

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2023

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on October 10, 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, Donna Bierly, Larry Shaffer, Lillie Langlois, Craig Bierly, Paul Sattizahn, Police Chief Nate DeRemer of Lycoming Regional Police Department, and Marc Drier, Esquire

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation

Lillie Langlois

Lillie Langlois of the Recreation Committee provided a report to the Board of Supervisors on the grant the township received in April of 2022 from the County for the Cummings Township Recreation Project.

All the equipment was ordered in 2022 but due to the global supply chain the Committee was unable to get the last piece of equipment ordered under the grant and an extension was received from County to extend the end date to December 2023.

Lillie stated that all the equipment was received and installed, including the musical instruments, new grill, handicapped accessible swing, and two belt swings. The new pickleball court that was installed is very popular, adding that additional mulch was placed under the swing and zip line. She said the grant proceeds check from Lycoming County in the amount of \$16,400.00 was received last month.

Lillie Langlois also indicated that the park has had anywhere between five and eight pavilion reservations a month from May through October. There have been some issues with the online booking system on the township's website and Lillie is working with Nate Gilbert to resolve those issues.

Lillie also noted that her next grant writing effort will be for high-speed internet broadband for areas in the township that are underserved, adding that she and Kim Shainline have been researching grant opportunities to obtain funding to expand the internet within the township.

Larry Shaffer

Resident Larry Shaffer asked for an update on the cleanup of the Pennycoff property. Chairman Yohe agreed to follow up on the matter with Zoning Officer Roger Hoy.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the September 12, 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 Braddock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Recreation Committee Report

Donna Bierly reported that the township's employees made improvements to the handicap parking space at the park.

Zoning Report

Chairman Yohe had nothing to report from Zoning Officer Hoy.

Lycoming Regional Police Report

Police Chief Nate DeRemer gave the monthly police report for September, stating officers responded to four calls for service in Cummings Township.

Chief DeRemer also noted that a couple of officers will be attending the upcoming Apple Butter Festival at the Waterville Fire Hall.

Waterville Fire Company Report

The Waterville Fire Company report was presented during the meeting providing an overview of incidents for the Waterville Fire Company for the month of September, indicated there were nine incidents for the month, seven were in Cummings Township, one in McHenry Township, and one in Watson Township. Total man hours for the Fire Company for the month was 73.53 hours.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Drier had nothing new to report.

Roadmaster's Report:

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

1. Mowing
2. Grading work on Dam Run Road
3. Made improvements to the handicapped parking space at the park
4. Stockpiled anti-skid

The Board discussed making future improvements to Dam Run Road.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Resolution 10-10-23-01 – West Drive

Chairman Yohe explained that Resolution 10-10-23-01 is for the Supervisors to adopt West Drive as a public township road which will enable the township to receive liquid fuel funds to maintain the road.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to adopt Resolution 10-10-23-01 adopting West Drive as a public township road; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Donation to Waterville Water Association

Chairman Yohe tabled discussion on the township's donation to the Waterville Water Association to the November meeting.

Annual Act 13 Fund Distribution – Waterville Fire Company

Chairman Yohe indicated the Board received the annual financial report from the Waterville Fire Company to support the annual Act 13 Fund Distribution in lieu of the fire tax.

Supervisor Bierly made a motion to approve distribution of Act 13 Funds in the amount of \$17,000.00 to the Waterville Fire Company in lieu of fire taxes; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Budget Work Sessions

The Supervisors scheduled work sessions to prepare the 2024 Budget for October 25th and November 8th at 6:00 pm.

Correspondence: None.

Invoices

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

Executive Session

Chairman Yohe called an Executive Session at 6:30 pm to discuss a personnel/procedural matter; the regular meeting was called back to order at 7:15 pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Yohe adjourned the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem
Secretary/Treasurer