

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
APRIL 13, 2021

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on April 13, 2021 at 2:00 pm at the Cummings Township Municipal Building, with Michael Yohe, Walter Braddock and Richard Bierly present.

Public Attendees: Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe, Carl Frech, Bub Rainey, Charles Rogers, Bill Koppenheffer, Donna Bierly, Judy Koch, Delores Cichan, Denise Dieter, Esquire, State Representative Joe Hamm, and Chief Nathan DeRemer of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation:

Donna Bierly – Pavilion Rentals

Donna Bierly questioned whether the Supervisors would like the Recreation Committee to begin accepting reservations for the pavilion at the park or if it should continue to be on a “first come first serve basis” due to Covid restrictions.

A discussion was held and Solicitor Dieter suggested that the Township continue with the “first come first serve basis” and not to take reservations for the pavilion. She also suggested that the Park be posted with a notice stating that any outdoor gatherings must be compliant with the existing outdoor gathering regulations as ordered by the Governor of Pennsylvania.

State Representative Joe Hamm

State Representative Joe Hamm spoke to residents in attendance about the State Budget proposed by Governor Wolfe as well as other legislature issues, including co-sponsoring HB 357 which essentially states that any unconstitutional edict from the federal government to restrict our citizens’ right to bear arms in Pennsylvania will not be complied with and no tax dollars will be used to enforce any unconstitutional law.

Representative Hamm said he is also supporting legislation that would allow Pennsylvania residents to carry a weapon without being required to obtain a carry permit from the Sheriff’s Department, stating it would be a constitutional right to carry a weapon.

Additional discussion ensued on dealing with “government overreach”; the condition of State roads; PennDot; DEP; and three questions on the May 18th electoral ballot on the proposed Constitutional Amendment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the March 9, 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 Braddock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Zoning Liaison Report:

Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe reported that he has issued nine Recreational Vehicle (RV) Permits to date and that the application process is going well.

Zoning Liaison Wolfe said he spoke with Supervisor Yohe about the camper on Third Street and stated that according to the Zoning Ordinance the camper on Third Street would be considered as a parked trailer and a permit would be required.

Supervisor Bierly asked if a permit had been purchased for the shed on First Street and the camper on Second Street.

Zoning Liaison Wolfe said he will follow up on the permit on the shed on First Street and he said he has not received a response to the letter he sent to the owners of the Second Street property about the camper.

TVRPD Police Report

Chief Nathan DeRemer of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department presented the following Police Report for the month of March:

1. 3/4/2021 – Reckless Driver, Little Pine Creek Road
2. 3/4/2021 - Assist Fire Dept., North Route 44 Hwy
3. 3/6/2021 - Ambulance Assist, White Oak Lane
4. 3/12/2021 - Assist the Public, Ramsey Drive
5. 3/13/2021 - Property Dispute, Bobcat Lane
6. 3/21/2021 - Warrant Service, North Route 44 Hwy
7. 3/23/2021 - Ambulance Assist, Ramsey Drive
8. 3/26/2021 - Assist the Public, Coudersport Pike

Chief DeRemer also reported that the K-9 Unit search and rescue training is going well and mentioned that the TVRPD will have a stand at the Sawdust Festival and plan to hand out about 30 fishing rods.

Road Foreman's Report:

Roadmaster Bierly made the following report:

- Employees cleaned the roadways and berms and swept all the roads;
- The snow plows and salt spreaders were removed from the trucks;
- The material stock piles behind the fire hall were cleaned up;
- Leveled topsoil and planted grass seed at the new building;
- Saar's cut down and removed a tree along Dam Run Road which was too dangerous for employees to remove.

Supervisor Bierly also reported that he picked up the 2020 Ford F550 truck from Bradco Supply stating that the truck included a snow plow and spreader and cost approximately \$94,000.00 and the Township received a \$50,000.00 USDA Grant to purchase the truck and the cost to the Township was approximately \$44,000.00.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Lock Haven EMS Donation

Chairman Yohe explained that the Township made a donation to the Jersey Shore EMS for 2021 to support their operations and in return for the donation, each resident property owner and resident renter in Cummings Township will get a Jersey Shore EMS membership, adding that they are the first responder after the Waterville Fire Company and provide triage and they also provide transport services for residents. He said the membership would pay for those services not covered by insurance.

According to Chairman Yohe, there are approximately 12 households in the Township that fall within the Lock Haven EMS service area, so to be fair to all residents, the Board would like to donate \$780 to cover the \$65 annual membership fee for those 12 households in Cummings Township that are in the Lock Haven EMS service area.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to donate \$780.00 to Lock Haven EMS; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Maturing Certificates of Deposit

Secretary/Treasurer Darlene Macklem reported that there is a General Fund Certificate of Deposit at Jersey Shore State Bank that matures on April 22, 2021 and an Act 13 Certificate of Deposit at First National Bank that matures on May 1, 2021. She suggested transferring the funds from both maturing certificates into the Jersey Shore State Bank General Fund Checking Account and the First National Bank Act 13 Money Market Account, respectively, due to the low interest rates.

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to redeem the Certificates of Deposit and transfer funds into the Township's Jersey Shore State Bank General Fund Checking Account and the First National Bank Act 13 Money Market Account; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Waterville Water Association

Bill Koppenheffer of the Waterville Water Association reported that the Association is in the process of obtaining prices for six water meters to be installed on the waterline to monitor usage and assist with finding leaks. As of the date of the meeting he did not have a cost estimate for the meters but anticipates the cost of meters and installation will be approximately \$35,000.00.

A discussion was held regarding whether the project would be a Prevailing Wage Project and Solicitor Dieter explained that projects that cost \$25,000.00 and above would be subject to Prevailing Wage.

Secretary/Treasurer Macklem suggested the possibility of the Township being able to use the anticipated \$25,508.00 in Covid Relief funds for the project.

A discussion was held and Solicitor Dieter indicated the Board may want to wait until more guidance is provided as to how the Covid Relief funds may be used.

AED Device

Donna Bierly reported that the Waterville Fire Company received a grant to purchase AED devices, one of which will be located at the Cummings Township Building.

Correspondence

Notice from LTT Trucking regarding the repairs to SR 4001, Section 040 and SR 4001 soil slide between Waterville and Elder Lane; construction will start on April 26, 2021 and one lane of traffic will be maintained throughout the project.

Thank you note from the YMCA for the annual donation made by the Township.

Invoices

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer