

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 21, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth O'Leary at 7:00 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 Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Fire Chief Scott Brady, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Recreation Director Samson Gausch, Manager Jeanne E. Johnston, Secretary Latoya Procopio and Joseph P. Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants.

Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC

Mr. Robert Moyer of 61 Andrew Drive, Mohnton, PA, was concerned about a piece of property in Cumru Township that he owns, 115 Diamond Street. Mr. Moyer was concerned that he was being over-billed for sewer. Mr. Moyer discussed the issue with the Sewer Authority last year and the Township investigated his issue. The Township determined that the sewer bills were correct at the time. Ms. Johnston informed Mr. Moyer that the Township would once again investigate his claim.

TREASURER

Mrs. Carpenter informed the Board that a report would be given at the next meeting.

TAX COLLECTOR

- A) May 2016 Report
- 1) Year 2016 Real Estate Interim
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$0
 - Cash collected - \$2,572.19
 - Balance collectable end of month - \$4,128.87
 - 2) Year 2016 Real Estate
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$519,407.20
 - Cash collected - \$36,436.69
 - Balance collectable end of the month - \$482,938.38
 - 3) Year 2016 Refuse
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$92,001.00
 - Cash collected - \$7,187.60
 - Balance collectable end of the month - \$85,576.00

APPROVE MINUTES

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE APPROVING THE MINUTES OF 05/17/2016 AND 05/31/2016.**

CONSENT AGENDA

PLANS

2016-03 POPLAR NECK ROAD SUBDIVISION

(preliminary) Owner: Sithe PA Holdings; applicant: Cumru Township; Agent: John W. Hoffert Surveyors; location: Poplar Neck Rd. west of the Schuylkill River; proposal summary: acquisition of road right of way due to closure of railroad bridge

a.) Memorandum from Township Manager re: Planning Commission recommends waivers, dated 6/6/2016

ACTION:

GRANTED WAIVERS AS REQUESTED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER DATED 6/6/2016 AND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

a.) Memorandum from Township Manager re: Planning Commission recommends approval, dated 6/6/16

ACTION:

GRANTED PRELIMINARY/FINAL APPROVAL TO THE POPLAR NECK ROAD SUBDIVISION PLAN, SUBJECT TO THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT OF SALE FROM NRG, AS REQUESTED IN THE MEMORANDUM FROM THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER DATED 6/17/2016 AND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

2016-01 BARWIS LAND DEVELOPMENT (a.k.a. Ridgeway Farms)

EXPIRATION DATE 05/01/2016

(final) Owner: Jacked Up Carts (Barwis Construction, LLC.); Agent: Barwis Construction; location: Ridgeway Road and SR 724; plan no. 2016.01-SK1; proposal summary: construction of 3 buildings and a driveway off of Ridgeway Road

ACTION:

REAFFIRMED PRELIMINARY/FINAL APPROVAL TO THE BARWIS LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, CONDITIONED UPON RESOLUTION OF ANY OUTSTANDING ITEMS IN LETTER FROM GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS, DATED 4/4/2016.

DEPARTMENTS

Administration

A) On Lot Agreement – 3797 New Holland Rd.

ACTION:

AUTHORIZED EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH MR. JOHN DIETRICH FOR A SMALL FLOW ON LOT TREATMENT FACILITY WITH STREAM DISCHARGE ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3497 NEW HOLLAND ROAD, MOHNTON, PA 19540, CUMRU TOWNSHIP, CONDITIONED UPON RECEIPT OF A \$1,000 ESCROW.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA.

DEPARTMENTS

Administration

A) Codes Department Monthly Report –May 2016

Building Permits Issued-8

Electrical Permits Issued-3

Mechanical Permits Issued-2

Plumbing Permits Issued-1

Sign Permits Issued-2

Pool Permits Issued-2

Use Permits Issued- 2

Well Permits Issued-1

Zoning Permits Issued-3

Court Hearings-1 for 3584 New Holland Rd

Notice of Violations-37

Landlord Tenant Letters-4

Phone calls from Contractors, realtors & home owners- approximately 223

Business License letters sent out-3

Permits Finalized-26

Permits Inspections Done-11

Inspections with the Fire Department-4

Recreation Department

A) Monthly Report

1) Summer Playground Session starts June 27, 2016

Mr. Gausch informed the Board that the Summer Movie Night went well, with 50 to 60 people attending. In addition, the Girl Scout Twilight Camp was scheduled to start this week and Summer Playground was to start on 6/27/2016.

Police Department

A) Monthly Report –May 2016

Chief Winchester informed the Board that there have been a number of frauds and thefts in the area. Due to this, Chief Winchester would like to orchestrate an informative seminar geared toward the public, to educate the community on IRS swindles and other fraudulent practices that have been occurring.

Fire Department

A) Fire Department Monthly Report – May 2016

Total Incidents - 43

Fires - 7

Hazardous Condition (no fire) - 4

Rescue and EMS -10

Service Call - 5

Good Intent Call -10

False Alarm - 7

Total Estimated Losses - \$0

Chief Brady thanked the current and previous Commissioners for supporting him in his position as the Fire Chief of Cumru Township. He stated that, when he was hired, the Township had an unbelievably huge task in merging three separate fire companies into one Fire Department.

- B) Fire Chief Position – advertised
 - 1) application period closes 7/8/16
- C) Fire Station – Request for Qualifications
 - 1) response period closes 7/5/16

Public Works

A) PPL Streetlight Acquisition – advertise bids for make ready work

- 1) Bid specifications
- 2) Advertisement
- 3) Bids to be opened 7/22/16 at 10:00 a.m.
- 4) Adopt resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with PPL for purchase of streetlights at a cost of \$115,013.00

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MRS. O’LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISMENT OF BIDS FOR MAKE READY WORK FOR THE ACQUISITION OF PPL STREETLIGHTS.

Engineer

A) Road Work 2016

Mr. Rogosky advised the Board that Dessco has been in contact with Norfolk Southern regarding the removal of the remaining abutment. Dessco hopes to be starting the work within the next few weeks. Mr. Rogosky also informed the Board that the roadwork on Montrose Blvd was scheduled to be completed during the month of August.

Solicitor

A) NRG – Environmental Permit Transfer

Note: See Poplar Neck Road Subdivision Plan on the Consent Agenda

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP OFFICERS TO EXECUTE THE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS FOR THE NRG ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT TRANSFER.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A) Wyomissing Creek Watershed Coalition 2015-2016 Annual Report
- B) Western Berks Landfill minor permit modification application May 2016
- C) Western Berks Landfill minor permit modification for settlement June 2016

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MRS. O’LEARY, A MAJORITY VOTE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS DATED 5/27/2016-IT. ROLL CALL: MR.

GOTTSCHALL – YES; MRS. SWAN – YES; MRS. HOOVER – ABSTAIN; MRS. O’LEARY – YES.

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A MAJORITY VOTE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS DATED 6/17/2016-ADDITIONAL. ROLL CALL: MR. GOTTSCHALL – YES; MRS. SWAN – YES; MRS. HOOVER – YES; MRS. O’LEARY – ABSTAIN.

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENTS OF BILLS DATED 5/18/2016, 5/20/2016, 5/27/2016- SEWER TREATMENT, 5/27/2016, 6/3/2016, 6/3/2016- FULTON ACCOUNTS, 6/10/2016, 6/10/2016- ADDITIONAL, 6/17/2016.

COMMISSIONERS

A) Executive Session

7:41 p.m. – The Board went into executive session to discuss 2 personnel issues and 3 real estate matters.

8:34 p.m. – Mr. Setley informed the public that the Board discussed 2 personnel issues and 3 real estate matters.

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPOINTING JASON BATZ INTERIM FIRE CHIEF EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SCOTT BRADY’S RETIREMENT.

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE RECOGNIZING THE BERKS COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AT 140 BROAD STREET AND ALLEVIATING THE SEWER LIEN AT 140 BROAD STREET AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP’S HIRING OF JOHN HOFFERT FOR THE SURVEY OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED RIGHT OF WAY AT 140 BROAD STREET.

B) Vacancies/Expirations of Terms – Civil Service Commission

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT GEORGE KELLENBERGER TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 1/1/2022.

C) Reminder: Township offices closed for Independence Day on Monday, 7/4/16

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Latoya Procopio
Secretary