

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
MAY 9, 2023

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on May 9, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Cummings Township Municipal building, with Michael Yohe, Walter Braddock, and Richard Bierly present.

Also in attendance: Donna Bierly, Karen Purvis, Paul Sattazahn, Sgt. Michael Crawford of Lycoming Regional Police Department, Joseph T. Mussington, Jr., Jim and Connie Mitcheltree, and Zoning Liaison Jeff Markley

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation

Jim Mitcheltree

Resident Jim Mitcheltree asked the Supervisors if Tri-County Electric is running fiberoptic lines for internet service within Cummings Township.

Chairman Yohe indicated during the April meeting, Resident Kim Shaineline of Little Pine Creek Road, asked about Tri-County extending the fiberoptic lines into the Township stating she contacted Tri-County and they plan to extend the lines down Rte. 414 and she asked the Board to contact Tri-County in support of extending the lines through Waterville as well.

Chairman Yohe said he contacted Tri-County about extending the fiberoptic lines through Waterville and they indicated they would be extending the lines but are not sure of the timeline.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the April 11, 2023, 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.

Recreation Committee Report

Donna Bierly of the Recreation Committee said there was nothing new to report on the CXT restroom and noted that the Township Road Crew removed the railroad ties from the parking area at the park and installed permanent bumper stops.

She also reported that the park is very busy, especially on weekends, adding that the Life Skills Class from the Jersey Shore Senior High School have made reservations to use the park in the middle of the week.

Karen Purvis said she was contacted by Tiffany Young of the Waterville Fire Company about using the pavilion for the Community Picnic and Karen referred her to the township's website.

Zoning Report

Zoning Liaison Jeff Markley reported that he is still receiving RV Permit Applications.

Chairman Yohe reported that Zoning Officer Roger Hoy is still pursuing one violation through the IPMC which should be resolved by the end of the month.

Lycoming Regional Police Report

Sgt. Michael Crawford provided the monthly police report listing six incidents for the month of April which included a fallen tree on a roadway; Airbnb Concerns/Suspicious Circumstance; Family Disturbance/Mental Health; Family Disturbance; and Fire Alarm (burnt food).

Sgt. Crawford also reported receiving the Township Ordinance listing the Park Rules and noted that Officers patrolled the park more frequently last month due to the concerns raised during the April township meeting.

Waterville Fire Company Report

Jeff Markley of the Waterville Fire Company presented an overview of incidents for the Waterville Fire Company for the month of April stating there were 13 incidents for the month, six were in Cummings Township, two in Brown Township, five in McHenry Township and two incidents were mutual aid. Two of the incidents were EMS calls and one was a fire call for burnt food. Total man hours for the Fire Company for the month totaled 123.5 hours.

Jeff also stated that on April 1st, the Fire Company took care of downed trees beginning at Finn, Fur & Feather and ending at Pine Hill Summit.

Solicitor's Report:

Chairman Yohe reported Solicitor Drier recently completed the indemnification agreements between the township and the Waterville Fire Company for special events.

Solicitor Drier also responded to questions from the Supervisors regarding the Waterville Water Association and sent a memorandum to municipalities about political signs in the PennDOT right-of-way not being permitted.

Chairman Yohe also reported that the Supervisors provided comments to Solicitor Drier on the updated draft of the Solar Energy Ordinance and he is continuing to work on an updated draft of the Wind Energy Farm Ordinance.

The Solicitor is also working with the Zoning Officer regarding zoning and code enforcement involving the violation on property located along Lightning Bug Lane that hopefully will be resolved by the end of the month.

Roadmaster's Report:

Roadmaster Craig Bierly provided the following Roadmaster's Report:

1. Perc test for the CXT restroom at the park was completed
2. Filled potholes on Dam Run Road
3. Cleaned out gutters on front of the municipal building
4. Weeded along the Ramsey Road and West Drive road right of ways
5. Cul-de-sac is ready to be paved
6. Removed railroad ties and installed bump stops at playground parking lot
7. New tires purchased for the pickup truck

Roadmaster Bierly reported that he recently toured the Wayne Township Landfill adding that he was unable to dispose of railroad ties at the Landfill due to not having a Waste Hauler's permit.

It was the consensus of the Board that the Township obtain a Waste Hauler's permit.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Resolution 05-09-2023

The Board discussed Resolution 05-09-2023 required by DEP for the installation of the retaining tank at the township park for the CXT restroom.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to adopt DEP Resolution 05-09-2023 for Plan Revision for New Land Development for the retaining tank at the township park for the CXT restroom; seconded by Supervisor Braddock; MCU.

Advertise 2023 Paving Project

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to advertise for bids for the 2023 Paving Project and to schedule the bid opening for June 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

New Well - Waterville Water Association

Chairman Yohe spoke about the Waterville Water Association's search for a viable location to drill a second well and indicated there are five different location options, listed as follows:

1. Cummings Township Property (behind municipal building)
2. Cummings Township Park
3. Arduini Trust Property
4. Property along Dam Run Road
5. Property along Bierly Drive

The final property being considered is owned by the Waterville Water Association and the new well would be located beside the existing well. Before DEP approves the Waterville Water Association's property for the new well, DEP requested proof that all the other owners of properties being considered would not allow the well on their property.

According to Chairman Yohe, the Supervisors have already verbally said they would not allow the well on the Township's two parcels, and suggested the Township send a letter to the Water Association officially denying the request to drill the well on the Township's property to share with DEP.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to approve the Township sending two denial letters to the Waterville Water Association denying the use of Township property for a new well; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Correspondence: None

Invoices

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Yohe made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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Secretary/Treasurer