

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on November 12, 2024, at 2:00 pm at the Cummings Township Municipal building, with Michael Yohe, Walter Braddock, and Charles Rogers present.

Public Attendees: Larry Shaffer, Karen Purvis, Donna Bierly, Rick Bierly, James Capel, Jeff Markley, and Wm. Dennis Buttorff, EMA

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation

Resident Larry Shaffer asked if the Supervisors made progress in obtaining approval to remove the large sycamore tree that fell across Pine Creek during Hurricane Debbie

Chairman Yohe reported that the concern is that the tree will create a dam that will cause flooding during high-water events. He said he met with Dennis Norman, PE and they looked at the tree and discussed whose responsibility it is to remove the tree and Dennis is going to reach out to DEP about the matter on behalf of the township.

Chairman Yohe also noted that to remove the tree there would have to be a waiver and agreement from the property owner allowing access to their property to remove the tree.

Recognition of Rick and Donna Bierly

The Board of Supervisors presented a plaque and gift card to residents Donna and Rick Bierly in recognition of their years of service to Cummings Township.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the minutes from the October 8, 2024, monthly meeting. There being none, Supervisor Rogers made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Supervisor Braddock, 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 that the CXT restroom was pumped and will remain open until the weather warrants that the restroom be closed.

Zoning Report

Chairman Yohe reported that no zoning permits were issued last month and one building permit was issued for a window installation.

According to Chairman Yohe, the issue with the Allgeyer property in Ramsey Village is still ongoing. Dan Vassallo, PLS scheduled two meetings with DEP to determine what must be done but DEP canceled the meetings.

Chairman Yohe said the Solicitor is still working on the maintenance code violation in Ramsey and is waiting for the District Magistrate's office to serve the individual.

Chairman Yohe also reported on the Weaver property (former Baney property) stating the new owners are making an effort to clean up the property and he expects more work will be done in the spring.

Zoning Liaison Jeff Markley reported that he issued three RV permits last month.

Lycoming Regional Police Report

Chairman Yohe presented the Lycoming Regional Police Department report for the month which included eleven incidents and three of the incidents occurred at Happy Acres. No citations were issued during the month.

Chairman Yohe said the Supervisors are continuing to work with the police department on speeding issues and are waiting to receive more feedback from Nate DeRemer about speeding controls in Waterville. He said that he also contacted Municipal Representative Barry Garverick about possibly starting the 35-mph speed limit immediately on this side of the bridge to help slow vehicular traffic driving through Waterville.

Waterville Fire Company Report

Jim Capel of the Waterville Fire Company reported eleven calls for the month, seven of the calls were in Cummings Township, most were public service and EMS calls.

A discussion ensued about the burn ban that is in place due to dry conditions and all agreed that the burn ban should remain in effect.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

EMC Denny Buttorff provided an update on the embankment stabilization project on SR44 between Route 973 and Waterville in Cummings Township, stating work will end in December for the winter.

Denny also reported there continues to be a problem with the County stream gauges not working properly.

Roadmaster's Report:

Roadmaster Craig Bierly was not present for the meeting.

Solicitors' Report:

Chairman Yohe reported that the Solicitor is continuing to work on three outstanding zoning and IPMC violations in Ramsey and on English Island.

The Solicitor has revised and provided drafts of the commercial solar and wind ordinances for the Planning Commission to review.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Multipurpose Technical Device (Copier/Scanner/Printer)

Chairman Yohe explained that Secretary Macklem has been pricing multipurpose technical devices to replace the Canon printer at the municipal office which is unable to be repaired. Secretary Macklem said she is working with Doing Better Business (DBB) to get prices on both Canon and Sharp copiers and will report back to the Board at the December meeting.

2025 Preliminary Budget

Chairman Yohe reported that the Board of Supervisors held two work sessions that were open to the public to prepare the 2025 Preliminary Budget and provided handouts to residents attending the meeting.

Chairman Yohe also provided a presentation on the proposed Budget which will be posted on the website, stating that the Supervisors are comfortable with the preliminary budget figures but can make changes, if needed, prior to adoption of the final budget in December.

Supervisor Rogers made a motion to approve the 2025 Preliminary Budget as presented; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Fall Road Tour

It was the consensus of the Board to conduct a tour of the roads prior to December 9, 2024.

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, Chairman Yohe made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Supervisor Rogers, MCU.

Chairman Yohe adjourned the meeting at 3:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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Secretary/Treasurer