

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
JUNE 8, 2021

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on June 8, 2021 at 6:00 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, Al Harakel, Charlie Rogers, Todd Carmer, Donna Bierly, Diane Stephenson, Keith Miller, P.E. of Bassatt Engineering, Karen Purvis, Lou Plankenhorn, Damian Mariano, Chief Nathan DeRemer of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department, and Denise Dieter, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation:

Al Harakel

Al Harakel, owner of the Waterville Tavern questioned the amount charged for the permit for the awning he installed at the Waterville Tavern stating that the \$454 was an unreasonable amount for the permit.

Victor Marquardt of Code Inspections explained that there are two types of permits, residential and non-residential, the base fee for residential is \$175 and the base fee for non-residential is \$300 explaining that the additional amount is to cover the cost of insurance and reporting costs noting that the Department of Labor & Industry also audit the non-residential permits. He said the fee is also based on the square footage and required inspections.

Keith Miller, P.E. – Bassatt Engineering

Keith Miller, P.E. of Bassatt Engineering provided an update to the Board on the Garage and Salt Shed Project and presented Change Order No. 3 from Central Structures, LLC, requesting to extend the contract completion date to July 13th stating that the extension is needed due to the springs for the garage door being on back order and Bassatt Engineering recommended approval of the Change Order.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to approve extending the project end date to July 13, 2021; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Mr. Miller also submitted Pay Application No. 4 from Central Structures, LLC in the amount of \$35,302.50 for payment.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to approve Pay Application No. 4 in the amount of \$35,302.50 to Central Structures, LLC; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Donna Bierly

Donna Bierly of the Recreation Committee reported that the bear is back at the park and to date the pavilion was used 15 times, adding that 10 were before the park was opened up to the public and after the Covid restrictions were lifted five reservations were taken and the rental fee was collected.

She also reported that a volley ball set was purchased and will need to be installed and Charles Construction completed the paving at the park.

Donna expressed concern about children being in the park when contractors are working in the park.

A discussion was held and it was the consensus of the Board that in the future the contract will include a provision that the contractor must take control of the work area.

Damien Mariano

Resident Damien Mariano requested the Supervisors consider constructing a tennis court in at the park where the soccer field is currently located.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the May 11, 2021 monthly meeting, there being none, Supervisor Braddock 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 Braddock, MCU.

Zoning Liaison Report:

Zoning Liaison Will Wolfe reported that anything he questioned while touring the Township has been addressed by Vic Marquardt of Code Inspections, adding that Vic is doing a great job with issuing permits.

Will also stated that he noticed four campers on one lot along Rte. 414 and two campers on another lot right beside it.

Supervisor Yohe agreed to check on the situation.

Chairman Yohe announced that this is Will's last meeting as the Township's Zoning Liaison stating he is retiring after 31 years with the Township.

The Board of Supervisors presented Will Wolfe with a plaque and gift card in appreciation for his years of service to Cummings Township.

TVRPD Police Report

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

1. 5/2/2021 – Brush Fire, Ramm Road
2. 5/12/2021 - Theft, Limbaugh Road
3. 5/16/2021 - Suspicious Vehicle, Park Drive

4. 5/16/2021 - Smoke Investigation, Route 287 Hwy
5. 5/24/2021 - Disturbance/Criminal Mischief, Little Pine Creek Road
6. 5/25/2021 - Assist the Public, Miller Lane
7. 5/26/2021 - Tree/Wires Down, Little Pine Creek Road
8. 5/27/2021 - Ambulance Assist, North Route 44 Hwy.

Chief DeRemer also noted that two cabins were broken into in McHenry Township, one on Truman Road and the other on Rte. 414 toward Cammal.

Road Foreman's Report:

Roadmaster Bierly made the following report:

- The bike ramp from the DCNR rail/trail to the Township park has been completed
- The paving has been completed at the Township Park
- The paving of the handicapped parking space on Church Street has been completed
- DSA Stone has been placed on the site of the Township garage
- Cleaned up the grounds at the Township building
- Cleaned out the headwalls and drainage ditches on Dam Run Road

Roadmaster Bierly commended the Township employees for doing a good job and stated he would like to attend the Regional Forum scheduled for August 5th.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Resolution No. 06-21-2021 – Lycoming County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Chairman Yohe made a motion to adopt Resolution 06-08-2021 adopting the Lycoming County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Cummings Township; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Zoning Liaison Vacancy

Chairman Yohe made a motion to appoint Todd Carmer as the new Zoning Liaison who will interface with Vic Marquardt and assist with RV Permits, noting that Mr. Carmer has lived in the Township for the past five years; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Zoning Liaison Salary

Chairman Yohe made a motion to set the annual salary for the Zoning Officer Liaison position at \$3,000; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Private Property Burial Plots

Chairman Yohe reported that the Township Supervisors recently received a request to allow a burial on private property and noted that the Zoning Ordinance does not address private

property burial plots and requested that the Planning Commission review the feasibility of adopting an ordinance regulating private property burial plots.

Correspondence

None.

Invoices

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer