

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President William B. Miller at 7:00 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Ruth A. O'Leary, David J. Batdorf, Sam Kalbach, and Chip Bilger. Also attending were Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Michael L. Yost, Business Personnel/Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager Jeanne E. Johnston, Township Secretary Latoya Procopio, and Joe Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants.

Pledge to the Flag.

SWEARING IN AND PROMOTION OF POLICE OFFICER

Sgt. Michael Bezner

Ms. Johnston swore in Sgt. Michael Bezner. He received the indicia of his position from his father, Steve Bezner, former Chief of Police of Lower Heidelberg Township.

PUBLIC

Attendance: Roxann Miller of 40 Muirfield Drive, Robert Moyer of 61 Andrew Drive, and Tom Wocklish of 32 Pine Woods Court.

A) Robert Moyer re: various complaints

Mr. Moyer expressed to the Board of Commissioners his concern regarding the policy of sewer billing for additional units. He stated he has been a taxpayer since 1955. Mr. Moyer claimed that the Township is discriminating against poor people. He also questioned why the Township has 2 people driving around in a Zoning Codes Truck. Mr. Moyer voiced his concern with the speed limit again on Montrose Blvd, due to kids having to walk to the school bus stop. He stated there was an artificial man sitting in the police car patrolling, which he thought was not helpful, as they cannot pull anyone over. Mr. Moyer's last concern was for the lack of toter trash cans. He stated it is not safe for a trash picker to walk up and down the street, with the high volume of speed the cars are going down the road.

Ms. Johnston informed Mr. Moyer that Spring Township implemented the toter pick up around the same time that Cumru Township was deciding on the specifications for the refuse hauling contract. She stated many of Spring Township's residents complained that the toters were too heavy to bring to the curb, with the larger ones being 96 gallons and the smaller ones 64 gallons. The Board of Commissioners at the time were against implementing the toters into the Cumru Township refuse contract in consideration of older folks and others who might not be able to maneuver the heavy units, especially when they are full of trash. Another factor that went against the toters during the compilation of the specs is the toters will not fit in some of the special designated trash enclosures within Flying Hills.

SOUTHERN BERKS REGIONAL EMS

A) Monthly Report – January 2020

Mr. Malcom Cole presented to the Board of Commissioners his monthly report for Southern Berks Regional EMS. Mr. Cole stated they had 192 calls for the month of January. Also during the month of January they had a loss of \$113,000.00 due to the 3 payrolls in the month. Mr. Cole informed the Board that Chief Musser and his team were recognized by the Reading Hospital's Coronary Team for their excellence work in recognizing 100% of the heart attack cases before their arrival to the hospital. Southern Berks Regional EMS was the only agency within the County to receive 100% in the category.

TREASURER

A) Monthly Report – January 2020

TAX COLLECTOR

A) January 2020 Report

1) Year 2020 Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month – \$82,072.57

Cash collected - \$0

Balance collectable end of month - \$0

2) Year 2020 Real Estate Interim

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$463.15

Cash collected - \$520.78

Balance collectable end of month - \$2,574.75

3) Year 2020 SMP

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$1725.00

Cash collected - \$0

Balance collectable end of the month - \$0

4) Year 2020 Refuse

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$17,200.00

Cash collected - \$0

Balance collectable end of the month - \$17,200.00

5) Year 2020 Per Capita

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$7,490.00

Cash collected - \$0

Balance collectable end of the month - \$0

CONSENT AGENDA

2018-02 KANTNER LANE TWINS SUBDIVISION PLAN

a.) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: recommendation for escrow release, dated

ACTION:

AUTHORIZED ESCROW RELEASE NO. 2 FOR THE KANTNER LANE TWINS SUBDIVISION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,163.00.

2017-12 EAST POINTE LOT 8 LAND DEVELOPMENT

(final) Owner: Manz Properties LLC, Ronald T. Manz Jr.; Applicant: Manz Properties LLC, Ronald T. Manz Jr.; Agent: John W. Hoffert, PLS; location: North side of SR 724/Philadelphia Ave. between Ridgeway Road and East Pointe Drive; plan no. D-17-36 (1-13); proposal summary: To construct an office/warehouse building utilizing public water and sewer facilities; preliminary approval 11/6/2017.

ACTION:

REAFFIRMED FINAL APPROVAL OF THE EAST POINTE LOT 8 SUBDIVISION PLAN, SUBJECT TO RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS IN GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS' REVIEW LETTER DATED 10/1/2018, INCLUDING PAYMENT OF ALL FEES.

2018-01 GRANDE STORAGE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

(final) Owner: Fiorino Grande; Applicant: Grande Land, LP; Agent: Stackhouse Bensinger, Inc.; Location: southwest corner of the intersection of Ridgeway Rd. and SR 724; plan no. 2017-071; proposal summary: install storage units
A) Grande Storage Land Development Plan. Revised Final, dated 04/15/2019
B) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: plan review, dated 05/02/2019
C) Memorandum from Secretary re: Planning Commission recommended approval with conditions, dated 5/20/19

ACTION:

REAFFIRMED CONDITONAL FINAL PLAN APPROVAL FOR THE GRANDE STORAGE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN. CONDITIONED UPON THE COMPLETION OF ANY OUTSTANDING ITEMS IN GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS' REVIEW LETTER, DATED 5/2/2019, INCLUDING PAYMENT OF TRAFFIC IMPACT FEES.

2018-04 RAHNS-SOUTH READING TRUCK SHOP LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Owner: H&K Group, Inc.; Applicant: H&K Group, Inc.; Agent: H&K Group, Inc. Engineering & Environmental Services Division.; Location: Angstadt Lane, Birdsboro, PA 19508-8409; plan no. R009E-CVR-1A; proposal summary: Truck Service Establishment.

ACTION:

REAFFIRMED FINAL APPROVAL OF THE RAHNS-SOUTH READING TRUCK SHOP LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, SUBJECT TO RESOLUTION OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS IN GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS' REVIEW LETTER DATED 11/5/2018, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXECUTION OF THE STORMWATER AGREEMENT, AND PROVISIONS OF A STORMWATER FEE.

2019 SANITARY SEWER REPAIR – WEXCON, INC.

ACTION:

AUTHORIZED PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 3 FINAL TO WEXCON, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,030.80 FOR THE 2019 SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

2020-01 POPLAR NECK ROAD LEASE AREA SUBDIVISION PLAN

(Preliminary/Final) Plan summary: lease hold subdivision of approximately 10 acres from a 66 acre parcel north of the former Titus Station.

ACTION:

GRANTED WAIVERS TO THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE POPLAR NECK ROAD LEASE AREA SUBDIVISION PLAN, AS DESCRIBED IN CONTROL POINT ASSOCIATES, INC. WAIVER REQUEST LETTER, DATED 02/14/2020.

ACTION:

GRANTED FINAL PLAN APPROVAL TO THE POPLAR NECK ROAD LEASE AREA SUBDIVISION PLAN, CONDITIONED UPON THE SUBMISSION OF THE WAIVER REQUEST LETTER, FINAL REVIEW FROM GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS, AND ANY OUTSTANDING ITEMS WITHIN GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS' REVIEW LETTER.

700 FAIRMONT AVENUE – WAIVER OF SUBDIVISION AND PLANNING

ACTION:

GRANTED A WAIVER OF SUBDIVISION AND PLANNING TO THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE FOR 700 FAIRMONT AVENUE. CONDITIONED UPON TWO NEW DEEDS BEING RECORDED, ONE FOR THE SMALLER PARCEL AND ONE FOR THE REMAINING LARGER PARCEL.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA.

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A) Monthly Report – January 2020

In addition to the monthly report, Chief Winchester informed the Board about two traffic accidents that occurred on the morning of 2/18/2020, on the West Shore Bypass and at I-176 & SR 724.

Fire Department

A) Monthly Report – January 2020

Administration

A) Codes Report – January 2020

Building Permits Issued- 4

Use Permits Issued- 1

Zoning Permits Issued- 3

Notices of Violations- 22

Citations issued- 2

Violations complied- 19
Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately- 198
Permit Inspections Done – 26
Inspections with the Fire Department – 1

B) Census 2020

Ms. Johnston encouraged all Cumru Twp residents to reply to the Census.

C) Project Manager Position – advertised in the Reading Eagle on 02/16/2020

D) Records Retention Manual Resolution

**ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE
ADOPTING THE RECORDS RETENTION MANUAL RESOLUTION.**

Public Works

A) Monthly Report – January 2020

B) Joint Interceptor COA – I&I Plan for Cumru

Ms. Johnston thanked Mr. McNichols, Mr. Yost, and BCM Engineers for their work on the required I&I Plan for Point of Connection 8. DEP accepted the plan as originally submitted, without revisions.

C) City of Reading – Sewer Local Limits Ordinance

The Board of Commissioners concurred to have the Solicitor draft and advertise the Sewer Local Limits Ordinance.

D) Driver Highway Class 2 Position – advertised in the Reading Eagle on 02/16/2020

Engineer

A) Brecon Lane Storm Sewer Project

- 1) Payment #2 for \$94,550.89
- 2) Change Order #1

**ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE
TO APPROVE PAYMENT APPLICATION NUMBER 2 TO CONSTRUCTION
MASTERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,550.89, WHICH INCLUDES CHANGE ORDER
NUMBER 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,310.75.**

B) Remediation of Slope Failures Project – update

The Township received a quote from Barwis Construction but did not receive a quote from Construction Masters. Ms. Johnston requested that the Township Engineer separate the two projects, 678 Church Road and 840 Church Road, As the easement for 678 Church Road has not been executed yet, per the property owner.

ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AWARDING THE QUOTE FOR BARWIS TO PERFORM THE WORK ON 840 CHURCH ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,540.00 ALONG WITH THE STABILIZATION WORK FOR CHURCH ROAD BY AXIS CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,450.00.

Solicitor

A) Township Manager Letter Agreement

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BILGER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RATIFY AND APPROVE THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER LETTER AGREEMENT, SETTING FORTH THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE PAYMENTS OF BILLS FROM 01/24/2020, 01/31/2020, 02/03/2020, 02/07/2020, 02/14/2020.

COMMISSIONERS

A) Executive Session

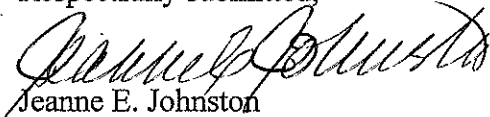
8:05 p.m. – The Board of Commissioners went into executive session to discuss 1 labor issue, 2 active litigation matters and 2 potential real estate issues.

8:56 p.m. – The meeting reconvened. Mr. Setley stated that the Board of Commissioners had discussed 1 labor issue, 2 active litigation matter and 2 potential real estate issues, all items remain or have been given to administration to handle.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADJOURNING THE MEETING AT 8:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston
Manager/ Assistant Township Secretary