

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING JANUARY 31, 2017**

The Workshop Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth O'Leary at 7:01 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Edward L. Gottschall, Sheri Hoover, and Lorri K. Swan. Tony J. Sacco was absent with prior notification to the Board. Also attending were Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Fire Chief James A. Beane, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager Jeanne E. Johnston, and Secretary Latoya Procopio.

Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC

Attendance: Dave Johnson of the Reading Eagle, Jim Ulrich of 201 Rudloff Lane; and James Williamson of 1461 Old Lancaster Pike.

A) Jim Ulrich of 201 Rudloff Lane re: Sewage Management Program

Mr. Ulrich complimented Manager Johnston on the way she handled the meeting on 1/30/17 regarding the Sewage Management Plan. He stated that the meeting was informative and that she did a very good job explaining the program and answering questions.

Mr. Ulrich stated concern about two instances of road treatment for icy conditions. The Board requested that Mr. McNichols look into this matter.

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A) Civil Service Testing – update

Chief Winchester informed the Board that, out of the 58 applicants that applied for the civil service test, 53 of those individuals attended the test. Chief Winchester stated that the next step is the physical agility test which will be within the next month or so.

Fire Department

A) Volunteer Firefighters Appreciation Banquet

Chief Beane informed the Board about the Volunteer Firefighters Appreciation Banquet. He stated that roughly 48 people were in attendance.

Chief Beane also updated the Board regarding the status of Tanker 42. The Tanker is scheduled to be back in service this weekend.

Administration

A) Summer Playground Program 2017 – quote from YMCA

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ACCEPTING THE YMCA PROPOSAL FOR 2017 SUMMER PLAYGROUND SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000 AND ADOPTING A RESOLUTION FOR 2017 SUMMER PLAYGROUND FEES CONSISTENT WITH THE 2016 FEES.

B) Commissioners' Compensation by 1st Class Township Code

- 1) ordinance advertised 1/20/2017

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ENACT THE ORDINANCE ON COMMISSIONERS' COMPENSATION AT THE LEVEL PERMITTED BY THE FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE FOR A POPULATION OF 15,000 RESIDENTS, AS ADVERTISED.

C) Sewage Management Program (SMP) – update

- 1) sessions held on 1/26/2017 and 1/30/2017 at 5:30 p.m.
2) next session scheduled for 2/7/2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that two of the three sessions that were scheduled for the Sewage Management Program had been held. At the first session, approximately 80 residents were in attendance and approximately 60 residents were at the second session. She stated that all of the notice letters had been sent out to the residents in the Sewage Management Program.

Public Works

A) TAP Grant

- 1) Letter to PennDOT and Reading Area Transportation Study re: request for additional funds

Mr. McNichols informed the Board that the quotes for the Crosswalk project came in at \$14,000 higher than budgeted. Ms. Johnston explained that both Cumru Township and Shillington Borough are requesting additional funds be allocated to this project.

B) Met Ed Streetlight Agreement – update

- 1) rate increase 01/2017
2) draft agreement for conversion to LED

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE AGREEMENT WITH MET ED, INCLUDING PROVISIONS FOR CONVERSION OF STREETLIGHTS TO LED.

C) PPL Streetlights - make ready work

- 1) application for payment no. 2 in the amount of \$105,277.10

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND ON MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER 2 TO PAGODA ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,277.10.

D) Lease Tractor Mower

- 1) revised lease quote from \$29,975 to \$30,229

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH FULTON BANK FOR THE BOOM TRACTOR MOWER AND AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE TOWNSHIP OFFICERS TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION AND RESOLUTIONS.

E) PennDOT Bridge Projects

Mr. McNichols informed the Board that PennDOT is scheduled to begin construction on the 724 Bridge in mid-March. The bridge is projected to be completed within a 16-week time frame. Mr. McNichols also explained to the Board that PennDOT plans to work on the SR 625 Bridge at the same time as the SR 724 Bridge. The Township has objected to construction occurring at the same time due to the potential traffic issues. However, since PennDOT still has not obtained a permit from DEP for the SR 625 bridge, it is possible that bridge construction will not happen simultaneously.

Solicitor

COMMISSIONERS

A) Reminders:

- 1) MS4 Storm Water meeting at 5:30 p.m., February 6, 2017, prior to Planning Commission
- 2) SMP Seminar for District 3 on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 5:30 PM

B) Executive Session

7:35 p.m. – The Board of Commissioners went into executive session to discuss 3 personnel issues.

7:52 p.m. – The Board stated that they discussed 3 personnel issues, 1 to be handled administratively and the other two are pending.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Latoya Procopio
Secretary