

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on September 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Cummings Township Municipal building, with Michael Yohe, Walter Braddock, and Charles Rogers present.

Public Attendees: Connie Mitcheltree, Jason Young, Les Ritter, Donna Bierly, Rick Bierly, Tom Mussington, Karen Purvis, Sgt. Michael Crawford of the Lycoming Regional Police Department, and Wm. Dennis Buttorff, EMA

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation

Resident Donna Bierly requested that the Township install a "No Outlet" sign on Sawmill Drive.

Resident Karen Purvis requested that the Supervisors replace the street signs on First, Second & Third Street because they are in poor condition.

Jason Young, Fire Chief of the Waterville Volunteer Fire Company requested permission from the Supervisors for the Fire Company to use the fire hydrant in Waterville. He said the Fire Company will not need to use the hydrant that often.

Chairman Yohe suggested to Chief Young that he make his request to the Waterville Water Association because the Authority is separate from the Township. Supervisor Rogers suggested that Chief Young contact Tom Dent of the Waterville Water Association.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the August 13, 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 Braddock made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Rogers, MCU.

Recreation Committee Report

Karen Purvis of the Recreation Committee reported there are still pavilion rentals for September and October at the Park.

Zoning Report

Chairman Yohe reported one zoning permit and one building permit were issued to the same individual last month.

There are two violation issues, one remains open and the other one was resolved.

Lycoming Regional Police Report

Sergeant Michael Crawford of the Lycoming Regional Police Department reported eight calls for service last month and officers assisted residents throughout the area during Hurricane Debby on September 9th and 10th.

Sgt. Crawford also said the Police Department continues to improve its working relationship with the PA Fish & Boat Commission, PA Game Commission, and DCNR/Bureau of Forestry.

Chairman Yohe stated that the Board is pleased with the services provided by the Lycoming Regional Police Department.

Waterville Fire Company Report

Fire Chief Jason Young of the Waterville Fire Company reported twenty-three calls for August, 11 calls were in Cummings Township. Total man-hours - 345 for the month.

Chief Young also reported that the Fire Company has established a good working relationship with DCNR and will have day training with DCNR employees twice a year that includes search and rescue.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

EMC Denny Buttorff provided information on the damage in the area caused by Hurricane Debby, noting that there was not much damage in Cummings Township, however, Carson Town, English Center, Salladasburg, Anthony Township, and Mifflin Township there were a lot of incidents. He said the main issue was trying to get to those areas. Bulldozers traveled S.R. 287 to get to English Center because of mud and rockslides on the road.

Denny reported that English Center floods around six feet and they had 12.6 feet of water and it came up suddenly.

Chairman Yohe thanked Denny for all of his work during the flooding emergency.

Roadmaster's Report:

Roadmaster Craig Bierly reported mowing and trimming within the township during the last month. He indicated there was minimal damage to Dam Run Road from water runoff during the first storm last month and more damage during the last storm. There were some washouts in the road, ditches filled up and, in some areas, the pipes were completely plugged.

The Fire Company assisted the Road Employees using the tanker truck to flush out the pipes stating it took four or five hours to clean them.

There were washouts and clogged pipes on the Rte. 287 side of Dam Run Road and Craig contacted Pat Powers of Glenn O. Hawbaker who takes care of that portion of the road for the gas companies and they made the necessary repairs to the road and cleaned out the pipes.

D.A. Stryker tar and chipped Ramsey Drive but the fog seal still needs to be applied to the road.

Roadmaster Bierly reported that a large Sycamore tree fell across Little Pine at the West Point House causing concern that if the tree is not removed it will create an issue this winter with ice and water backing up in that area.

A discussion was held about who would be responsible for removing the tree and who to contact about removing it such as DCNR, PA Fish & Boat Commission, or DEP. The Supervisors suggested that Craig start by contacting Tom Casilio of DCNR/Bureau of Forestry who may be able to direct the Township to the agency responsible for removing the tree.

Solicitor's Report:

Chairman Yohe presented the Solicitor's Report stating that the Sweigart matter is ongoing as a guardian has not yet been appointed for Mr. Sweigart.

The Short-Term Rental Ordinance was not advertised for consideration at the September meeting and will be advertised for adoption at the October 8, 2024, meeting.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

There was no new business presented for discussion.

Correspondence: Request for contact information from the Lycoming County Board of Elections – Mike Yohe to replace Rick Bierly on contact form

Invoices

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

Adjournment

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

Chairman Yohe adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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Secretary/Treasurer