

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2022

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on October 11, 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, Karen Purvis, Robert Sheets, Todd Carmer, Kevin Black, Donna Bierly, Joseph T. Mussington, Jr., Karen Purvis, Paul Sattazahn, Zoning Liaison Jeff Markley and Carl Frech

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation:

Resident Carl Frech pointed out that Verizon replaced the pole along Rte. 414 that was leaning out over the road, however they left all of the trash along the side of the road, including a green telephone box that is about three feet high, and all the wires. He said Verizon should be contacted to come back and clean up everything that was left behind.

Chairman Yohe agreed to contact Verizon about the issue. He also noted that Verizon removed the piece of Ash Tree that was hanging on the line along Route 44 just outside of Waterville.

Recreation Committee Report:

Donna Bierly reported that the township employees dug the holes for the spring animals and the concrete was done and Willow World was contacted about installing the equipment.

She also reported that Willow World will be making repairs to the zipline, and it was her understanding that they will be replacing the line. They will also make repairs on the egg and the chains on the swings this Fall.

Waterville Water Association

Karen Purvis said the Waterville Water Association's voluntary water usage restrictions will be lifted this week.

Donna Bierly reported that the Association will be meeting with another Engineer/Geologist to find a new location to drill the second well.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the September 19, 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.

Secretary/Treasurer Darlene Macklem requested approval to close out the ARPA Fund account at First National Bank and transfer the funds into the Jersey Shore State Bank General Fund per the ARPA guidelines.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to close out the ARPA Account at First National Bank and transfer the funds into the Jersey Shore State General Fund; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Zoning Liaison Report:

Zoning Liaison Jeff Markley did not have anything new to report.

TVRPD Police Report:

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

Incidents

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1. 09/02/2022 – 22-2099 – Lower Pine Bottom Road, MVA
2. 09/04/2022 – 22-2118 – Route 414 Hwy, Assist Other Agency
3. 09/05/2022 – 22-2125 – Route 414 Hwy, Assist Public
4. 09/05/2022 – 22-2126 – North Route 44 Hwy, Suspicious Circumstance
5. 09/24/2022 – 22-2296 – Little Pine Creek Road, Ambulance Assist
6. 09/25/2022 – 22-2303 – Pine Bottom Road, 911 Abandoned call
7. 09/27/2022 – 22-2327 – 2ND Street, Assist Public
8. 09/28/2022 – 22-2335 – Route 414 Hwy, Suspicious Circumstance

Citations/Arrests

None

Waterville Fire Company

Chairman Yohe gave a summary of the Waterville Fire Department’s report for the month of September. The report included 13 incidents for the month in Cummings, Brown, Watson and McHenry Townships.

Roadmaster’s Report:

Supervisor Bierly presented the following Roadmaster’s report:

- Cleaned out ditch lines along Dam Run Road

- Removed fallen trees on township roads
- Cut brush and leveled area behind the fire hall
- Cut brush along various township roads

Work to be completed:

- Finish cleaning ditch lines along Dam Run Road
- Prepare trucks and equipment for snow removal

Solicitor's Report:

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

1. Act 57 Resolution which must be adopted by January 9, 2023
2. Zoning Review Update – Solicitor Drier prepared a detailed proposed ordinance amendment for commercial solar energy facilities at the request of the Supervisors. The proposed ordinance was sent to the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission for review. He is also working on an ordinance to regulate communication towers and a zoning provision to regulate short term rentals.
3. Sent a Notice of Violation under the IPMC to a Waterville resident
4. Outstanding violation at the campground for noncompliance with an aspect related to zoning as to the proximity of new camp sites to a highway or property

Old Business:

No old business was presented for discussion.

New Business:

Resolution to Implement Act 57 of 2022

The Resolution to Implement Act 57 of 2022 was tabled until the November meeting.

Award Bid for Dam Run Road DSA Project

The bid opening for the Dam Run Road DSA Project was held October 11, 2022, at 2:00 pm and the bids received are as follows:

Dean Construction	\$35,500.00
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	\$29,750.00

It was noted that the project was for 100 tons of DSA for a section of Dam Run Road from above the culvert that is eroding away and has rock ribs showing. The project is for 1,000 ft. of road that is 18 feet wide and four inches thick.

Chairman Yohe reported that the estimate for the project received from Municipal Services Representative Barry Garverick was \$30,000.00.

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to accept the low bid of \$29,750.00 from Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Resolution 10-11-2022 – Appoint CPA to perform 2022 Audit

Chairman Yohe made a motion to appoint Lee Ann S. Plessinger, a Certified Public Accountant to audit the township accounts for 2022; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Budget Work Session

Chairman Yohe suggested scheduling two work sessions to work on the 2023 Budget in order to adopt the Preliminary Budget at the November meeting.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to schedule and advertise the budget work sessions for October 19 and 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Reschedule November Township Meeting

Chairman Yohe explained that due to the 2022 Election on November 8, 2022, the Board has to reschedule its November meeting.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to reschedule the November Township Meeting to Monday, November 7, 2022, at 2:00 pm; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Building Maintenance

Karen Purvis reported that water is running across the sidewalk and cement in front of the township building and is ponding in front of the siding.

A discussion was held about the possibility of installing a deca drain to resolve the problem

Karen also noted that the window at the township building is leaking again.

It was the consensus of the Board to contact Jason McConnell to repair the window.

Correspondence

Memo from the Wayne Township Landfill with their 2023 prices for materials.

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 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer