

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 5, 2021**

The Special Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President William B. Miller at 12:03 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Ruth A. O'Leary, David J. Batdorf, Scott Brady, and Sam Kalbach. 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/Secretary Jeanne E. Johnston, Special Projects/Asst. Secretary Patricia Wylezik-Pfeiffer, and Joseph P. 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.

SWEAR IN

Ms. Johnston conducted a swearing in of Scott Brady as Township Commissioner, to replace Chip Bilger for the balance of the term to expire 12/31/2021.

PUBLIC

A) Chris Worley re: use of public meeting room – *Not present.*

APPROVE MINUTES

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A MAJORITY VOTE APPROVING THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2021.

Mr. Brady abstained from the vote since he was not a Commissioner on 8/17/2021.

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

Fire Department

A) Fire Station Phase 1 Utility Project – update
Chief Beane

Administration

A) 180 Candy Rd R.E. Tax Bill

1) request from tax payer re: discount period

ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ESTABLISHING THAT THE 2021 REVISED TAX BILL FOR 180 SHOULD BE PAID AT THE FLAT RATE.

B) ReFined Plastics / Former Titus Station – RACP Grant Program

1) request from developer for assistance with RACP grant application, dated 09/26/2021

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the developer of the former Titus Station would like to apply for a state-level RACP grant that goes through the municipality. She reported that the RACP application is complex and the GRCA has a specialist in this area.

ON MOTION OF BATDORF, SECOND OF KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER AND SOLICITOR TO WORK WITH THE DEVELOPER AND THE GREATER READING CHAMBER ALLIANCE FOR A RACP GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE TITUS STATION REDEVELOPMENT.

Public Works

A) Salt Mixing Shed – rebid

- 1) bid tabulation
- 2) Letter from Atlas Engineering re: recommendation of award, dated 09/30/2021

<u>BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BASE BID</u>
AMRIC	\$202,737
CB Structures	\$211,547
Dutchman Contracting	\$227,221

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AWARDED THE SALT MIXING SHED BID TO AMRIC CONSTRUCTION AT A COST OF \$202,737 AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO THE CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND.

B) Emergency Project – Cedar Top Sewer Right of Way/ Repair – update
Mr. McNichols reported meeting with the property owner.

C) 2020-2021 Sewer Replacement Project – application for payment no. 7

- 1) Letter from Atlas Engineering re: recommendation for payment in the amount of \$634,276.70, dated 09/28/2021

ON MOTION OF MRS. O’LEARY, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 7 TO ANKIEWICZ ENTERPRISES FOR THE 2020-2021 SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$634,276.70.

Engineer

A) 2021 Road Work (friction course) – update

Mr. Rogosky informed the Board that the SLOW arrows are on back order.

B) Hampshire Culvert Replacement – application for payment no. 1

- 1) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: recommendation for payment in the amount of \$195,455.83, dated 10/01/2021

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that part of the culvert would be paid from the stormwater fund, part of the culvert would be paid from the general fund, and the other work would be paid from the liquid fuels fund.

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO.1 FOR THE HAMPSHIRE RD. CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT TO H&K GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$195,455.83.

C) East Pointe Drive

1) traffic ordinance

- parking

Request from Doug Shinn of BDS Milestone to defer decision on ordinance until 10/19/2021

- speed limit

- stop sign

The Board agreed to defer a decision about a traffic ordinance with parking restrictions until the 10/19/2021 meeting. They directed the Manager to send a letter to all property owners on East Pointe Dr. about the discussion on 10/19/21.

2) paving/overlay – quotes (emergency project)

COMPANY	QUOTE
H&K	\$54,583.00
BARWIS	\$72,115.00
NEW ENTERPRISE	\$75,420.00
CONSTRUCTION MASTERS	\$87,623.00

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AWARDED THE EAST POINTE DRIVE OVERLAY TO H&K CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,283.00.

D) Pheasant Rd. Culvert

1) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: Act 14 notice, dated 09/24/2021

Solicitor

CORRESPONDENCE

A) meeting advertised in the Reading Eagle on 9/28/2021

COMMISSIONERS

A) Executive Session

B) Reminders:

1) Board of Commissioners meetings for fall 2021:

- 10/19/2021 at 7:00 p.m. – regular meeting

- 10/21/2021 at 3:30-5:30 p.m. – budget meeting

- 10/28/2021 at 3:30 p.m. – budget meeting
- 11/16/2021 at 7:00 p.m. – regular meeting
- 11/30/2021 at 7:00 p.m. – 5th Tuesday meeting

Note: Deadline for 2022 budget advertisement is 12/1/2021, for adoption on 12/21/2021.

2) Municipal Authority 10/14/2021 at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 12:46 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston
Secretary/Manager