

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
JUNE 11, 2024

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on June 11, 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, Donna and Rick Bierly, Larry Shaffer, Officer Cody Smith of the Lycoming Regional Police Department, Wm. Dennis Buttorff, EMA, and Solicitor Marc Drier

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation

Resident Rick Bierly reported that he was contacted by Pat Powers of HRI, Inc. notifying the township that EQT hired HRI pave a portion of Dam Run Road from Ramsey Road to Route 287. Rick provided Mr. Powers with Roadmaster Craig Bierly's contact information for future reference.

Rick Bierly requested that the township roll the grassy area on the Waterville Water Association property next to the township park stating it is very rough to mow and rolling it will take care of the "ruts" on the property.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to authorize township employees to use the township roller on the Waterville Water Association property for up to two hours; seconded by Supervisor Rogers, MCU.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the May 14, 2024, monthly meeting; there being none, Supervisor Braddock made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Rogers, MCU.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

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

Recreation Committee Report

There was no report for the month, however, Resident Donna Bierly indicated that the pavilion has been rented a lot this summer and Reagan Markley is doing a good job keeping the pavilion clean and taking care of garbage removal.

Supervisor Rogers said he received a complaint about the pavilion rental fee for the special needs group explaining that the bus driver paid for the rental fee and was reimbursed by the School District.

Supervisor Rogers asked if it would be possible to make an exception for special needs groups.

A discussion ensued about waiving the pavilion rental fee for special needs groups and Chairman Yohe made a motion that the pavilion rental fee for any special needs groups be considered as a donation by the Township at the discretion of the Park Monitor; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

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 eighteen calls for service last month.

Sgt. Smith also reported that he contacted the property owner of the vacant home on Second Street about securing the property and mowing the grass. He said that when he spoke to Mr. Baney, he indicated that he plans to transfer ownership of the property to his sister.

Sgt. Smith said he checked on the property again after speaking with Mr. Baney and the grass was mowed and the home was secured.

The Board also discussed vehicles speeding when traveling through Waterville and scheduling use of the police department's electronic speed trailer.

Waterville Fire Company Report

James Capel of the Waterville Fire Company reported seven calls for the month of May, and four of the calls were in Cummings Township.

Mr. Capel announced that the Cummings Township Community Picnic is scheduled for noon on July 21st at the township park.

Mr. Capel requested removal of the "Bus Parking" sign at the back entrance to the fire company's parking lot and install signage for fire company parking only because there is a problem with cars parking in the lot while using the rails/trails and blocking fire trucks.

A discussion was held about the possibility of installing fire company parking signage and a plastic chain to deter vehicles parking in the fire company's parking lot. It was the consensus of the Board to allow the fire company to install additional signage in the rear of the building to prevent vehicles from parking at the fire company.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

EMC Denny Buttorff indicated he had nothing new to report.

Roadmaster's Report:

Supervisor Rogers provided a report on behalf of the Roadmaster for last month, which included mowing and preparing for the new pickleball court at the park. He said that Charles Construction is scheduled to begin work on the new pickleball court soon.

Supervisor Rogers also reported he contacted the individual about painting the lines on the pickleball court after completion and noted it was the same person who originally painted the lines on the first pickleball court.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Drier reported working with Zoning Officer Roger Hoy on issuing a Notice of Violation for the Baney property on Second Street and he is also working with Roger on the Notice of Violation for the Allgeyer property in Ramsey Village.

Solicitor Drier reported that a violation notice was served on Coleman Lippert for the junk vehicle on his property.

Solicitor Drier also provided an update on the Sweigart property, stating that the Nursing Home is in the process of appointing a guardian for Mr. Sweigart who is incapacitated and after the appointment is made, he will be able to proceed with the Notice of Violation for the Sweigart property.

A discussion ensued about the guardianship and how to protect the township from incurring costs to clean up the Sweigart property.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Bid Opening – Ramsey Drive

The Supervisors opened bids for the 2024 Cummings Township Tar & Chip Project which are as follows:

Midland Asphalt	\$44,563.20
Russell Standard Materials	\$34,284.80
DA Stryker	\$32,000.00

After a review and discussion of the bids received, it was noted that DA Stryker did not include a Bid Bond or Certified Check with the bid. Solicitor Drier advised the Board that they could accept the low bid from DA Stryker contingent on receipt of the bid bond or check.

Supervisor Braddock made a motion to accept the low bid from DA Stryker in the amount of \$32,000.00 contingent on the receipt of a Bid Bond or Certified Check; seconded by Supervisor Rogers, MCU.

Short-Term Rental Ordinance

Chairman Yohe reported that after the discussion during the May meeting, revisions were made to the proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance and the Lycoming County Planning requested a copy of the proposed ordinance for review prior to approving the ordinance.

A copy of the proposed ordinance was provided to the Lycoming County Planning Commission and they sent the Supervisors a review letter with comments for the Board's consideration. The Planning Commission also provided a copy of the short-term rental ordinance adopted by Montgomery County with a lot more provisions than the Board envisioned but it gives the Board more information to consider including in the ordinance prior to adoption.

Chairman Yohe suggested tabling adoption of the ordinance and scheduling a public meeting for June 26th at 7:00 pm to gather more input from the residents.

Ordinance 06-11-2024-01 – Revision of the Small Flow Stream Discharge

Chairman Yohe explained that as part of the process of codifying the township ordinances, the codification company recommended that the Small Flow Stream Discharge Ordinance be modified replacing "Lycoming Sanitary Committee" with "current SEO".

Chairman Yohe made a motion to adopt Ordinance 06-11-2024-01 revising the Small Flow Stream Discharge Ordinance as presented; seconded by Supervisor Rogers, MCU.

Correspondence: None

Invoices

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

Adjournment

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

Chairman Yohe adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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Secretary/Treasurer