

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 16, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President William B. Miller at 7:02 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Ruth A. O’Leary, David J. Batdorf, Chip Bilger, and Sam Kalbach. Also attending were Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, and Manager Jeanne E. Johnston.

This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of assisting in the preparation of meeting minutes. The audio file of the meeting will be destroyed after official meeting minutes for this meeting have been adopted.

Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC

Mr. Miller invited public comment. No one indicated the desire to speak.

TOWER DIRECT EMS

A) Monthly Report – February 2021

Chief Wurster reported 190 calls in February. The response times were below the contracted response times. There were five response by other EMS services: 4 by WBAA, 1 by LifeLion. He verified that there was a reciprocity agreement with LifeLion.

Mr. Bilger requested information on the time from a call to the time an ambulance leaves the station.

TREASURER

A) Monthly Report – February 2021

TAX COLLECTOR

A) January 2021 Report

1) Year 2020 Real Estate Interim

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$104.00

Cash collected - \$0

Balance collectable end of the month - \$104.00

2) Year 2020 Per Capita

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$1,020.00

Cash collected - \$100.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$920.00

CONSENT AGENDA

Kantner Lane Twins – escrow release no. 6

- 1) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: outstanding items, dated 3/16/2021

ACTION:

AUTHORIZED ESCROW RELEASE NO. 6 FOR THE KANTNER LANE TWINS SUBDIVISION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED, \$40,442.20, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS' LETTER DATED 3/16/2021.

Municibid

ACTION:

AUTHORIZED ADVERTISEMENT IN MUNICIBID FOR THE ONLINE AUCTION OF A MOWER HEAD.

PennDOT Mowing Contract 2021-2023

ACTION:

ADOPTED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH PennDOT MOWING OF RIGHTS OF WAY OF CERTAIN STATE ROADS.

Equipment Leases

- 1) Backhoe – 50% general capital / 50% sewer operations capital

ACTION:

AUTHORIZED A 5 YEAR LEASE FOR A BACKHOE FROM CATERPILLAR FINANCIAL SERVICES AT A RATE OF 2.99%

- 2) Mower – 85% general capital / 15% sewer operations capital

ACTION:

AUTHORIZED A 5 YEAR LEASE FOR A MOWER FROM FULTON BANK AT A RATE OF 3.01%.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A) Monthly Report – February 2021

Chief Winchester reported an increase in thefts, especially package thefts or “porch pirates.”

B) Police Civil Service

- 1) Memorandum from Chief of Police re: promotion of Officer Kolk to Detective, effective 3/29/2021

- 2) Memorandum from Chief of Police re: promotion of Officer Vincelli to Sergeant, effective 3/29/2021
- 3) civil service for probationary position 3/27/2021 -- application deadline 3/19/2021

ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE PROMOTING BRETT KOLK TO THE CIVIL SERVICE RANK OF DETECTIVE AND PROMOTING KYLE VINCELLI TO THE CIVIL SERVICE RANK OF SERGEANT, BOTH EFFECTIVE 3/29/2021.

C) School crossing signal SR 724

Mr. McNichols reported that the cost for replacement of the existing signals and the addition of a 3rd signal on New Castle Dr. would be \$27,200. Mr. Rogosky reported that the estimate to do a plan and engineering analysis would be \$2,500. The plan must be in CAD. Both Mrs. O'Leary and Mr. Bilger stated that the school district should pay for upgrades.

Mrs. O'Leary asked who would control the lights. Mr. Setley stated that, since the Township is the permittee, the police department should control the signals. Mr. Bilger stated Cumru can authorize a third party to operate the lights under a hold harmless agreement.

Chief Winchester stated the school district desires signals from 7 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., and 3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. PennDOT indicated it would approve such a permit. The problem comes in with weather delays.

Mrs. O'Leary pointed out that a new permit will take a while and school will probably be over by the time the new permit is issued. Mr. McNichols informed the Board that the School District wants to offer student lunches year round.

Chief Winchester reported recommending to the School District to have the School Police Officer present in the crossing area.

Fire Department

A) Monthly Report – February 2021

B) Pickup Truck Vandalism

Chief Beane described a recent incident when a person purposely smashed the side and window of the fire department's pickup truck. The truck is being repaired and the Township is seeking restitution.

Administration

A) Codes Department – February 2021

Building Permits Issued- 7

Use Permits Issued- 1

Zoning Permits Issued- 7

Notices of Violations-14

Citations issued- 0

Violations complied- 10

Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately- 187

Permit Inspections Done – 34

Inspections with the Fire Department – 4

Property condemned – 1441 Old Lancaster Pike due to fire

B) American Rescue Plan

Ms. Johnston reported that the water and sewer project currently being advertised for bids is eligible to be used Township's anticipated receipt of ARP funds.

C) Community Project Funding – alternative projects

ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS MOTION AUTHORIZING MANAGEMENT STAFF TO APPLY FOR ITEMS UNDER COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUNDING: A SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT IN POINT OF CONNECTION 8, RECONSTRUCTION OF EAST POINTE DR. AFTER DEDICATION, REPLACEMENT OF THE FIRE DEPT. JEEP AND PURCHASE OF POLICE DEPT. MOTORCYCLES FOR BETTER ACCESS TO TRAILS, AND REPLACEMENT OF MONTROSE MANOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR ACCESSIBILITY.

D) Election 2021 – polling place on Township campus

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the recreation building cannot be used for elections during utility and fire station construction because it will be functioning as the job trailer, which will save a considerable amount of money. The Board of Elections has asked if the main meeting room at 1775 Welsh Rd. can be used for voting. The Board agreed.

E) MS4 Participation

- 1) Well Testing Class
- 2) Video contest

F) Poplar Neck Property – sampling well abandonment

- 1) Letter from PaDEP re: Permit Termination / Final Closure Certification, dated 3/11/2021

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the DEP has approved closure of the sampling wells at the property Cumru acquired from NRG. Closure must be accomplished in 120 days. The estimated cost is less than that required for bidding. The Board agreed that staff should proceed with arranging for well closure.

G) Sunoco Pipeline – PUC Certificate

Public Works

A) 2020-2021 Sewer Replacement Project – update

Mr. McNichols informed the Board of a water main break on High Blvd. The water main crosses the sewer main and is only 6 inches above it. The section of sewer main in question has now been encased in concrete.

B) Infrastructure for Township Campus

- 1) bids advertised 3/10/2021
- 2) pre-bid meeting 3/29/2021
- 3) bid opening 4/16/2021

Mr. Rogosky presented an agreement for the water line extension to the Township campus, as signed by the Borough of Shillington.

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A MAJORITY VOTE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE WATER EXTENSION AGREEMENT WITH THE BOROUGH OF SHILLINGTON. MRS. O'LEARY – YES; MR. KALBACH – YES; MR. BATDORF – YES; MR. BILGER – ABSTAIN; MR. MILLER – YES.

Engineer

A) Traffic Signal SR 10 and Freemansville Rd. - update

- 1) stormwater compliance letter
- 2) easements

B) Hampshire Rd. Culvert – proposed bid advertisement dates

The Board concurred with the bid opening date of 4/15/2021.

Solicitor

A) BYOB Ordinance – draft

Mr. Setley informed the Board that the draft ordinance had been revised to exclude restaurants with a license from the Dept. of Agriculture. A member of the public asked about wedding or event venues that were BYOB. The Board asked Mr. Setley to revise the ordinance to take event venues into account.

Mr. Setley asked the Board to consider a requirement for a \$5,000 escrow. The penalty is \$1,000 and can be assessed per day.

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

February 19, 2021	March 3, 2021 - ACH
February 26, 2021	March 5, 2021
March 1, 2021	March 12, 2021
March 2, 2021 – PLGIT	March 12, 2021 - additional

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A MAJORITY VOTE APPROVING PAYMENTS OF BILLS DATED 2/19/2021, 2/26/2021, 3/1/2021, 3/2/2021 - PLGIT, 3/3/2021 - ACH, 3/12/2021, AND 3/12/2021 – ADDITIONAL. MRS. O'LEARY – ABSTAIN; MR. KALBACH – YES; MR. BATDORF – YES; MR. BILGER – YES; MR. MILLER – YES.

CORRESPONDENCE

A) ZHB notice

B) Reading Area Transportation Study: 12 year plan public forum 3/23/21 at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS

A) Reminder – Board of Commissioners 5th Tuesday meeting on 3/30/2021 at 7:00 p.m.

B) Executive Session


8:33 P.M. – The Board went into executive session on 2 personnel matters.

9:10 P.M. – The meeting reconvened. Mr. Setley announced that the Board discussed 2 personnel matters, both of which are still pending.

ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE
ADJOURNING THE MEETING AT 9:11 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,


Jeanne E. Johnston
Secretary/Manager