

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2022

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on November 7, 2022, at 2:00 pm at the Cummings Township Municipal building, with Michael Yohe, Walter Braddock and Richard Bierly present

Also in attendance: Sgt. Fioretti of TVRPD, Ray Smith, Don Peters, Donna Bierly, Joseph T. Mussington, Jr., Paul Hileman, Paul Sattazahn, Zoning Liaison Jeff Markley and Carl Frech

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation:

Resident Ray Smith thanked the Supervisors on behalf of the residents living along West Drive for the road repairs made to West Drive.

Resident Don Peters thanked the Supervisors for holding meetings in the afternoon giving him the opportunity to attend the monthly township meetings.

He also thanked the Board for the improvements made to West Drive and for the work done with regard to conditions placed on the tower that was erected, stating the tower is visible but there is no light on it, so the tower does not interfere with the night sky.

Recreation Committee Report:

Donna Bierly suggested that the portable toilets at the park be removed at the end of November due to the nice weather and heavy usage of the park.

She also reported that when Willow World installed the new cable on the zipline they did not tighten it enough and Willow World has been contacted and they are scheduled to come back and tighten the cable.

The spring animals have been installed and are being used by the small children and township employee John Brown has been blowing the leaves out from under the pavilion and play area.

Donna said the Recreation Committee would like to have the roof on the kiosk located at the lower end of the park replaced next year, adding that the kiosk was originally donated to the Township by DCNR. She said the Committee would also like to have flashing installed on the pavilion next year.

Waterville Water Association

Donna Bierly reported on behalf of the Waterville Water Association, stating that Sophia Root of the Department of Environmental Protection, will meet with Association members this week to discuss the well and Engineer/Geologist Jim Castleberry is working on finding a new location for the second well. Mr. Castleberry inspected local residential wells and tested salt content and water quality as part of the research to find a location for the new well. There is a

possibility that the new well may be drilled next to the Associations existing well.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the October 11, 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:

The Board received the monthly zoning report from Zoning Officer Roger Hoy and Chairman Yohe stated that two new permits were issued and there are two outstanding violation notices under the IMPC.

A discussion was held regarding other properties in Waterville that may be in violation of the Zoning Ordinance and/or the IMPC.

TVRPD Police Report:

Sgt. Fioretti of the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department provided the following report for October.

Incidents

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1. Ambulance Assist
2. MVA - Little Pine Creek

Citations/Arrests

None

Sgt. Fioretti also reported that officers attended the Apple Butter Festival held at the Waterville Fire Hall.

Waterville Fire Company

Chairman Yohe gave a summary of the Waterville Fire Department's report for the month of October. The report included 4 incidents for the month in Cummings, Brown, Watson and McHenry Townships.

Roadmaster's Report:

Supervisor Bierly presented the following Roadmaster's report:

- The 2022 DSA Project was completed on Dam Run Road
Municipal Services Representative Barry Garverick will inspect the road before payment is made to the contractor

Work to be completed:

- Work on berms along West Drive

Solicitor's Report:

Chairman Yohe presented the Solicitor's Report for the month which included:

1. Act 57 Resolution confirmed that Resolution 11-07-2022 implementing Act 57 of 2022 must be adopted by January 9, 2023
2. Zoning Review Update – Solicitor Drier provided a draft of the proposed ordinance amendment for commercial solar energy facilities and is in the process of drafting an ordinance to regulate communication towers and a zoning provision to regulate short term rentals
3. Outstanding Notice of Violation under the IPMC to a Waterville resident, Supervisors need to decide whether to move forward with the District Magistrate
4. Outstanding violation at the Haneyville Campground and Sweigart property

Old Business:

No old business was presented for discussion.

New Business:

Waterville Heritage Museum

Ray Smith introduced Paul Hileman, member of the "Friends of Camp Kline" group who is looking for space to display Camp Kline and Boy Scout memorabilia.

Paul Hileman explained that he created the Friends of Camp Kline group in 2015 and spoke to the history of Camp Kline which was closed in 1974 and asked the Board of Supervisors to consider allowing the memorabilia from Camp Kline and the Boy Scouts at the Township's Heritage Museum.

A discussion was held regarding how the memorabilia could be displayed; liability coverage on the memorabilia, etc. and it was agreed that the memorabilia would be included in the planning of the museum going forward.

2023 Budget

Chairman Yohe explained that budget planning process to everyone in attendance and gave a brief synopsis of the budgeted amounts which includes maintaining our roads, recreation and various other donations to Jersey Shore Area EMS and Lock Haven EMS. As was done in the past the donations to JSA EMS and LH EMS will be in exchange for free memberships for township residents.

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to approve the Preliminary 2023 Budget as presented; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Resolution 11-07-2022 - Implement Act 57 of 2022

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to adopt Resolution 11-07-2022 implementing Act 57 of 2022; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Agreement with Lea Ann S. Plessinger, CPA, LLC for 2022 Audit

Supervisor Braddock Made a motion to approve the agreement with Lea Ann S. Plessinger, CPA, LLC, to perform the 2022 Audit; seconded

2023 Police Service Contract

Chairman Yohe reported that the contract for police services through the Tiadaghton Valley Regional Police Department (Lycoming Regional Police Commission) has been reviewed by the Township Solicitor who made a few minor changes to the language in the contract is for three years at the current rate.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to approve the contract for police services; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Certificate of Deposits

Secretary/Treasurer Macklem suggested the Board transfer \$100,000 out of Muncy Bank Act 13 Account and open a CD at Muncy Bank at the rate of four (4%); and transfer \$100,000 out of the Muncy Bank Act 13 Account into a PLGIT Term Account in order to get a higher return on those funds.

It was the consensus of the Board of Supervisors to transfer Act 13 Funds into a Certificate of Deposit at Muncy Bank and a Term Account with PLGIT.

Correspondence

- DEP Letter of Approval – Final Report for Ogontz Fishing Club Well Site
- LTAP Municipal Transportation Needs Survey
- Range Resources Notice of Intent for Consumptive Use at Ogontz Fishing Club
- PennDOT notifications of proposed projects in Cummings Township:
 - (1) SR 287 Bridge Replacement over Larry's Creek (2023)
 - (2) Epoxy overlay on SR 44 over Pine Creek and SR 414 over Cedar Run (2024)
 - (3) Bridge rehabilitation on SR 4001 over tributary to Little Pine Creek (2030)
 - (4) Bridge rehabilitation on SR 44 over Upper Pine Bottom Run (2028)

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 adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer