

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2023

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on August 8, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Cummings Township Municipal building, with Michael Yohe, Walter Braddock, and Richard Bierly present.

Also in attendance: Karen Purvis, Paul Sattizahn, Rick Macklem, Donna Bierly, Kevin Black, Bruce Wertz, Larry Shaffer, Zoning Liaison Jeff Markley and Sgt. Fioretti of Lycoming Regional Police Department

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation

Kevin Black

Resident Kevin Black of 50 Bierly Drive said he previously requested the Township take over maintenance of Bierly Drive and asked if the Board has considered his request.

Chairman Yohe explained that the Supervisors took into consideration the 16 properties along West Drive when the decision was made to take ownership of that road. Adding the general rule is there must be at least 10 homes along a road for the township to consider it and all property owners must agree. Property owners must allow for a 33 foot right of way and cul-de-sac for the township to receive liquid fuel funds to maintain the road.

Bruce Wertz

Resident Bruce Wertz who lives along Dam Run Road reported that vehicles are not following the speed limit and asked if it would be possible to install speed bumps on the road. He said it is a safety concern, especially for children who live along the road.

A discussion was held and it was suggested that whenever possible, get the license plate numbers of speeding vehicles and/or the company name any gas trucks that are speeding and provide them to the Lycoming Regional Police Department. The gas companies can then be contacted about their drivers speeding and that may help alleviate the problem. It was noted that speed bumps are illegal and would not be an option.

It was the consensus of the Board to install "Children At Play" and "Deaf Child" signage in the affected area along Dam Run Road.

Donna Bierly

Resident Donna Bierly reported her neighbor has noticed vehicles parking in the township building parking lot at night.

Sgt. Fioretti suggested that residents contact the Lycoming Regional Police Department and report any suspicious vehicles parked in the parking lot at the township building.

Karen Purvis

Resident Karen Purvis reported that speeding vehicles continues to be a problem in Waterville, adding that the speed limit outside of Waterville is 45 mph and is 35 mph in Waterville, and requested more traffic control

Chairman Yohe suggested having the Lycoming Regional Police Department schedule speed monitoring in Waterville and Sgt. Fioretti also suggested setting up the speed monitoring trailer along the road which may help slow traffic down.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the July 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 reported that the surface at the playground was repaired and sealed.

Chairman Yohe reported that he is working on updates to the website and plans to post an online pavilion rental form as a .pdf document that can be downloaded and then submitted by email to the township or printed and mailed to the township, adding the online process needs to be changed to make it more user friendly.

Chairman Yohe also noted that the expansion of the pickleball court is on hold until the CXT restroom is installed, adding that DCNR finally finished the Sewage Application and it will be given to Lycoming County for review and approval. He said DCNR has the CXT but it cannot be installed until the sewage application is approved.

Zoning Report

Chairman Yohe reported on behalf of Zoning Liaison Jeff Markley that five RV permits and sent out two additional RV Permit applications, noting that having RV's in the floodplain could affect the Township's flood certification by FEMA.

Chairman Yohe reported on behalf of Zoning Officer Roger Hoy stating no permits were issued for the month and he is working on the one outstanding IPMC violation.

Lycoming Regional Police Report

Sgt. Fioretti gave the monthly police report for July, stating officers responded to nine calls for service in Cummings Township.

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 July, stating there were 12 incidents for the month, eight were in Cummings Township, three in Brown Township, one in McHenry Township. Total man hours for the Fire Company for the month was 82.11 hours.

Solicitor's Report:

Chairman Yohe also reported that Solicitor Drier is continuing to update the Solar Energy Ordinance and the Commercial Wind Farm Energy Ordinance and is still working to resolve one IPMC violation.

Roadmaster's Report:

The Roadmaster's Report for the month is as follows:

1. Graded Dam Run Road
2. Finished cul-de-sac on West Drive and will proceed with having Municipal Services Representative Barry Garverick approve road for liquid fuel funds
3. Charles Construction dug out and placed #4 stones and subbase on Spruce Road and the road should be paved tomorrow

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Dam Run Road Culvert Pipe

Township Engineer Dennis Norman supplied a copy of the GP11 permit application to the Board for the township files and noted the permit should be approved soon. Dennis said he received notification from the PA Fish & Boat Commission about the Timber Rattlesnakes in the area of the project, adding that they are protected and should not be disturbed by anyone working on the culvert replacement project.

Dennis explained that since the project is not funded through the Dirt & Gravel Road Program, the project was designed for the installation of two 25-ft. sections of squash pipe which is steel pipe that is aluminized and will cost approximately \$12,500.00.

Secretary/Treasurer Macklem reported transferring \$200,000.00 of Act 13 funds from the Jersey Shore State Bank account into a PLGIT Term Account at an interest rate of 5.89. Also, as approved during the July meeting, \$150,000.00 of Act 13 funds were invested in a nine-month Certificate of Deposit at a rate of 5.3%.

Correspondence: None.

Invoices

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to approve the invoices as presented; seconded by Solicitor 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 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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Secretary/Treasurer