

CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING **AUGUST 18, 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.

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.

PRESENTATION

Commendation – Officer Corbin Jones

Chief Winchester presented a commendation to Officer Jones for the apprehension of a suspect in March off duty.

Commendation – Officer Jeff Wittig

Chief Winchester presented a commendation to Officer Wittig for de-escalating an agitated person off of a roof with what appeared to be a weapon. The incident concluded with no injuries.

PUBLIC

A) Diana Ortiz re: 801/805 High Blvd. – *not present*

B) Kelly Learn re: 618 Mt. View Rd. – *not present*

C) Atty. Ed Stock re: 15 Bare Ave.

Mr. Stock requested relief of over \$30,000 in sewer charges for his client. The home was purchased at Sheriff’s sale and improvements were made to the property. Mr. Kalbach, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Batdorf indicated that it was not fair to other rate payers to excuse the charges. Mr. Bilger requested more information. Mr. Setley requested a breakdown of principal and interest in order to make a recommendation at the September meeting.

D) Douglas Reedy of Ross Lane re: neighbor with home shooting range

Mr. Reedy complained that his neighbor shoots at a home made range in the direction of his (Reedy’s) home about 100 yd away. He requested a Township ordinance restricting shooting to a specified safety zone of 150 yd and a noise ordinance. Mr. Reedy stated that the neighbor provides some notice, but the noise disturbs his dog. Chief Winchester pointed out that both properties have substantial acreage and the 150 yd rule is about hunting. Mr. Setley informed the Board that there are limits about what the Township can regulate in regard to guns and target practice.

SOUTHERN BERKS REGIONAL EMS

A) Monthly Report – July 2020

APPROVE MINUTES

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MRS. O’LEARY, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE APPROVING MINUTES FOR 7/21/2020.**

TREASURER

A) Monthly Report – July 2020

TAX COLLECTOR

A) July 2020 Report

1) Year 2020 Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month – \$312,398.82

Cash collected - \$41,768.15

Balance collectable end of month - \$270,630.67

2) Year 2020 Real Estate Interim

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$4,177.92

Cash collected - \$727.32

Balance collectable end of month - \$5,999.24

3) Year 2020 SMP

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$4,030.00

Cash collected - \$325.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$3,705.00

4) Year 2020 Refuse

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$60,300.00

Cash collected - \$4,770.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$55,530.00

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A) Monthly Report – July 2020

Chief Winchester reported on three notable incidents:

- 1) Officer Schmittinger engaged an armed individual off of SR 724 and took him into custody.
- 2) A person with a knife was threatening his father near Old Lancaster Pike and Madison. The incident concluded with no injuries.
- 3) A car theft ended with an accident at Old Fritztown Rd and Montrose Blvd. when the driver hit construction equipment.

Fire Department

A) Monthly Report – July 2020

Administration

A) Codes Report – July 2020

- Building Permits Issued- 10
- Use Permits Issued- 4
- Zoning Permits Issued- 12
- Notices of Violations- 23
- Citations issued- 0
- Violations complied- 20
- Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately- 218
- Permit Inspections Done – 18
- Inspections with Fire Dept. – 1

B) Refuse Collection – Spring and Fall Clean-up

- 1) Memorandum from Eagle Disposal re: request to change from spring and fall clean up to one large object per week, dated 07/22/2020

ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE CHANGING 2021 TRASH PICK UP FROM SPRING/FALL CLEAN UP TO ONE LARGE OBJECT PER WEEK, SUBJECT TO NO INCREASE IN COST FROM THE HAULER.

C) Old Dominion Freight Line Land Development – escrow release final

- 1) Memorandum from developer requesting escrow release

ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING A FINAL ESCROW RELEASE FOR OLD DOMINION FRIGHT LINE.

D) 180 Candy Rd. – exempt status

ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITOR TO INTERVENE ALONG WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TAX EXEMPT APPEAL FOR 180 CANDY RD.

Public Works

A) Monthly Report – July 2020

B) 2020 Sewer Replacement Project

- 1) Memorandum re: recommendation from Authority to delay award of bid
- 2) award of Small Sewer and Water Grant for Tamarack Trail for \$100,000

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BILGER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT WILLIAM MILLER AND MANAGER JEANNE JOHNSTON, TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR A PA SMALL SEWER AND WATER SYSTEM GRANT FOR TAMARACK TRAIL, AND TO AWARD THE 2020 SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO ANKIEWICZ ENTERPRISES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,859,280.00.

C) Traffic Light Maintenance – LED upgrade

- 1) Memorandum from Asst. Public Works Superintendent re: recommendation to transfer \$11,000 for upgrades to LED, dated 8/14/2020

ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF \$11,000 TO FROM LINE ITEM 4340-362/010-3 TO LINE ITEM 4340-372/010-3, AND AUTHORIZING THE UPGRADE OF VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS TO LED BY C.M. HIGH.

Engineer

A) 2020 Road Work (Oregon Rd phase 1) – application for payment no. 1

- 1) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: recommendation for payment, dated 8/13/2020

ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 1 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$272,048.76 TO BARWIS CONSTRUCTION FOR OREGON RD. PHASE 1, 2020 ROAD WORK.

B) The Mail Shark – traffic signal permit

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADOPTING RESOLUTIONS FOR EXECUTION OF THREE FORMS TE-160 FOR A NEW TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT FREEMANSVILLE RD AND SR 10, AND FOR RETIMING OF THE SIGNALS AT SR 10 AND SR 724.

Solicitor

A) Project Financing – update

Mr. Setley informed the Board that there would be a bond rating phone call on 8/31/2020. The intent is to lock in a low interest rate for 9/29/2020. The bonds would also refinance the current debt for a savings of \$25,000 and replace the 2020 note. The Board needs to determine if any other projects would be financed, which would in turn determine the amount of the new bond issue. The Board established a special meeting date and time of 9/8/2020 at 6 p.m. in the recreation building to consider the fire station project and any other projects to be financed.

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A MAJORITY VOTE APPROVING PAYMENTS OF BILLS FOR 7/22/2020, 7/24/2020, 7/30/2020, 7/31/2020, 8/3/2020, 8/6/2020, 8/7/2020, 8/14/2020. MRS. O’LEARY – ABSTAIN FROM PAYMENTS FOR 7/22/2020; MR. KALBACH – YES; MR. BATDORF – YES; MR. BILGER – YES; MR. MILLER – YES.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A) Act 14 notification from GenOn/NRG ash disposal site
C) Zoning Hearing Board notice for 08/11/2020
D) Zoning Hearing Board notice for 09/08/2020

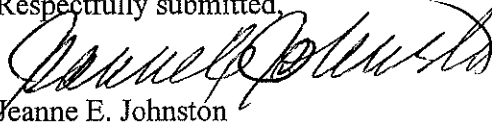
COMMISSIONERS

A) Committee for Mixed Use Zoning Ordinance Amendment – update
Mr. Kalbach stated that he and Mr. Batdorf would meet.

ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE ADJOURNING THE MEETING AT 8:05 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston
Assistant Secretary/Manager