

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING  
MAY 14, 2024

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on May 14, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Cummings Township Municipal building, with Michael Yohe, Walter Braddock and Charles Rogers present.

**Also in attendance:** Connie Mitcheltree, Carl Frech, Jody and Les Ritter, Roadmaster Craig Bierly, Donna and Rick Bierly, Karen Purvis, Mary Jo and Dan Nestlerode, Joseph Tom Mussington, Becky Mussington, Douglas Raesner, Larry Shaffer, Jeffrey Pennycoff, Officer Cody Smith of the Lycoming Regional Police Department, Wm. Dennis Buttorff, EMA, and Solicitor Dance Drier

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Fire Police Oath**

Waterville Fire Company members Becky Mussington and Jody Ritter were sworn in as new Fire Police Officers by Notary Public Darlene Macklem.

**Public Participation**

Resident Connie Mitcheltree brought up the issue of the disrepair of the white house on the corner of First and Second Street to the Board of Supervisors.

Donna Bierly mentioned the fact that there was a water leak at that same property and the basement has about two feet of water in it and the water has since been turned off by the Waterville Water Association. The property owner also owes over \$2,000.00 in unpaid water fees to the Association.

A discussion followed with Officer Cody Smith as to how police officers may be able assist with this matter to make sure there is no one inside the building and to secure the building. Solicitor Drier also provided information about the possibility of the township condemning the building and recovering costs from the property owner as well as the unpaid water fees.

Chairman Yohe indicated that the Board of Supervisors will move forward to address the problem and request Zoning Officer Roger Hoy investigate the matter.

Tom Mussington reported that recently an ambulance had to wait 45 minutes due to the construction on Route 44 North and suggested residents contact PennDOT about the lengthy wait times.

Chairman Yoe stated that during the recent COG meeting there were PennDOT officials in attendance and they indicated that once the traffic signal installed there will be a three-minute wait time and the signal will not have the capability to sense an ambulance. In addition to the area on Route 44 in Watson Township, there will be other subsidence areas on Route 44 that will be repaired over the summer.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the April 9, 2024, monthly meeting; there being none, Supervisor Rogers made a motion the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Rogers, MCU.

### **Recreation Committee Report**

There was no report for the month, however, Resident Donna Bierly indicated that she spoke with Reagan Markley and she plans to clean the restroom at the park weekly and Reagan power washed the pavilion.

### **Zoning Report**

There was nothing new to report regarding zoning permits.

### **Lycoming Regional Police Report**

Sergeant Cody Smith of the Lycoming Regional Police Department reported that there were seven calls for service last month.

Sgt. Smith also reported another incident involving an unknown individual being on a property at 12:18 AM and asked residents to check security cameras and report any suspicious individuals to the police.

Sgt. Smith also reported that Lycoming Regional Police Officers handed out fishing poles again this year to children on the first day of fishing season.

### **Waterville Fire Company Report**

James Capel of the Waterville Fire Company reported thirteen calls for the month of April, and eight of those calls were in Cummings Township.

Mr. Capel also reported that the Sawdust Festival was a success and thanked the township employees for doing an outstanding job helping with the festival.

Mr. Capel also reported that he looked up the "run information" from the day before the meeting and from the time of dispatch to arrival it took a little over six minutes. He said it is comforting to know that even though traffic may be held up and the ambulance cannot get to the scene right away, the township has some of the best people in Waterville that respond from the fire department and also two of the best paramedics in Lycoming County.

Les Ritter of the Fire Company thanked the Board of Supervisors for replacing the signage on the side roads in the township to assist emergency personnel in locating properties.

## **Emergency Management Coordinator Report**

EMC Denny Buttorff reported that he is trying to keep residents informed by providing updates for the township website during weather events, including water level readings.

EMC Buttorff also reported that FEMA is requiring that PEMA perform Required Community Assistance visits (CAV) to municipalities across the State to maintain contact with communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), to assess the effectiveness of the floodplain management regulations and to provide technical assistance.

EMC Buttorff said that there are 2500 municipalities in the Commonwealth and the State hired two individuals to perform these visits and they are required to do ten (10%) percent every year.

## **Roadmaster's Report:**

Roadmaster Craig Bierly provided a report for last month, which included:

- Purchased materials for the pickleball court;
- Serviced equipment;
- DCNR installed a split rail fence along the trail at the CXT restroom;
- Worked on Ramsey Drainage Project;
- D.A. Stryker quoted \$24,000.00 for Oil & Chip on Ramsey Road and \$6,700.00 for fog seal;
- Tentatively plan the Dam Run Road pipe replacement project for June

A discussion was held regarding Ramsey Road and whether the project would have to be placed out for bids and it was noted that prevailing wage rates would not apply because the work is considered road maintenance. It was determined that three written quotes are required for projects costing up to \$23,200.00 and projects over \$23,200.00 must be placed out for bids.

## **Solicitor's Report:**

Solicitor Drier reported that the Magistrate's Hearing on the Sweigart property is scheduled for June 11, 2024. He explained that Mr. Sweigart is in a home and that he is researching who may have Power of Attorney to act on Mr. Sweigart's behalf.

## **Old Business:**

There was no old business presented for discussion.

## **New Business:**

### **Journey Bank Act 13 Certificate of Deposit Renewal**

Chairman Yohe made a motion to renew the Act 13 Certificate of Deposit for nine months at an interest rate of five percent (5%); seconded by Supervisor Rogers, MCU.

## **Short Term Rental Ordinance**

The Supervisors held a discussion with residents in attendance about adopting regulations in a Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

### **Correspondence:**

- (1) Notice from Lycoming County regarding changes to County Liquid Fuels Funding process to municipalities.
- (2) Notice from Penn Line that they will be upgrading guiderail on SR 44 in Cummings Township between R5 414 and Rt 664 beginning on May 20th and the project will take approximately three weeks to complete and the road will be reduced to one lane in each direction until the work is completed.

### **Invoices**

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

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Supervisor Braddock made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Rogers, MCU.

Supervisor Braddock adjourned the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darlene S. Macklem*

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Secretary/Treasurer