

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 20, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth A. O'Leary at 7:00 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President David J. Batdorf, Sam Kalbach William B. Miller and Lisha Rowe. Also attending were Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Fire Chief James Beane, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Asst. Superintendent of Public Works Michael Yost, Jr., Manager/Secretary Jeanne E. Johnston, Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, William Frymoyer, Sr., Codes Officer, and Joseph P. Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants. Special Projects/Asst. Secretary Patricia A. Wylezik-Pfeiffer was excused with prior notification.

NOTICE:

Public comment will be accepted in person. Please include your first name, last name and address for all comments. Any comments without a name or address will not be considered. To accommodate as many people as possible, we request that each person's comments be limited to 3 minutes. The meeting comment period is limited to a total of 60 minutes. This time period may be extended at the discretion of the Commissioners. While public comments will be given due consideration, immediate responses will be done at the discretion of the Commissioners.

Pledge to the Flag.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

Mrs. O'Leary announced the sudden passing of Township Solicitor, Michael A. Setley, and initiated a moment of silence in his memory. Mr. Setley had been the Solicitor for Cumru Township since 1998. The other Commissioners and staff reflected on working with Mr. Setley.

ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS APPOINTING GEORGIADIS/SETLEY, PRINCIPALLY RECPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY KELSEY FRANKOWSKI, AS THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR.

PUBLIC

Attendance: Kimberly Welsh; Nathaniel Welsh; Michael Flake; Sheldon Meyer; Joel Mackie; Perry Haas; Greg Miller.

Nathaniel Welsh identified himself as a resident of 119 Pennwyn Place. He also presented a petition from other residents in the area and photographs with respect to rats in their neighborhood. He claimed that 111 Pennwyn Place was hoarding trash and expressed concern about health issues. Mr. Welsh expressed dissatisfaction after speaking with the Codes Officer, William Frymoyer.

Mr. Frymoyer presented photos of his inspection of 111 Pennwyn Place showing a clean garage and that the owner plugged up holes in the baseboard. He stated that rodents were present at more than one property in the area at the time of his inspection. He also presented photographs showing refuse build up at two nearby properties that could harbor rodents, including an adjacent property in Shillington.

Michael Flake of 115 Pennwyn Place claimed that the owners of 111 Pennwyn Place are taking in trash from others, then having it picked up by Cumru's trash hauler.

The Board suggested a letter to owners in the area about rodent harborage.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

A.) Monthly Report – May 2023

Anthony Martin expressed condolences with respect to Mr. Setley's passing. He reported 205 EMS calls in May with an average response time of 6 minutes and 13 seconds.

APPROVE MINUTES

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE MINUTES OF 5/17/23 – PUBLIC HEARING, 5/17/23 – REGULAR MEETING, AND 5/30/23 – 5TH TUESDAY MEETING, AS SUBMITTED.

TREASURER

A.) Monthly Report – May 2023

TAX COLLECTOR

A) May 2023 Report

1) Year 2023 Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month – \$536,909.34

Cash collected – \$47,131.98

Balance collectable end of month – \$489,777.36

2) Year 2022 Interim Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month – \$1,025.16

Cash collected – \$0

Balance collectable end of month - \$1,025.16

3) Year 2021 Interim Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month – \$140.16

Cash collected – \$140.16

Balance collectable end of month - \$0

4) Year 2022 Per Capita

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$580.00

Cash collected - \$0

Balance collectable end of the month - \$580.00

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A.) Monthly Report – May 2023

B.) Criminal History Record Information Act (CHRIA) legislation

- 1) Appoint a CHRIA officer
- 2) Adopt Fee Schedule

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPOINTING KRISTA KRING, SYSTEMS ANALYST, AS THE CHRIA OFFICER AND ADOPTING THE FOLLOWING FEE SCHEDULE AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY:

- \$250 initial processing fee
- Electronic devices – actual cost
- Retrieval \$100/hr
- Redactions \$100/hr
- Copies \$.40/page
- Legal work \$195/hr
- Postage – actual cost

Fire Department

A.) Monthly Report – May 2023

Chief Beane reported a fatal fire in the 900 block of Philadelphia Ave. The cause was still under investigation by the Pennsylvania State Police. One fire escrow had been received.

B.) Fire Station Phase 1 – application for payment no. 17

1) Letter from Atlas Engineering recommending payment # 17 for Ankiewicz Enterprises
ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT # 17 FOR ANKIEWICZ ENTERPRISES, INC. FOR \$237,959.80.

Mr. McNichols noted that, when the Township office building is connected to public water, it will save a great deal of labor by Township staff currently expended for the upkeep of the well-based public water system.

Administration

A.) Codes Department – May 2023

- Building Permits Issued- 18
- Use Permits Issued - 7
- Zoning Permits Issued- 11
- Notices of Violations- 20
- Citations issued- 2
- Zoning Hearing Board Hearings – 2
- Violations complied- 15
- Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately- 187
- Properties condemned – 4 (711-713-715-717 Phila Ave. due to fire)
- Permit Inspections Done – 28
- Inspections with the Fire Department – 0
- Training Seminars attended – 1

B.) Governor Mifflin Community Days

Mr. Kalbach reported that he and another representative of the Greater Governor Mifflin League had met with staff to discuss public safety issues.

C.) Refuse Collection

Ms. Johnston reported on ongoing delays in refuse and recycling collection. However, with respect to the week of Memorial Day, a one day delay in collections had been scheduled. Resident were informed in the refuse/recycling calendar mailing.

The residents of Pennwyn Place also complained about consistent delays in refuse/recycling collection. Ms. Johnston stated that the Township would invoke penalties taken as deductions, if delays go beyond the 24 period, in accordance with the terms of the contract.

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO CONSIDER WAIVERS FOR THE MITNICK SUBDIVISION.

D.) Mitnick Subdivision – waivers

- 1) Memorandum from Planning Commission Secretary re: recommended waivers, dated 06/15/2023

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE GRANTING WAIVERS TO THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE MITNICK SUBDIVISION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY DATED 06/15/2023.

Public Works

A.) Reed St. Culvert Replacements (emergency project) - update

- 1) Approve cost increase of \$2,548.85 to include bonding

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE COST FOR THE REED ST. CULVERT EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT IN AN AMOUNT OF \$2,548.85 FOR BONDING.

B.) RATS Municipality Project Solicitation – Transportation Projects

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO FORWARD A LIST TO THE READING AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY OF MUNICIPAL RECOMMENDED PROJECTS, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS OF THE INTERSECTION OF SR 10 AND I-176, THE HIGH BLV. BRIDGE, AND THE WERNER ST. BRIDGE.

C.) Flying Hills – obstructions in the rights-of-way

- 1) Police vehicle damaged
- 2) Remove obstructions per Section 2070 of the 1st Class Township Code

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE STAFF TO ENFORCE THE FIRST CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE FOR REMOVAL OF CONCRETE DOMES AND BOLLARDS IN THE RIGHTS OF WAY OF TOWNSHIP ROADS IN FLYING HILLS.

Engineer

Mr. Rogosky reported that he met with Mr. McNichols to discuss phasing Hunters Rd. construction.

Solicitor

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING PAYMENTS OF BILLS DATED 5/19/23, 5/26/23, 5/31/23 – PLGIT, 6/2/23, 6/9/23, AND 6/16/23.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A.) GMSD vs Board of assessment re: GHCC - pre-trial memo, dated 5/10/2023
- B.) Thank you from BARTA re: Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2023, dated 5/18/2023
- C.) Public Notice - Reading Area Transportation Study Draft Public Participation Plan
- D.) PA DEP press release re: Hazardous Air Conditions due to Wildfire Smoke, dated 6/8/2023

COMMISSIONERS

- A.) Electric Vehicle Chargers – update from Commissioner Batdorf

Mr. Batdorf stated that site inspections were needed. The cost of connection will not be known until then. After that, property owners can be negotiated with.

Mr. Miller recommended talking to the utility companies first, noting how long it has taken Met Ed to move poles at the Township campus.

Mr. Batdorf stated that property owners couldn't be negotiated with until costs are known.

Mrs. O'Leary recommended calling the fire companies' social quarters.

Mr. Batdorf stated his opinion that proceeds should be known before offering the land owners a cut.

Mrs. O'Leary questioned whether the Township can make a profit. The Board asked Ms. Johnston to ask Ms. Frankowski about this issue.

Mr. Miller stated concern for the amount of staff time devoted to this issue.

- B.) Reminders:

1) Zoning Hearing Board Regular Meeting - June 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

- a) Application #804 - East Pointe Lot 8 - 25 Service Caster Way
- b) Memo from Planning Commission, dated 06/15/2023

2) Board of Commissioners meetings for July and August 2023

- 7/18/2023 at 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
- 8/15/2023 at 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
- 8/29/2023 at 7:00 p.m. – 5th Tuesday Meeting

3) Planning Commission – 7/10/2023 at 6:00 p.m.
(Notice: 2nd Monday due to July 4th holiday)

ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:55 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston
Manager/Secretary