

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2023

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on December 12, 2023, at 2:00 pm at the Cummings Township Municipal building, with Walter Braddock, Richard Bierly present and Michael Yohe attending via videoconference.

Also in attendance: Donna Bierly, Larry Shaffer, Jeff Markley, James Capel and Carl Frech

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation

None.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the November 14, 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 remaining portable toilet was removed from the park and the new CXT Restroom was installed. She said the township employees were at the park today leveling out dirt and filling in ruts around the new restroom.

Zoning Report

Zoning Liaison Jeff Markley had nothing new to report.

Lycoming Regional Police Report

Police Chief Nate DeRemer reported that officers responded to one call for service in Cummings Township during the month of November and it was to assist the Fire Department with a diabetic emergency.

Waterville Fire Company Report

The Waterville Fire Company report was presented by Jim Capel who provided an overview of incidents for the Fire Company for the month of November, stating there were eight incidents for the month and 109 total man hours.

He also noted that the Fire Company plans to have a raffle during the Sawdust Festival, which is scheduled for May 5, 2024, and will be contacting businesses for items to include on the raffle tickets. They are hoping to have rifles, kayaks, fishing equipment, items like that which pertain to spring activities.

Roadmaster's Report:

Chairman Yohe presented the Roadmaster's Report on behalf of Craig Bierly for the month as follows:

1. Removal of fallen trees on Dam Run Road
2. Prepared equipment for winter
3. Anti-skid on roads after one storm event
4. Assisted with installation of the CXT Restroom at the Park

Solicitor's Report:

Chairman Yohe presented the monthly Solicitor's Report:

1. Awaiting a court date for the Magistrate's Complaint filed against Sweigart.
2. Will prepare final draft of Park Rules Ordinance after revisions are received from the Recreation Committee.
3. Continuing review and sample ordinances for Solar/Wind Farms for refining provisions in the Cummings Township Ordinance.
4. In the process of working with the County to get documents for West Side Road filed to get liquid fuel funds for the road.

Chairman Yohe discussed the revisions to the Park Rules Ordinance and indicated that a section was added to address the rental and use of the pavilion. He said as the township continues to make improvements to the park, usage of the park and pavilion rentals have increased. It is to the point where there needs to be more clarification of the existing rules and adding a few more rules to keep everything working smoothly.

Chairman Yohe also noted that the township budgeted funds toward utilizing a township employee to take pavilion reservations and oversee the cleanup of the park.

A discussion was held about RV permits and the possibility of reviewing and updating the zoning ordinance next year.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

2024 Budget

Chairman Yohe gave a power point presentation on the 2024 Budget during the meeting as follows:

2024 Cummings Township Budget Objectives:

- Doing our own roads maintenance to improve road quality for our residents and property owners and do it **at a lower cost and with more consistent quality and timely work completion** compared to use of outside contractors
- Supporting the ongoing activities and planned growth of the Waterville Volunteer Fire Company working cooperatively with the Fire Company to do so
- Supporting our Emergency Management Coordinator and increasing our capabilities in this important area
- Continuing to improve the park in Waterville for use and enjoyment by citizens of all ages and look for other opportunities to enhance recreation in Cummings Township
- Improving overall communication and awareness of activities and events for residents and guests using www.cummingstownship-pa.com our fully functional township website
- Supporting other activities that enhance public safety, roads and quality of life via targeted donations

2023 Key Accomplishments

Public Safety - The Township continued its relationships with the Lycoming Regional Police Department, Jersey Shore area EMS and Lock Haven EMS.

Use of Act 13 Impact Fees and Liquid Fuels Funds for:

- Continued maintenance and road quality for Dam Run Road
- Completed the assumption of road maintenance responsibility for West Drive and made improvements to it
- Continued our strong cooperation with and support of the Waterville Volunteer Fire Company

- Continued to fund improvements to the public park in Waterville to improve recreational use quality (key 2023 improvements were the addition of a CXT chemical toilet in cooperation with the DCNR)

2024 Revenues & Expenditures:

- Projected Revenues for 2024 are \$754,457; Existing Assets as of January 1, 2024, total \$3,072,777 - Total Assets and Revenues for 2024 - \$3,827,234
- 2024 Projected Expenses - \$270,619 and Reserves set aside for Capital Expenditures - \$343,550 – Total Expenditures for 2024 - \$616,169
- Reconciled Assets, Revenues and Expenditures for 2024:

\$3,827,234	Total Assets and Revenues
<u>\$ 614,169</u>	Total Appropriated for Expenditures
\$3,213,065	2024 Unappropriated Funds (projected yearend balance)

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to approve the 2024 Budget as presented; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Resolution 12-12-2023

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to adopt Resolution 12-12-2023 setting the real estate tax millage rate for 2024 at zero mills; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Resolution 12-01-2023

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to approve Resolution 12-01-2023 to enter into a Road Use Agreement with Red Rock Lumber for Dam Run Road; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Resolution 12-07-2023

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to approve Resolution 12-07-2023 to enter into a Road Use Agreement with Lewis Lumber for Dam Run Road; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Schedule 2024 Reorganization Meeting

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to schedule the 2024 Reorganization Meeting for January 2, 2024 at 2:00 pm, and the regular monthly meeting will immediately follow; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Jami Nolan – Grand Campground

Sewage Enforcement Officer Jami Nolan presented documents the Sewage Planning Module and Resolution For Plan Revision For New Land Development for review and approval by the Board for the John Grand Campground.

Supervisor Bierly made a motion that the Board accept and sign the documentation for the Sewage Planning Module and approve the Resolution For Plan Revision For New Land Development as presented; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Correspondence: None.

Invoices

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

Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Resident Carl Frech questioned the status of the Township's right-of-way to Pine Creek through the new Pointe House property. A brief discussion was held and Chairman Yohe indicated he would be following up with Township Engineer Dennis Norman on the matter.

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

Chairman Yohe adjourned the meeting at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer