

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORGANIZATION MEETING JANUARY 5, 2026**

The Organization Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Solicitor Kelsey Frankowski at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were Mark Ferrero, Lisha L. Rowe, Tonya L. Campbell, Greg Miller and Andy Donnell. Also attending were Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Fire Chief James Beane, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Michael L. Yost, Jr., Business /Personnel Administrator Kristin Yoder, and Asst. Secretary/Projects Patricia A. Wylezik-Pfeiffer. Manager/Secretary Jeanne E. Johnston was excused with prior notification.

Pledge to the Flag.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICIALS

Tonya L. Campbell, Mark Ferreo, and Lisha L. Rowe were sworn in as Township Commissioners by District Justice David Yoch.

Betsy Z. Diebolt was sworn in as Cumru Township Tax Collector by District Justice David Yoch

ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSIONERS

A) Officers for Board of Commissioners

1) President

Mr. Miller nominated Mr. Donnell for President of the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Rowe seconded the nomination.

A unanimous ballot was recorded for Mr. Donnell as President of the Board of Commissioners.

2) Vice President

Ms. Rowe nominated Ms. Campbell as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Donnell seconded the nomination.

A unanimous ballot was recorded for Ms. Campbell as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A.) Personnel Issue – Administration

B.) Personnel Issue – Public Works

Executive session began at 6:39 p.m. To discuss 2 personnel issues.

Executive session ended at 10:51 p.m. – 2 personnel issues were discussed.

ON MOTION OF MR. DONNELL, SECOND OF MR. FERRERO, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO TERMINATE THE CURRENT PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT AND APPOINT MIKE YOST AS INTERIM PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT.

ON MOTION OF MR. FERRERO, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A MAJORITY VOTE TO TERMINATE THE CURRENT TOWNSHIP MANAGER. MS. ROWE VOTED NO. MS. CAMPBELL, MR. FERRERO, MR. MILLER, AND MR. DONNELL VOTED YES.

Atty. Frankowski turned the meeting over to Mr. Donnell at 7:50 p.m..

PUBLIC

Attendance: Greg Leonti, Bev Leonti, Lisa Myers, Terri Bair, Mark Edenfield, Jean Heinly, George Liepins, Nada Liepins, barb Dietrich, Todd Dietrich, David Terefenko, Ben Fisher, Betsy Diebolt, Glenn Emery, Roberta Kennedy, Barbara Nagle, JoAnn Dowling, Mike Nowotarski, Sue Haas, Perry Haas, and Scott Horner.

A.) Bev Leonti, a resident of Crestview Ave., addressed the Board concerning agenda issues. She stated that the Executive Session was always at the end of the meeting. She voiced concern about placing it at the beginning to make people wait for over an hour and limit their ability to speak.

She expressed her shocked by the decision to remove Ms. Johnston. This is a great loss to the Cumru Township. She has been a valued employee for many years. She is well respected in the Township and the County. She has acted as the historian for the Township.

She is concerned with replacing Ms. Johnston with an interim manager that does not know the Township and will face a huge learning curve.

Mrs. Leonti stated that Delta Development has not completed the current contract and is on the agenda for a new contract. Deta Development did not follow the previous contract. The presentation was supposed to be delivered back in November. She also stated that there was supposed to be a work meeting with the members of the Steering Committee before the public presentation. She had asked for a meeting and a copy of the presentation.

Mr. Donnell said that Mrs. Leonti's concerns are duly noted. It is not lost on anyone that the Township is losing an asset with losing Jeanne. She dedicated decades of her life to the Township. They are grateful for what she has done.

This was an exception to have the Executive Session at the beginning.

B.) Glenn Emery, a resident of Fairway Rd., gave a We the People speech. He talked about how the anti-warehouse group grew over time. Mr. Emery said that there are plans for that land. He stated that issues should be solved at the polls. He ended with quoting the lyrics to God Bless America.

APPOINTMENTS

A.) Solicitors

- 1) Township Solicitor (for Board of Commissioners, Planning Commission, and Municipal Authority) - consider appointment

ON MOTION OF MS. CAMPBELL, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT PLANK FRANKOWSKI LEGAL GROUP, PRINCIPALLY REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY KELSEY FRANKOWSKI, AS TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR.

- 2) Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor – consider appointment
The Zoning Hearing Board appoints its own solicitor.

- 3) Civil Service Commission Solicitor – consider appointment
ON MOTION OF MR. FERRERO, SECOND OF MS. CAMPBELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT PLANK FRANKOWSKI LEGAL GROUP, PRINCIPALLY REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY KELSEY FRANKOWSKI, AS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SOLICITOR.

- 4) Special Counsel for Hawthorne – consider appointment
ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. FERRERO, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT KOZLOFF STOUT, PRINCIPALLY REPRESENTED BY DAN BECKER, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR HAWTHORNE.

B.) Manager – discuss and consider Interim Manager contract with Peter Marshall & Associates
Mr. Miller gave some background for Mr. Marshall. He recommended that Mr. Marshall be considered to provide interim manager services and engage in recruiting a new manager for no specific time.

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MS. CAMPBELL, A MAJORITY VOTE TO APPOINT PETER MARSHALL & ASSOCIATES AS THE INTERIM MANAGER OF CUMRU TOWNSHIP. MR. MILLER, MR. FERRERO, MR. DONNELL, AND MS. CAMPBELL VOTED YES. MS. ROWE ABSTAINED CITING THAT SHE NEVER MET HIM.

C.) Secretary – consider appointment

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. FERRERO, A MAJORITY VOTE TO APPOINT PETER MARSHALL & ASSOCIATES AS THE SECRETARY OF CUMRU TOWNSHIP. MR. MILLER, MR. FERRERO, MR. DONNELL, AND MS. CAMPBELL VOTED YES. MS. ROWE ABSTAINED.

D.) Assistant Secretary – consider appointment

ON MOTION OF MS. CAMPBELL, SECOND OF MR. FERRERO, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT PATRICIA WYLEZIK-PFEIFFER AS THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF CUMRU TOWNSHIP.

E.) Engineers – consider appointments

1) Township Engineer

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS, PRINCIPALLY REPRESENTED BY JOSEPH ROGOSKY, AS THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER FOR CUMRU TOWNSHIP.

2) MS4 and post-construction stormwater

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MS. CAMPBELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT JOHNSON ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AS MS4 AND POST- CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER ENGINEER FOR CUMRU TOWNSHIP.

3) Sanitary sewer

ON MOTION OF MS. ROWE, SECOND OF MS. CAMPBELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT ATLAS TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS AS THE SANITARY SEWER ENGINEER FOR CUMRU TOWNSHIP.

4) Bridges – current agreement with STV

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MS. CAMPBELL A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT STV INC. AS THE BRIDGE ENGINEER FOR CUMRU TOWNSHIP.

F.) Sewage Enforcement Officer – consider appointment

ON MOTION OF MR. FERRERO, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT WARMKESSEL GEO-ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. AS THE SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR CUMRU TOWNSHIP.

G.) Alternate Sewage Enforcement Officer Services – consider appointment of Systems Design Engineering, Inc. for 2026

1) Proposal letter

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MS. CAMPBELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT SYSTEM DESIGN ENGINEERING, INC. AS ALTERNATE SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR CUMRU TOWNSHIP.

H.) Open Records

1) consider appointment of Open Records Officer

ON MOTION OF MR. FERRERO, SECOND OF MS. CAMPBELL, A MAJORITY VOTE TO APPOINT PETER MARSHALL & ASSOCIATES AS THE OPEN RECORDS OFFICER FOR CUMRU TOWNSHIP. MS. ROWE ABSTAINED. MR. MILLER, MR. FERRERO, MR. DONNELL, AND MS. CAMPBELL VOTED YES.

2) consider appointment of Deputy Open Records Officer

ON MOTION OF MS. CAMPBELL, SECOND ON MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT PATRICIA WYLEZIK-PFEIFFER AS THE DEPUTY OPEN RECORDS OFFICER FOR CUMRU TOWNSHIP.

ON MOTION OF MR. DONNELL, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE APPOINTING TERRY NAUGLE AS THE ZONING OFFICER FOR CUMRU TOWNSHIP.

Agenda amended to add the following item:

**I.) Zoning Officer- consider appointing GVC, primarily Terry Naugle
ON MOTION OF MR. FERRERO, SECOND OF MS. CAMPBELL, A MAJORITY VOTE TO APPOINT GVC, PRIMARILY TERRY NAUGLE, AS THE ZONING OFFICER FOR CUMRU TOWNSHIP. MS. ROWE VOTED NO. MR. MILLER, MR. DONNELL, MR. DONNELL, AND MS. CAMPBELL VOTED YES.**

**J.) Vacancy Board (1 year term) – consider appointment
ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. DONNELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT GLENN EMERY TO THE VACANCY BOARD FOR CUMRU TOWNSHIP.**

**K.) Monthly Meeting Schedule – consider establishment
- 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
- 5th Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.**

ON MOTION OF MS. CAMPBELL, SECOND OF MR. DONNELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RETAIN THE MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE.

L.) Advisory Boards and Committees

1) Zoning Hearing Board (3 year term)

Scott Horner – permanent member – current term expired 1/01/2026

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. FERRERO, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REAPPOINT SCOTT HORNER AS A PERMANENT MEMBER TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD.

Mike Nowotarski – alternate member – current term expired 1/01/2026

ON MOTION OF MR. FERRERO, SECOND OF MS. CAMPBELL A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REAPPOINT MIKE NOWOTARSKI AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD.

2) Civil Service Commission (6 year term)

Scott Brady – permanent member – current term expired 1/01/2026

ON MOTION OF MS. ROWE, SECOND OF MR. DONNELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REAPPOINT SCOTT BRADY AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Todd Dietrich – alternate member – current term expired 1/01/2026

ON MOTION OF MS. ROWE, SECOND OF MR. DONNELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REAPPOINT TODD DIETRICH AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

3) Planning Commission

Open position – permanent member

Open position – alternate member

Atty. Frankowski recommended that the Board reach out to people for a later meeting.

4) Municipal Authority (5 year term)

Carl Cesare – permanent member – current term expired 1/01/2026

There was discussion about attendance and having enough people for a quorum.

Mike Nowotarski asked what the Municipal Authority does. Atty. Frankowski responded that the authority meets quarterly to talk about sewer infrastructure. They are a recommending body to the Board of Commissions.

This item was tabled for now.

M.) Commissioner Liaisons – discuss as proposed

Police: Tonya Campbell and Lisha Rowe

Fire: Greg Miller and Mark Ferrero

Public Works: Lisha Rowe and Mark Ferrero

Administrative: Andy Donnell and Tonya Campbell

Economic Development: Greg Miller and Andy Donnell

ON MOTION OF MS. ROWE, SECOND OF MS. CAMPBELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ENACT THE COMMISSIONER LIAISONS AS STATED IN THE AGENDA.

TAX COLLECTOR

A.) Request to allow RE taxpayers to pay their county/township taxes via a County website – consider adopting Resolution

Betsy Diebolt reported that there is a system in place to allow County taxpayers to pay taxes online. It was initiated in July 2025. As of December 2025, 9 municipalities use this system. The County Treasurer requests that a resolution be passed to allow the County Treasurer and AllPaid to implement the online tax services. Only the current County and Municipal tax can be paid, including interim taxes. No partial payments are accepted. The fees paid by the taxpayer are disclosed up front. The fees are 2.75% for cards and \$2.00 for the echeck option. Funds are deposited into separate funds for easier tracking. No school district, per capita, or delinquent taxes can be paid with this system.

She talked to other Tax Collectors who recommended this system. The County would issue a press release. The information could be on the Township website too.

Mr. Miller asked if this information was printed on the taxpayer bills. Ms. Diebolt answered that it is only on the Tax Collector copy.

Mr. Ferrero asked if there would be any fees for the Township. Ms. Diebolt answered that the taxpayer using the service would pay the fees.

Mr. Donnell asked if the Solicitor would need to review the contract. Atty. Frankowski said that the contract is between the County and AllPaid. They need a resolution from the Township to join. Atty. Frankowski stated that she was ok with the template resolution that Ms. Diebolt had provided from another municipality. She offered to look at the contract. Ms. Diebolt will provide the information to Atty. Frankowski.

The Board agreed to wait until the contract is reviewed to take action.

DEPARTMENTS

Administration

A.) Small Flow Treatment System – consider approving updated agreement form and escrow

Mrs. Wylezik-Pfeiffer explained that a small flow treatment system is regulated by the DEP. It is expensive and only used when there are no other options. The agreement and escrow allow the Township to make immediate repairs if needed. There are only a few of these systems in the Township.

ON MOTION OF MS. CAMPBELL, SECOND OF MR. DONNELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPROVE THE UPDATED AGREEMENT FORM AND ESCROW FOR A SMALL FLOW TREATMENT SYSTEM.

B.) 3459 New Holland Rd. – consider Resolution for small flow treatment system to replace failing system.

Mrs. Wylezik-Pfeiffer explained that the on-lot system at this address is failing. The resolution is similar to the one needed for the Planning Modules for a regular on-lot system. The resolution is required to send the packet to the DEP.

ON MOTION OF MR. FERRERO, SECOND OF MR. DONNELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AUTHORIZE A RESOLUTION FOR THE SMALL FLOW TREATMENT FOR 3459 NEW HOLLAND ROAD.

Parks and Recreation

A.) Ken Grill Recreation Center – consider contract for services for \$7,500

Mr. Miller explained that lack of recreation activities was one of the items stated on the community surveys. He contacted the Ken Grill Pool for a contract to provide services at reduced rates for Cumru Township residents. He stated the fees based on family size and ages.

Mr. Ferrero wanted to know if Cumru residents weren't able to access the pool previously. Mr. Miller said that they could but at greater prices.

Ms. Campbell said that this gives the community an alternative for recreation.

Mr. Donnell commended Commissioner Miller in his pursuit of more services at better prices.

ON MOTION OF MR. DONNELL, SECOND OF MS. CAMPBELL, A MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH KEN GRILL POOL FOR SERVICES FOR \$7500.

CORRESPONDENCE

A.) Board of Commissioners Organization meeting advertised on 12/9/2025

COMMISSIONERS

A.) Economic Development – consider 2026 Consultant Agreement with Delta Development Group, Inc. at \$6,000/month for 1 year

Mr. Miller explained that Delta Development has developed a comprehensive economic development plan that will be presented on 1/13/26 at 6:00 p.m. This is a detailed 5-year plan.

Mr. Donnell stated that this is a good value return on the dollar.

Mr. Miller said that a permanent staff position would cost a lot more. He compared paying a 7 figure salary to hiring a consultant.

ON MOTION OF MR. FERRERO, SECOND MR. MILLER, A MAJORITY VOTE TO APPROVE A 2026 CONSULTANT AGREEMENT WITH DELTA DEVELOPMENT GROUP, INC. AT \$6000/MONTH FOR 1 YEAR. MS. ROWE ABSTAINED. MR. DONNELL, MR. MILLER, MR. FERRERO AND MS. CAMPBELL VOTED YES.

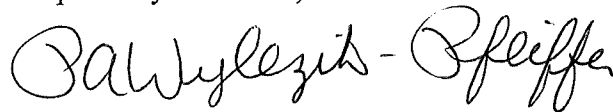
B.) Reminders:

- 1) Steering Committee 1/13/2026 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Municipal Authority Meeting on Thursday, 1/15/2026, at 8:30 a.m.(tentative)
- 3) Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for Thursday, 1/15/2026 at 6:00 p.m.
Note change in meeting date.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MS. ROWE, SECOND OF MS. CAMPBELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia A. Wylezik-Pfeiffer
Assistant Secretary