

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
May 13, 2025

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly meeting on May 13, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cummings Township Municipal building, with Michael Yohe, Walter Braddock and Charles Rogers present.

Public Attendees: Jim Capel, Karen Purvis, Donna Bierly, Paul Sattazahn, Carl Frech, Jason Young, Tiffany Young, Joseph T. Mussington, Jr., EMC Denny Buttorff, and Solicitor Dance Drier

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation

Karen Purvis requested additional signage directing vehicles to rail/trail parking areas and it was suggested that a sign be installed on Sawmill Drive or along Rte. 44.

Karen Purvis and Donna Bierly indicated that there is a problem with people parking vehicles on the Waterville Water Association property which is illegal due to contamination of the water well.

A discussion followed, and the Supervisors agreed that more parking is needed for the park and rail/trail and they are trying to resolve the parking issue. The Board suggested that the Water Association install fencing on its property to deter parking and they also plan to contact Nate Gilbert about adding information on the township's website that there is limited parking at the township park.

Karen Purvis also reported with overloaded log trucks speeding when travelling through the township.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the April 8, 2025, monthly meeting minutes; 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 the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Recreation Committee Report

Karen Purvis of the Recreation Committee reported on the following items:

- (1) The basketball court needs repaved and repainted next year.
- (2) The dead cherry trees in the park need to be removed.
- (3) The playground surface needs cracks repaired.

Craig Bierly agreed to follow up on having the dead cherry trees removed and to contact Willow World about repairing the playground surface.

Park Manager

Chairman Yohe introduced Kathy Hoffman, the new Park Manager, during the meeting.

Kathy noted that the pavilion is being rented frequently, and cleaning the CXT restroom and maintenance of the park is going well.

Zoning Report

Craig Bierly questioned the status on the cleanup of the former Baney property on Second Street which is still in disrepair and does not look structurally sound.

Chairman Yohe indicated there are a number of violations on the property which was transferred to another family member back in December, however, due to health reasons very little work has been done on the property.

Solicitor Dance Drier questioned whether the building should be condemned and agreed to reach out to Roger Hoy about the property. He said that a Notice of Violation must be issued to move forward with condemnation proceedings, adding that even if there are structural issues the owner must still be given a period of time to make repairs.

Lycoming Regional Police Report

The Lycoming Regional Police Report for April included eight incidents for the month.

Chairman Yohe presented the results from Lycoming Regional Police Department speed study and PennDot has approved moving the starting point for the 35-mph speed limit.

According to the study, during the 10-day period there were 5,711 vehicles and fifteen (15%) percent exceeded the 35-mph speed limit with most vehicles travelling between 46 and 65-mph and 857 vehicles travelling 11-mph or more over the speed limit. The peak travel days are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Chairman Yohe said he spoke with Police Chief Chris Kriner about the possibility of having officers do more speed patrols.

EMC Report:

Denny Buttorff, EMC reported that he was still working on a case from the flash flood in August where the property owner moved stones that washed out of the stream onto his property back to the bank of the stream is being fined by DEP. He stated that DEP requires that stones must be hauled away.

Denny warned the Supervisors that should there be flooding in Cummings Township and any stones that wash out of the stream onto properties, the stones may not be moved back to the bank of the stream.

He also reviewed the Hazard Mitigation Planning Survey with the Board and reported that the next Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2025, and the completion date for the Plan is June, 2026.

Waterville Volunteer Fire Company:

Fire Chief Jason Young of the Waterville Fire Company reported twelve calls during the last month, six calls were in Cummings Township. There was a total of 143 volunteer man-hours, 65 man-hours in Cummings Township, 30 man-hours in Brown Township, 25 man-hours in Woolrich, and 23 man-hours in McHenry Township.

Chief Jason Young also announced that the Fire Company "Christmas In July" event was cancelled due to the unavailability of food vendors because the Clinton County Fair is scheduled for the same dates as the Fire Company's event.

Roadmaster's Report:

Roadmaster Craig Bierly provided the following report for the month:

1. Mowing grass
2. Township trucks have been inspected
3. Removed fallen trees on Dam Run Road
4. The pickleball court was repaved and the lines were repainted
5. Cleaned out basement
6. Sprayed along Ramsey Drive

Solicitors' Report:

Solicitor Dance Drier provided an update on the Coleman Lippert and the Solar and Wind Energy ordinances.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Zoning Liaison

Chairman Yohe reported that Zoning Liaison received a resignation letter from Jeff Markley who issues RV permits and reports zoning issues within the township to the Zoning Officer due to work commitments.

Chairman Yohe moved to accept the resignation of Jeff Markley as Zoning Liaison; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Building Code Officer & Building

Chairman Yohe reported that Roger Hoy is resigning from his duties of issuing building permits and building inspections. However, Roger will continue being the point person for

those activities as our Zoning Officer, Floodplain Management Officer, and Property Maintenance Code Enforcement Officer.

Chairman Yohe moved to accept the resignation of Roger Hoy from those specific duties; seconded by Supervisor Rogers, MCU.

In addition, Chairman Yohe explained that in the interim Roger will accept Zoning Permit Applications and after the Zoning Permit is approved, he will refer the applicant to a list of building code inspection firms who will issue the building permit and perform the building inspections.

Chairman Yohe said he spoke with Code Inspections, and they are not interested in taking on the township unless the township uses their services exclusively for both residential and commercial inspections.

Chairman Yohe said he also spoke to Joe Lyons of Code Assessments and his firm is willing to work for the township on a nonexclusive basis and presented a Memorandum of Understanding for the Supervisor's consideration.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to enter into an agreement for UCC Building Code Inspection services with Code Assessments; seconded by Supervisor Rogers, MCU.

Burning Ordinance 05-13-2025

The Supervisors presented the proposed burning ordinance and explained that the old burning ordinance adopted by the township in January of 2006 is outdated. It was also noted that the ordinance was discussed at several public meetings to obtain input from the public.

Supervisor Rogers made a motion to adopt Burning Ordinance 05-13-2025 as presented; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

RV Ordinance 05-13-2025-01

Chairman Yohe explained the RV Ordinance was revised to remove requiring RV Permits for RVs on private lots that are not in the Floodplain and only one six-month permit may be issued each year.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to adopt RV Ordinance 05-13-2025-01 as presented; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Code Adoption Ordinance – 05-13-2025-100

Chairman Yohe explained that the Township started the codifying process two years ago and all the ordinances adopted by the township are all together in one book and it is necessary to adopt the codified zoning ordinance book. In addition, all new ordinances such as the two new ordinances adopted during the meeting will be sent to General Code and will also be available online as stand-alone ordinances via a link from General Code on the township's website, and hard copies of the book will be available at the township building.

Chairman Yohe made a motion to adopt Code Adoption Ordinance 05-13-2025-100 as presented; seconded by Supervisor Rogers, MCU.

Correspondence: Notification of GP-5 Renewal Application – Lone Walnut
Compressor Station AG5-41-00012A

Invoices

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

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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Secretary/Treasurer