Kathy Hollick for the plant sent from the Township to note the passing of her husband and former Township Supervisor William “Toner” Hollick.

Thank you note from Jersey Shore Summer Recreation, Inc. for the Township’s donation.

Invoices

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to approve the invoices as presented; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, 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 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer