

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
MAY 10, 2022

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on May 10, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Cummings Township Municipal building, with Walter Braddock and Richard Bierly present

Also in attendance: Paul Sattazahn, Joseph Mussington, Jr., James Capel, Dustin Chaffin, Todd Carmer, Cindy Senn, Reagan Markley, Karen Purvis, Les Ritter, Zoning Liaison Jeff Markley, Sergeant Michael Crawford of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department, Jim and Connie Mitcheltree, Carl Frech, Paul Stitzer, Sharon Altemier, Robert Sheets and Marc Drier, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Participation:

Resident Karen Purvis pointed out that the Pine Creek Valley Preservation Association newsletter recognizes Brown, McHenry and Watson Township but did not include any information about Cummings Township or its website.

A discussion was held and it was the consensus of the Board to follow up with Donna Pearson of the Pine Creek Valley Preservation Association.

Resident Jim Mitcheltree inquired as to who the township hired to take care of enforcing the zoning ordinances and who is responsible for issuing RV Permits.

The Supervisors explained that Jeff Markley, Zoning Liaison, is responsible for issuing RV permits and Roger Hoy of Hoy Inspections takes care of code enforcement, issuing zoning permits and UCC inspections.

Resident Connie Mitcheltree said there is an individual in the neighborhood who continues to burn dog feces and has dogs that bark continuously.

Sgt. Crawford said an officer did speak to this individual previously about the issue and recommended that residents call 911 while he is burning, or when the dogs are barking, and officers will come up and take a statement and hold him accountable. If there is not an ordinance in place, the individual could be charged with disorderly conduct under the Pennsylvania Criminal Code.

Recreation Committee Report:

Recreation Committee Member Karen Purvis reported that Donna Bierly has resigned from the Recreation Committee.

Karen also reported that both Rick and Donna Bierly gathered information needed for Lillie Langlois, of the Recreation Committee, to prepare a grant application on behalf of the Committee for Lycoming County's Act 13 Mini Grant for Parks and Recreation Program and the Recreation Committee was awarded \$16,400.00 in grant funds for playground equipment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Supervisor Bierly asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the April 12, 2022, 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 Jeff Markley reported that he received eight RV permit applications to date, and he is waiting to receive an application for the trailer on Third Street.

TVRPD Police Report

Sergeant Michael Crawford presented the April Police Report as follows:

Incidents

1. 04/02/2022 – 22-0726 – Assist the Public, White Oak Trail
2. 04/04/2022 – 22-0739 – Ambulance Assist, North Route 44 Hwy
3. 04/12/2022 – 22-0829 – Disabled Vehicle, North Route 44 Hwy
4. 04/14/2022 – 22-0849 – Disorderly Conduct, Little Pine Creek Road
5. 04/15/2022 – 22-0853 – Brush Fire, Little Pine Creek Road
6. 04/15/2022 – 22-0855 – Brush Fire, Second Street
7. 04/17/2022 – 22-0874 – Lift Assist, Ramsey Drive
8. 04/22/2022 – 22-0903 – Scam, Ramsey Drive
9. 04/24/2022 – 22-0920 – Bicycle Accident, Ramsey Drive
10. 04/24/2022 – 22-0922 – Brush Fire, Second Street
11. 04/24/2022 – 22-0925 – Motorcycle Accident, North Route 44 Hwy
12. 04/24/2022 – 22-0926 – DUI Crash, Little Pine Creek Road
13. 04/26/2022 – 22-0945 – Assist the Public, Ramsey Drive
14. 04/29/2022 – 22-0968 – Assist the Public, Bonnell Flats Camping Area
15. 04/30/2022 – 22-0979 – Assist the Public, Little Pine Creek Road

Citations: Disorderly Conduct – 1

Road Foreman's Report:

Supervisor Bierly presented the following Roadmaster's report on behalf of Craig Bierly:

- Mowing;
- Drainage project at the township building is underway;
- Retaining wall in front of township building is almost complete;
- Mulching at the Park;
- Warranty issue with the hydraulic block on the backhoe, unable to be repaired and a new block has been ordered;

- Removed downed trees on Dam Run Road;
- Replaced posts and rails at the cemetery, more material on order;
- Trailer brakes installed on Dodge Dump truck;
- Requested confirmation on specifications for Pickle Ball Court in order to put in base for the court;
- Requested a new phone for the downstairs office and a phone line be installed in the garage

After a discussion about the request for a new phones and installation of a new telephone line to the garage; Supervisor Bierly made a motion to approve the request; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Solicitor’s Report:

Solicitor Marc Drier reported that two Notices of Violation were sent out they have until May 25, 2022, to comply.

Solicitor Drier also reported on the status of ownership of West Side Drive and the steps needed to be taken for the township to take over maintenance of the road.

Old Business:

ATV Usage on Township Roads

A discussion was held, and it was agreed that the Supervisors are not interested in adopting an ordinance allowing ATVs on Township roads.

Solicitor Drier indicated that no action was required by the Supervisors for a “non-use”, adding, there is a state law that requires that a use must be designated by official action and posted as being allowable as a use.

New Business:

Waterville Fire Company Fire Police – Administer Oath of Office

Secretary Darlene Macklem, a Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, administered the Oath of Office for the following Waterville Fire Company Fire Police Officers:

1. Lester A. Ritter
2. Jeffrey A. Markley
3. Paul A. Stitzer, Jr.
4. Cindy Senn
5. Reagan M. Markley
6. Sharon K. Altemier
7. Joseph T. Mussington, Jr.
8. James Capel
9. Robert B. Sheets
10. Dustin Chaffin
11. Todd Carmer

Donation Requests:

River Valley Regional YMCA

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to approve a donation to the Jersey Shore Branch of the River Valley Regional YMCA in the amount of \$1,000.00 seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Jersey Shore Area Summer Recreation Inc.

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to donate \$500.00 to Jersey Shore Area Summer Recreation, Inc.; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Correspondence

1. Notice of Intent from Range Resources for Consumptive Use at Ogontz Fishing Club #12H in Cummings Township

Invoices

Chairman 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 adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer