

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING                      JULY 21, 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, Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Fire Chief James A. Beane, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager Jeanne E. Johnston, and Joe Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants.

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Pledge to the Flag.

**SWEAR IN**  
Det. Robert Kelley

**PRESENTATION**  
Herbein+Co. re: 2019 Audit

Nicholas Bieber of Herbein+Co. presented a summary of the 2019 financial statement. General fund revenue was 1.6% over budget and general fund expenses were 9% under budget.

**PUBLIC**  
No one from the public indicated the desire to speak.

**SOUTHERN BERKS REGIONAL EMS**  
A) Monthly Report – June 2020

**APPROVE MINUTES**  
**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. BILGER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE  
TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 6/16/2020.**

**TREASURER**  
A) Monthly Report – June 2020

**TAX COLLECTOR**  
A) June 2020 Report  
1) Year 2020 Real Estate

- Balance collectable beginning of month – \$575,622.17  
Cash collected - \$263,223.35  
Balance collectable end of month - \$312,398.82
- 2) Year 2020 Real Estate Interim  
Balance collectable beginning of month - \$13,111.26  
Cash collected - \$8,754.66  
Balance collectable end of month - \$4,177.92
- 3) Year 2020 SMP  
Balance collectable beginning of month - \$8,320.00  
Cash collected - \$4,290.00  
Balance collectable end of the month - \$4,030.00
- 4) Year 2020 Refuse  
Balance collectable beginning of month - \$106,330.00  
Cash collected - \$46,030.00  
Balance collectable end of the month - \$60,300.00

## CONSENT AGENDA

### DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

- 1) Universal face covering order, dated 7/1/2020

#### ACTION:

**REAFFIRMED RESOLUTIONS DATED 06/23/2020, 06/30/2020, 07/07/2020, 07/14/2020, AND 7/21/2020 FOR DECLARATIONS OF DISASTER EMERGENCY AND CONFERRED ON THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PRESIDENT, THE AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 OUTBREAK.**

### PENNWYN SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT – application for payment 1

- 1) Letter from BCM Engineers re: recommendation for payment, dated 6/19/2020

#### ACTION:

**AUTHORIZED PAYMENT NO. 4 TO WEXCON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$139,088.48 FOR THE PENNWYN SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

### KANTNER LANE TWINS SUBDIVISION – escrow release no. 4

- 1) Letter from developer requesting escrow release

#### ACTION:

**AUTHORIZED ESCROW RELEASE NO. 4 FOR THE KANTNER LANE TWINS SUBDIVISION, SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION OF THE AMOUNT BY GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS**

## END OF CONSENT AGENDA

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. BILGER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

## DEPARTMENTS

### Police Department

#### A) Monthly Report – June 2020

Chief Winchester reported an increase in calls for service in June. He noted a number of calls for service by employees of the Best Western on Lancaster Pike.

### Fire Department

#### A) Monthly Report – June 2020

Chief Beane reported several cases of illegal burning.

### Administration

#### A) Codes Report – June 2020

Building Permits Issued- 15

Use Permits Issued- 2

Zoning Permits Issued- 11

Notices of Violations- 14

Citations issued- 0

Violations complied- 12

Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately- 196

Permit Inspections Done – 19

Inspections with Fire Dept. – 0

#### **B) COVID-19 Emergency – update**

**ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO COORDINATE THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR COVID-10 WITH THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.**

#### **C) 1782 Welsh Rd. – school tax bill**

**ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BILGER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATION TO REQUEST AN EXONERATION OF THE SCHOOL TAX BILL FROM THE GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S ACQUISITION OF 1782 WELSH RD.**

### Public Works

#### A) Monthly Report – June 2020

#### **B) 2020 Sewer Replacement Project**

1) Memorandum re: recommendation from Authority to delay award of bid

#### C) Skid Steer

### Engineer

#### A) 2020 Road Work (Oregon Rd phase 1)

1) notice to residents

2) construction begins 07/27/2020, weather permitting

B) Lancaster Ave. Storm Sewer Study – draft

Mr. Rogosky stated that a draft of the study was available. The Board indicated that they would review the document and provide feedback.

Solicitor

A) Capital Financing

Mr. Setley stated that interest rates are down. In December 2019, the interest rate was about 3.5% for financing. It is about 2% now. More capital can be financed for the same cost. For example, in December 2019, \$10 million would have resulted in approximately .43 mil in real estate taxes. In July 2020, \$13 million would result in approximately .45 in taxes. At today's rate, a \$10 million project would result in about .29 mil tax increase. There is merit in locking in the interest rate.

Mr. Kalbach noted that the common level ratio was also down.

Mr. Bilger noted that the Township is in a great position for a favorable bond issue and should finance now to reduce the impact on the taxpayer.

Mr. Setley stated that the Township could go for a bond rating. A rate could be locked in in 60 days.

Mr. Bilger requested a breakdown of costs.

**ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITOR AND ADMINISTRATION TO BEGIN WORK WITH BOND RATING AGENCIES, INCLUDING ENGAGING A CONSULTANT TO DO SO.**

**PAYMENTS OF BILLS**

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING PAYMENTS OF BILLS FOR 6/19/2020, 6/23/2020, 6/26/2020, 7/1/2020, 7/2/2020, 7/7/2020, 7/10/2020, AND 7/17/2020.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- A) downstream notification from GenOn/NRG
- B) downstream notification from Reading Terminals
- C) Zoning Hearing Board notice for 7/28/2020

**COMMISSIONERS**

A) Committee for Mixed Use Zoning Ordinance Amendment – update

Mr. Bilger requested that the Commissioners and Planning Commissioners review any ordinance before the public hearing is scheduled.

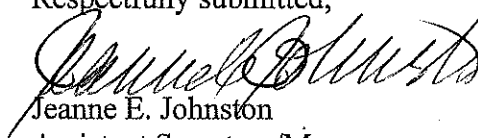
B) Meetings in General

Mr. Bilger advocated beginning to use ZOOM for meetings, with public submitting questions ahead of time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS  
VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:10 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston  
Assistant Secretary/Manager