

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2022

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on August 9, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Cummings Township Municipal building, with Michael Yohe, Walter Braddock and Richard Bierly present

Also in attendance: Sgt. Michael Crawford of TVRPD, Donna Bierly, Tom Mussington, Karen Purvis, Paul Sattazahn, and Bub Rainey

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation:

Karen Purvis of the Waterville Water Association reported that the water table is extremely low and the Waterville Water Association has placed voluntary restrictions for water usage and believes those restrictions will soon become mandatory. She also suggested individuals who have private wells should also be watching their water usage.

A discussion was held about making people aware of the water situation and Donna Bierly said signs have been posted around town and Karen requested that water restrictions be placed on the Township website. Tom Mussington suggested placing a notice on the Fire Company's sign.

Paul Sattizahn reported that 4-wheelers are crossing the state highway on weekends near his residence.

A discussion was held, and Sgt. Mike Crawford suggested Mr. Sattizahn call 911 and officers will try to address the issue. However, if officers do not arrive in time to stop the individuals, he said it would be beneficial to get license plate numbers of the vehicles.

Donna Bierly reported that the plaques for the bells have been installed at the entrance of the township building.

Tom Mussington reported that McHenry Township is purchasing a small electronic speed sign to place along the state road in their municipality in an effort to cut down on speeding.

Recreation Committee Report:

Karen Purvis reported that the musical instruments have been installed at the playground.

Karen also reported on the bench donated in memory of Spence Graybill that is in poor shape. Donna Bierly reached out to Spence's nephew to let him know that the bench is in poor condition, and he is willing to purchase a replacement bench that is made out of composite material.

Karen said the playground is now full of playground equipment and both the pickleball and basketball courts and suggested the focus now be on maintaining the playground.

A discussion was held regarding the restrooms to be installed by DCNR at the playground and the anticipated cost of maintaining the restrooms.

Karen Purvis also mentioned that parking for the Waterville Fire Company's Apple Butter Festival may be an issue this year and suggested the fire company start now to address parking for the festival.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the July 12, 2022, 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:

Chairman Yohe said he did not have a monthly zoning report but there is some zoning information coming up in the Solicitor's Report.

TVRPD Police Report:

Sgt. Michael Crawford of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department provided the following report for July.

Incidents

1. 07/04/22 – 22-1531 – Public Drunkenness, Limbaugh Road
2. 07/15/22 – 22-1635 - Assist other agency, Little Pine Creek Road
3. 07/18/22 – 22-1650 – Burglary, 8200 Block 44 North Hwy
4. 07/22/22 – 22-1673 – Weapons Law, Lightning Bug Lane
5. 07/28/22 – 22-1735 – Ambulance assist, Route 414 Hwy
6. 07/29/22 – 22-1752 – Ambulance assist, Little Pine Creek Road
7. 07/31/22 – 22-1757 – Assist Public, 204 Millers Lane

Citations/Arrests

Burglary – 2
Criminal Trespass – 2
Theft By Unlawful Taking – 1
Public Drunkenness – 1

Waterville Fire Company

Chairman Yohe indicated that as requested, the Supervisors received an incident report from the Waterville Fire Department for the month of July. The report included 16 incidents for the month in Cummings, Brown and McHenry Townships. It was noted that going forward the

Fire Company will be providing the monthly incident report to the Board, and it will be posted on the township's website.

Roadmaster's Report:

Supervisor Bierly presented the following Roadmaster's report:

- Cut trees down on Dam Run Road several times
- Started making improvements to West Drive; placed R3 and R4 stones and subbase in four different berm areas; cut brush; widened the road to a 16 ft. cartway noting there will be a 33 ft. right of way
- Ordered signs for West Drive

Solicitor's Report:

Chairman Yohe presented the Solicitor's Report on behalf of Solicitor Drier who was not present at the meeting.

1. West Drive Deed of Dedication – Deed and UPI's approved, and the deed was recorded.
2. Drainpipe across Geissler property – document and signatures are in process.
3. Floodplain RV Zoning – will meet with Planning Commission to develop language.
4. Solar farm, tower, short-term rentals – will meet with the Planning Commission to work on language.
5. Notice of Violations – the violation on Second Street has been resolved; the issue on Lightning Bug Lane may require a second notice.
Haneyville Campground – still within a voluntary compliance period (new camp sites too close to the road).

Old Business:

No old business was presented for discussion.

New Business:

Application for County Aid

Chairman Yohe made a motion to approve the Application for County Aid for Liquid Fuels Tax in the amount of \$934.00; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

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, Supervisor Braddock made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer