

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on August 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the Waterville Volunteer Fire Company building, with Walter Braddock, Richard Bierly and Michael Yohe present.

Public Attendees: Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe, Carl Frech, Damian Mariano, Jim and Connie Mitcheltree, Donna Bierly, Bill Koppenheffer and Denise Dieter, Esquire

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Braddock asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the July 14, 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:

Carl Frech

Resident Carl Frech stated that during the July meeting the Board asked him to contact Earl Stroble to get a quote on power washing the retaining wall at the Township Municipal Office and Mr. Stroble quoted approximately \$300 to do the job which includes traffic control.

In addition, Carl contacted Ron Baier for a quote to re-pointe the retaining wall; and plans to contact a landscaper to get a quote to remove the vines and grass from the wall.

The Board asked Carl to provide all the quotes to the Secretary/Treasurer prior to the September meeting for the Board's consideration.

Jim Mitcheltree

Resident Jim Mitcheltree spoke to the Supervisors about a pipe that goes under Second Street in Waterville that is plugged and explained that water just ponds there and he cannot get the pipe unplugged.

It was the consensus of the Board to look at the pipe to see what can be done to correct the problem.

Bill Koppenheffer

Resident Bill Koppenheffer questioned whether the Township could invest Act 13 funds into other types of investments such as stocks and bonds rather than Certificates of Deposit in order to get a higher rate of return.

Solicitor Dieter explained that investments must be non-speculative or guaranteed.

Donna Bierly – Waterville Water Association

Donna Bierly of the Waterville Water Association reported that the Water Association's well is low and residents are on water usage restrictions, adding that water restriction signs have been posted throughout the Township. She also reported that the last lab report indicated that the lead and copper levels of the water were good.

Donna also mentioned that Mary Marriott of DEP is pleased with how the Water Company is doing and is going to do a study to show how things have turned around within the last year.

A discussion was held about peak water usage hours, increasing monthly water usage fees, and the possibility of installing meters at individual residences and Supervisor Yohe suggested the Board could lend Act 13 money to the Water Company for the meters.

Solicitor Dieter stated she was unsure if the Township can loan Act 13 funds to the Water Company and suggested that a grant would be more appropriate.

Recreation Committee

Donna Bierly of the Recreation Committee reported that individuals are still calling to rent the pavilion and Willow World has been contacted to install the diggers at the playground and said it is at the top of their list.

Two new "No Fireworks" signs have been installed on the fence at the park; Charles Construction has not paved the walkway at the park; and there continues to be a problem with bears getting into the garbage.

Zoning Report:

Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe reported that he received one phone call requesting property zoning information and forwarded that individual to Vic Marquardt.

During his tour of Ramsey Drive he found a roof being installed over concrete; on Elizabeth Drive there is a new above ground swimming pool with deck; and at 202 Second Street in Waterville there were new front steps and platform.

Road Foreman's Report:

Roadmaster Bierly reported completing placing #3 and #4 stone in the ditches on along Dam Run Road and listed the following items to be completed:

- Clean up the Township right of way to Pine Creek (former Pointe House)
- Prepare equipment for winter
- Install Hidden Driveway sign at 163 Rte. 414 Hwy.

Road Foreman Bierly also reported that the roof and spouting needs replaced on the old Township Building and he received a quote from Levi Beiler in the amount of \$5,300 which includes replacing the soffit and fascia.

A discussion was held with Supervisor Bierly made a motion to accept the quote from Levi Beiler to install a metal roof and spouting on the township building; seconded by Supervisor Yohe, MCU.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Ordinance No. 08.11.20.01 – Amendment to the International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance

Solicitor Dieter explained that the Ordinance amends Chapter 3, Section 302.8 of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) Ordinance adopted by the Township, stating that the amendment provides that there would be no more than one inoperative or unlicensed vehicle on a property making it would consistent with the zoning ordinance.

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to adopt Ordinance 08.11.20.01 as presented; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

County Aid Application

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to approve the submission of the Application for County Aid in the amount of \$934.00; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

2020 Ford F550 Truck

The Supervisors discussed purchasing a 2020 Ford F550 Truck through the CoStars program from Bradco Supply at a cost of \$94,297.30.

Supervisor Bierly noted that the bed on the 2008 Dodge Truck is in bad shape and the frame is rusted so it will not be able to be sold and he suggested keeping the truck to use on Dam Run Road.

After a brief discussion, Supervisor Yohe made a motion to purchase the 2020 Ford F550 Truck through the CoStars program from Bradco Supply for \$94,297.30; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

USDA Grant

Secretary/Treasurer Macklem reported that through the USDA grant discussed at the July meeting the Township is eligible for a grant to cover 55% of the cost of the truck up to \$50,000 and it looks favorable that the Township will receive grant funds toward the purchase of the truck, adding that if the Township does not receive the grant that it would be able to use Act 13 Funds to purchase the truck.

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to apply for a grant through USDA, Rural Development, for \$50,000.00 toward the purchase of a 2020 Ford F550 Truck and also to authorize the Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer to sign the grant application on behalf of the Township; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

Authorization for Supervisor Bierly

Supervisor Bierly explained that the Township has to get a replacement license plate for the 2008 Dodge Truck and requested the Board authorize him to sign documents on behalf of the Township required to get the license plate.

Supervisor Yohe made a motion to authorize Supervisor Bierly to sign documents on behalf of the Township in order to obtain a replacement license plate for the 2008 Dodge Truck; seconded by Chairman Braddock, MCU.

Lycoming County Hazard Mitigation Meeting – August 27, 2020

It was the Consensus of the Board of Supervisors that all three Supervisors and Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Sheets attend the Lycoming County Hazard Mitigation Meeting scheduled for August 27th remotely.

Correspondence

Copy of letter from DEP to Thomas Oberhouse issuing a State Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit and PA State Programmatic General Permit allowing for the demolition of an existing building and construction of a new single family residence.

Notice of Intent from ALTA for consumptive use of water at COP Tr 685 Pad C located in Cummings Township.

Invoices

Chairman Braddock made a motion to approve the invoices as presented; seconded by Supervisor Yohe, 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 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer