

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2021

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on December 14, 2021 at 2:00 pm at the Cummings Township Municipal Building, with Michael Yohe and Walter Braddock participating

Public Attendees: Les Ritter of the Waterville Fire Company, Carl Frech, Donna Bierly, Tom Mussington, Sgt. Fioretti of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department, Don Peters and Dance Drier, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation:

Don Peters thanked the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department for their assistance with resolving an incident where a truck damaged his driveway.

Donna Bierly reported that the last time her sister, Karen Purvis, cleaned the township building she made a list of concerns for the Supervisors and in Karen's absence, Donna presented the following concerns: the water in the back kitchen has an odor; and the toilet in the bathroom outside the EMS Office is not working.

Donna also questioned whether repairs could be made to the retaining wall along the ramp leading to the meeting room off of Rte. 44.

It was the consensus of the Board to make repairs to the retaining wall in the spring.

Recreation Committee

Donna Bierly reported that the portable toilets have been removed and asked if the township employees could clean up the play area and pavilion area to avoid the leaves staining the concrete and play surface. The Supervisors agreed to contact Township Employee Craig Bierly about the matter.

Donna Bierly also requested the removal of two butternut trees near the ball park, which was previously approved by the Supervisors, and suggested the trees be taken down while the ground is frozen.

A discussion was held and Chairman Yohe agreed to contact Saar's, Motter's Tree Trimming and Loffredo's for quotes to remove the trees.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the November 9, 2021 monthly meeting, there being none, he then made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MC.

Approval of Treasurer's Report:

Chairman Yohe made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MC.

Zoning Liaison Report:

Zoning Liaison Todd Carmer was not present for the meeting and Chairman Yohe said that he spoke with Todd and there was no zoning activity for the month.

TVRPD Police Report

Police Sergeant Fioretti of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department presented the following Police Report for the month of November:

Incidents

1. 11/03/2021 – 21-2749 – Reckless Driver, 11000 Blk North Route 44 Hwy
2. 11/04/2021 – 21-2758 – Ambulance Assist, Little Pine Creek Road
3. 11/07/2021 – 21-2780 – Ambulance Assist, North Route 44 Hwy
4. 11/08/2021 – 21-2787 – Ambulance Assist, North Route 44 Hwy
5. 11/09/2021 – 21-2804 – Suspicious Drone Activity, Little Pine Creek Road
6. 11/09/2021 – 21-2810 – Ambulance Assist, Lone Walnut Club Road
7. 11/14/2021 – 21-2870 – Ambulance Assist, Huntley Road

Citations/Arrests: None

Roadmaster's Report:

Donna Bierly presented the following Roadmaster's Report on behalf of Roadmaster Bierly:

- The salt spreaders and snow plows have been installed on the equipment
- The heaters were installed in the garage
- The overhead door on the cinder bin has not been repaired and the company will be contacted again about repairing the door
- Anti-skid was applied to roads after last storm
- Due to C.H. Waltz's being closed due to illness, the equipment has not been serviced and as soon as Waltz's are operational service will be scheduled

Solicitor's Report:

Attorney Dance Drier reported that the Township received notification that the RV parked in the flood plain has been inspected and is road worthy.

Chairman Yohe stated that Bonner's RV has an agreement with the owners to move the RV in an emergency and Attorney Drier suggested the owners designate a secondary person, such as a family member, to move the RV if needed.

It was the consensus of the Board that since the RV owner has met the Township's terms to allow the RV to remain on the property and to renew the RV permit.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

2022 Budget

Chairman Yohe gave a presentation on the 2022 Budget which included a summary of the Budget figures, 2022 Overall Objectives and 2021 Accomplishments.

2022 Overall Objectives:

- Road maintenance to improve quality for residents and property owners at a lower cost and with more consistent quality and timely work completion compared to use of outside contractors
- Supporting the activities and planned growth of the Waterville Fire Company
- Supporting the Emergency Management Coordinator
- Improving overall communication using the township website
- Supporting other activities that enhance public safety, roads and quality of live via specific donations

2021 Key Accomplishments:

- Contracted with Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department for police services
- Use of Act 13 Impact Fees and Liquid Fuels funds to improve Dam Run Road and Ramsey Drive
- Use of Act 13 Impact Fees to support the Waterville Fire Company
- Improvements to the public park in Waterville
- Completed construction of new garage and salt shed
- Continued Emergency Management Office technology upgrades
- Continued discussions about the Township taking over maintenance of West Drive
- Continued working with Penn DOT, Lycoming County and the Pine Creek Valley Council of Governments (COG) to prioritize road maintenance on Routes 44 and 4001

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget as presented; seconded by Chairman Yohe, MC.

Tax Levy Resolution 12.14.2021 – 2022 Real Estate Tax Rate

Chairman Yohe made a motion to adopt Tax Levy Resolution 12.14.2021 setting the real estate tax rate for 2022 at .00 mills; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MC.

Resolution 12-14-2021-1 – Appointment of CPA

Chairman Yohe made a motion to appoint a Certified Public Accountant to perform the 2021 Audit; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MC.

Agreement with Lea Ann S. Plessinger, CPA, LLC

Chairman Yohe made a motion to approve the agreement with Lea Ann S. Plessinger, CPA, LLC for 2021 auditing services; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MC.

Resolution 12-14-2021-2 – Lycoming County Tax Collection Agreement

Chairman Yohe made a motion to adopt Resolution 12-14-2021-2 authorizing Lycoming County to collect county and township taxes and approving the tax collection agreement with Lycoming County; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MC.

2022 Reorganization Meeting

Chairman Yohe made a motion to schedule the 2022 Reorganization Meeting for January 3, 2022 @ 2:00 pm; the regular monthly meeting will immediately follow the Reorganization Meeting.

Correspondence

Received information from PSATS on the 2022 Annual PSATS Conference scheduled for April 24-27, 2022.

Invoices

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to approve the invoices as presented; seconded by Chairman Yohe, MC.

Adjournment

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chairman Yohe, MC.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer