

CUMMINGS TOWNSHIP MEETING
JUNE 9, 2026

The Cummings Township Board of Supervisors held its monthly meeting on June 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cummings Township Municipal Building. Supervisors Michael Yohe, Walter Braddock, and Charles Rogers were present.

Public Attendees: Paul Sattazahn, Jim Capel, Karen Purvis, Donna Bierly, Jason Young, Wm. Dennis Buttorff, Craig Bierly, and Keith Oritano.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lord's Prayer

Public Participation

Jason Young

Resident Jason Young said he and a few other residents are cleaning up and taking care of the cemetery along Dam Run Road and requested assistance from the township with moving branches, rocks and brush so the cemetery can be mowed.

It was the consensus of the Board of Supervisors that the township employees assist with cleaning up the cemetery.

Keith Oritano

Keith Oritano asked questions about the Waterville Water Association installing water meters throughout Waterville and traversing through his property.

Supervisor Rogers answered Mr. Oritano's questions and Chairman Yohe pointed out that the township is a separate entity from the Waterville Water Association.

Karen Purvis

Resident Karen Purvis reported that weeds and bushes were obstructing the view of the stop sign at the intersection of Second Street and Route 44 and the stop sign at the intersection of Second and Third Streets.

After discussion, Chairman Yohe stated he would have the Zoning Officer reach out to the property owners about the issue.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairman Yohe asked for questions or comments on the May 12, 2026, monthly meeting minutes. There being none, Supervisor Braddock moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Rogers and carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Supervisor Braddock moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Rogers and carried unanimously.

Recreation Committee Report

There was nothing new to report on behalf of the Recreation Committee.

Zoning Report

Chairman Yohe reported that no zoning permits were issued during the month of May.

Chairman Yohe also reported that there is some movement on the Sweigart properties that are under a Notice of Violation.

The 43 Second Street property that is currently owned by Jeff Weaver is under contract to be sold.

Jim Capel discussed development of a lot at 169 Hillside Drive with the Board of Supervisors. He also reported that the grass and weeds on the property at 1011 Route 414 needed to be mowed. Chairman Yohe agreed to follow up with Zoning Officer Hoy on both issues.

Lycoming Regional Police Report

Chairman Yohe presented the monthly police report. The report listed eleven incidents for the month of May.

Waterville Fire Company Report

Jason Young reported that the Waterville Fire Company responded to 16 calls in May, including 10 incidents in Cummings Township: four trees down, one rock on the road, one stranded motorist, one disabled vehicle, and two EMS calls. He also noted that the Fire Company made a profit from the Sawdust Festival held May 2 and May 3.

The Fire Company received the signed agreement for the DCNR grant, which will be used for a skid steer and side-by-side.

Emergency Management Coordinator Report

EMC Denny Buttorff reported that the County is working on the rain gauges. Hazard Mitigation Plan information will be gathered annually and compiled every five years.

Roadmaster's Report:

Roadmaster Craig Bierly reported that staff have been mowing and working with the Waterville Water Association installing water meters.

He also reported that he contacted Judd Welshans about the house on Second Street and inspected the water issue behind the fire hall. Craig is awaiting an estimate from Judd.

Solicitors' Report:

Chairman Yohe provided the Solicitors' report, which included an update on the Sweigart properties on Lightning Bug Lane and English Island. The properties are unkempt and contain junk. Chairman Yohe explained that the properties were owned by Henry and Hilda Sweigart, who are deceased. Their son, George Sweigart, had been paying the property taxes, but the properties were not deeded to him before his death. Two estates must be opened. Following discussion during the Executive Session, the Board decided to take no action on the English Island property at this time and to file for conservatorship of the Lightning Bug Lane property so the township can clean up and sell the property to recover cleanup costs.

Chairman Yohe also reported that he spoke with Attorney Drier about preparing a Data Center Ordinance. The Board's concerns regarding data centers include potential environmental impacts on the community, such as noise, water use, and electricity use. He noted that the ordinance would be a precautionary measure because data centers are not currently addressed in the township's zoning ordinance.

Old Business:

There was no old business presented for discussion.

New Business:

Resolution 06-09-2026 – Waterville Water Association Donation

Chairman Yohe explained that the Board of Supervisors included a donation to the Waterville Water Association in the 2026 Budget for the water meter project, including the purchase of water meters and the use of township resources to complete the project.

Secretary Macklem outlined the resolution, which would provide funding and allow the Waterville Water Association to use township resources to purchase and install water meters. The project includes the purchase of 30 water meters for \$47,275.00 and labor costs of \$17,502.00, all of which were approved as part of the 2026 Budget.

Supervisor Rogers made a motion to adopt Resolution 06-09-2026 as presented; seconded by Supervisor Braddock, MCU.

Eastern States 100 – Use of Township Roads

Chairman Yohe moved to approve the request to use township roads for the Eastern States 100. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Rogers and carried unanimously.

2026 Asphalt Seal Coat Road Project

Chairman Yohe explained that the township plans to sealcoat several roads, including Sawmill Drive to Route 44, Church Street, First Street, and Dam Run Road.

Chairman Yohe moved to advertise for bids for the 2026 Asphalt Seal Coat Road Project and to schedule the bid opening for July 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Rogers and carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None

Invoices

Supervisor Braddock moved to approve the invoices as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Rogers and carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Supervisor Rogers moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Braddock and carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

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Secretary/Treasurer