

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2021

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on January 4, 2021 at 2:15 pm immediately following the Reorganization Meeting at the Cummings Township Municipal building, with Walter Braddock, Richard Bierly and Michael Yohe present.

Public Attendees: Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe, Carl Frech, Bill Koppenheffer, Don Peters, Denise Dieter, Esquire, Chief Nathan DeRemer and Officer Sean Hummer of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the December 8, 2021 monthly meeting, there being none, Supervisor Bierly made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

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

Public Participation:

Don Peters

Resident Don Peters commended the Township Supervisors on the completion of the new Township Building.

Mr. Peters also discussed drainage issues on West Drive with the Board of Supervisors and the status of the Township taking over West Drive. He also asked if there were anything new with regard to cell towers being constructed in the Township stating he is not in favor of allowing cell towers within the Township.

A discussion was held regarding West Drive and it was noted that the Board is still waiting for at least one of the residents to sign the letter agreeing to allow the Township to take over the road. Chairman Yohe encouraged residents to look at the improvements the Township made to Ramsey Drive, stating that they took a 30 foot right of way and made significant improvements to the surface without widening the right of way into resident's yards and improved drainage in two places to the benefit of all the residents in Ramsey.

A discussion was also held regarding cell towers and Chairman Yohe stated that the Board has not received any requests regarding cell towers.

Zoning Report:

Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe reported that during his tour of the Township he did not see anything that needs attention with regard to zoning.

Chairman Yohe said he plans to follow up with Vic Marquardt on the trailer demolition discussed at the December meeting.

TVRPD Police Report

Chief Nathan DeRemer introduced Officer Sean Hummer of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department and presented the Police Report for the month of December which included eight calls for service for the month as follows: three ambulance assists; one lift assist; one water rescue and one assist for the Fire Company with no citations or arrests.

Road Foreman's Report:

Roadmaster Bierly reported on the following items:

- Snow removal
- Cleared pad for the garage and salt shed and noted the start date for the salt shed is January 5th with a completion date of January 15th and the garage is supposed to be finished by March
- Karen Purvis cleaned the new building (6 ½ Hrs.)

Chairman Yohe said the Company that is constructing the garage has signed the contract and sent the plan to the Township which included a timeline and said will be up to Keith Miller of Bassett Engineering to monitor the project to avoid delays.

Supervisor Bierly thanked Darlene and Rick Macklem for loaning wildlife pictures to the Township to display at the new Township building.

Supervisor Braddock expressed appreciation for Bob Sheets and Keith Orgitano assisting the Township with snow removal during the last heavy snow storm.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Donation Requests

The Supervisors discussed donation requests received from the Lycoming County SPCA, Jersey Shore Public Library, Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department K-9 Program, Jersey Shore Summer Recreation, Inc., Gold Star Families Memorial Monument (Central PA) and Jersey Shore Area EMS.

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to donate \$500 to the Lycoming County SPCA; seconded by Chairman Yohe, MCU.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Jersey Shore Public Library; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to donate \$500 to the Summer Recreation, Inc.; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department K-9 Program; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Chairman Yohe explained that the donation request for the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument is for a monument planned for the Veteran's Park in Williamsport for those who

have lost a family member in a military conflict noting that Dennis Norman is involved in the memorial effort and noted this would be a one-time donation.

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to donate \$1,000 for the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Chairman Yohe provided information on the donation request from the Jersey Shore Area EMS stating that the Board was approached for a donation and in lieu of the Township donating \$9,750.00 which is \$65.00 per household in return for that donation all residents would get a Jersey Shore Area EMS membership. He explained that if there is an ambulance call to a Cummings Township residence, whatever amount the insurance company does not cover the JSA EMS membership would cover that unpaid amount.

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to donate \$9,750.00 to the Jersey Shore Area EMS; seconded by Supervisor Yohe, MCU.

Bill Koppenheffer – Waterville Water Association & Waterville Fire Company

Bill Koppenheffer of the Waterville Water Association reported that the Water Company lost \$22,000 in 2019 and attributed that loss to expenses paid in connection to the new Water Company building and the Water Company lost approximately \$2,900.00 in 2020 due to a Chemical Supplier not billing promptly noting that the Water Company is financially breaking even and he anticipates there will be an increase in water rates in 2021.

Mr. Koppenheffer, who is also the Treasurer of the Waterville Fire Company, reported that the Fire Company raised approximately \$68,000.00 during 2020.

Donna Bierly – Township Museum

Donna Bierly announced that the Township is looking for items and pictures from residents with regard to the history of the Township for the Township's museum.

Correspondence

None.

Invoices

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

Adjournment

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

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