

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 18, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at by President Ruth O'Leary at 7:03 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Sheri Hoover, William B Miller and David J. Batdorf. Vice President Edward L. Gottschall was absent with prior notification to the Board. Also attending were Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Fire Chief James A. Beane, 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, Secretary Latoya Procopio, and Joseph P. Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants.

Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC

Attention: Geneva Aulenbach, James Williamson, and Owen Xohler.

PRESENTATION

Officer Greg Kerr – Presentation of retirement plaque

Chief Winchester presented Officer Greg Kerr with a retirement plaque. The Chief thanked Officer Kerr for his 28 years of dedicated service. Officer Kerr accepted the plaque and thanked the Township and Chief Winchester for allowing him to be a part of the Cumru Township Police Department.

SOUTHERN BERKS REGIONAL EMS

A) Monthly Report – May 2019

Mr. Malcom Cole informed the Board of Commissioners that Southern Berks had 17 calls covered by other services for the month of May, due to high call volume days. He stated Southern Berks has currently made a profit of \$44,000.00 for the year.

TREASURER

A) Monthly Report – May 2019

Mrs. Peg Carpenter informed the Board of Commissioners that the Township paid another very high payment to the City of Reading for sewer treatment due to the heavy rains.

Mrs. O'Leary questioned if the language could be changed in the police pension, so that the Township would no longer have an administrative finding on the police pension audit. She requested Mr. Setley to develop a unified document.

TAX COLLECTOR

A) Monthly Report – May 2019

1) Year 2019 Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$557,857.05

- Cash collected - \$20,877.99
- Balance collectable end of month - \$536,925.21
- 2) Year 2019 Real Estate Interim
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$553.98
 - Cash collected - \$113.95
 - Balance collectable end of month - \$3,755.85
- 3) Year 2019 SMP
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$10,200.00
 - Cash collected - \$447.00
 - Balance collectable end of the month - \$9,825.00
- 4) Year 2019 Refuse
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$112,120.00
 - Cash collected - \$4,887.70
 - Balance collectable end of the month - \$107,630.00

APPROVE MINUTES

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM 4/30/2019- WORKSHOP MEETING AND 5/21/2019-REGULAR MEETING.

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A) Monthly Report – May 2019

B) Civil Service – Police

1) Civil Service Commission meeting advertised for 6/18/19 at 6:00 p.m.

ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CERTIFIED CIVIL SERVICE LIST THAT WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND TO AUTHORIZE A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYEMENT TO THE TOP TWO CANDIDATES WHO ARE ABLE TO MEET ALL OF THE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT INCLUDING BEING ABLE TO REPORT TO THE READING POLICE ACADEMY ON 7/8/2019.

Fire Department

A) Monthly Report – May 2019

B) Civil Service – Fire

1) application period closes 6/21/19

Ms. Johnston explained to the Board of Commissioners that the application period closes 6/21/2019. If not enough applications are received to be able to move forward, the Township will need to extend the application period.

Administration

A) Codes Report- May 2019

Building Permits Issued- 15

Use Permits Issued- 3

Zoning Permits Issued- 2

Notices of Violations- 29

Citations issued- 0

Violations complied - 24

Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately- 198

Permit Inspections Done – 20

Inspections with the Fire Department – 2

B) Audits

- 1) Pension audit reports for 2015-2018 received
- 2) Liquid fuels audit for 2018 completed
- 3) 2018 financial statement expected this week

C) 2013 Sewer Capital Loan

Mrs. O’Leary informed the Board that a loan was acquired in 2013 for a few Sewer Capital projects. Mrs. O’Leary suggested the Board payoff the loan, to no longer incur interest cost on the loan. The interest increases substantially in late 2019.

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP STAFF TO PAY OFF THE SEWER CAPITAL LOAN FROM 2013.

Public Works

A) Monthly Report – May 2019

Mr. McNichols informed the Board of the monthly report for Public Works. He also commended the Public Works Crew on a job well done on a new rock garden on the Township campus to help mitigate stormwater runoff.

B) Auction of Township Surplus Property 7/24/2019

C) Chain Saw and Tree Cutting Safety Training

The Board of Commissioners concurred with holding a Chain Saw and Tree Cutting Safety Training for essential personnel.

D) Right of Way Maintenance Costs

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that right of way maintenance costs will be over budget for 2019. The record breaking rains have increased the number of trees that have fallen on rights of way.

Engineer

A) 2019 Road Work

- 1) notifications to residents, dated 6/14/19

Mr. Rogosky updated the Board on the 2019 Road Work. Great Valley Consultants was currently working on a cost estimate for a 2020 PIB loan. Mr. Rogosky stated he would like to work with Cumru staff to hopefully reduce the cost.

Solicitor

A) Grande Storage Units Land Development Plan

1) connection to storm sewer in PennDOT right of way
ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH PENNDOT FOR A STORM WATER FACILITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANDE STORAGE UNITS AND AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP STAFF TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT CONDITIONED UPON THE DEVELOPER INDEMNIFYING THE TOWNSHIP.

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE PAYMENTS OF BILLS FROM: 05/24/2019, 05/29/2019-SBRADY ACH, 05/31/2019, 05/31/2019-PLGIT, 06/03/2019, 06/07/2019, AND 06/14/2019.

COMMISSIONERS

A) Executive Session

7:47 p.m. – The Board of Commissioners went into executive session to discuss
1 personnel matter and 1 pending litigation matter.

8:03 p.m. – The meeting reconvened. Mr. Setley stated that the Board of Commissioners had discussed 1 pending litigation matter and 1 personnel issue, all items remain pending.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Latoya Procopio
Secretary