

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on September 12, 2023, at 6:00 pm at the Cummings Township Municipal building, with Walter Braddock, and Richard Bierly present.

Also in attendance: Karen Purvis, Donna Bierly, Larry Shaffer, Joseph T. Mussington, Jr., and Police Chief Nate DeRemer of Lycoming Regional Police Department

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation

Karen Purvis

Resident Karen Purvis suggested that DCNR install more signage directing bicyclists where the parking areas are within the township for the rails to trails because vehicles are being parked where they shouldn't be and signage directing them to the parking areas would be helpful.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Vice Chairman Rick Bierly asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the August 8, 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 part-time employee, Reagan Markley cleans the park every Thursday and the employees have been doing a great job mowing the park.

Secretary/Treasurer Darlene Macklem reported the Township received \$16,400.00 from Lycoming County for the recreation grant application submitted by Lillie Langlois on behalf of the Recreation Committee.

Zoning Report

Secretary Macklem reported that the Township received \$650.55 which was the amount the magistrate awarded in the Sweigart IPMC violations at his property. The award represents Zoning Officer costs and legal fees incurred in prosecuting the matter.

The monthly Zoning Officer Report from Roger Hoy included a zoning permit issued to Newmeyer Environmental for demolition; Aaron Algyer for a pavilion, and Cummings Township for the CXT restroom facility.

It was also noted that the sewage permit for the restroom facility was received from Lycoming County today.

Notices for high grass were issued to residents William Brian and Coleman Lippert.

Lycoming Regional Police Report

Police Chief Nate DeRemer gave the monthly police report for August, stating officers responded to 12 calls for service in Cummings Township.

Waterville Fire Company Report

The Waterville Fire Company report presented during the meeting provided an overview of incidents for the Waterville Fire Company for the month of August, indicated there were 10 incidents for the month, five were in Cummings Township, four in Brown Township, one in Watson Township. Total man hours for the Fire Company for the month was 66.52 hours.

Solicitor's Report:

West Drive was discussed and Supervisor Bierly reported that PennDOT Municipal Services Representative Barry Garverick inspected the road and determined it meets the standards to receive Liquid Fuel funds to maintain the road.

The Board requested Solicitor Drier prepare the Resolution needed for the Township to take over ownership of West Drive to be submitted to PennDOT for liquid fuels.

Roadmaster's Report:

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

1. Mowing and cleaning up trees after storms
2. Cleaned out culverts

Supervisor Bierly reported the two 25 ft. sections of squash pipe for Dam Run Road will be delivered later this week.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Spruce Road - Payment to Charles Construction

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to pay the invoice submitted by Charles Construction in the amount of \$85,814.76 for Spruce Road; seconded by Supervisor Bierly, MCU.

Correspondence:

- Notice from Beran Environmental Services of intent to apply for an Erosion and Sediment Control General Permit and for a Water Obstruction and Encroachment Permit for the construction of 19.925 linear feet of 12-inch natural gas pipeline.
- Letter from Solicitor Drier regarding Sweigart Notice of Violation
- Notice from PGE – gas wells associated with township property will be shut down intermittently due to the low commodity pricing and gas storage levels that are at a five year high.

Secretary Macklem also reported that she received a call from PennDOT notifying Cummings Township that for the next several weeks, starting September 13th, PennDOT will be working on Route 44 which will include 19 site borings and the road will also be tarred and chipped during the same time.

Invoices

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, Supervisor Bierly adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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Secretary/Treasurer