

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

The Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth O'Leary at 7:04 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 Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works James A. Beane, Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager Jeanne E. Johnston, and Secretary Latoya Procopio.

Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC

A) Mr. Tom Boland re: request for a sewer bill reduction

Mr. Tom Boland of 48 Par Drive addressed the Board. He stated that landscaping was performed on his property and he normally has minimal sewer usage. He requested that Board consider a relief for this one time watering issue. Mr. Boland's total sewer bill was \$764.54 with a consumption amount of 48,100 gallons. Mr. Boland stated that he would be willing to pay his sewer bill in full and if the Board decides to grant him relief, he will gladly take a credit towards his account. Mr. Setley explained to Mr. Boland that the proper Board to be speaking with would be the Municipal Authority, who meet in January. The Municipal Authority may not recommend granting him relief. Mr. Boland indicated that he would attend the Authority meeting. The Board asked administration to hold late fees.

DEPARTMENTS

Fire Department

A) Fire Chief

ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPOINTING JAMES A. BEANE AS CUMRU TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2016, AT A SALARY OF \$75,000.

Chief Beane thanked the Commissioners for allowing him this opportunity to continue serving the Township. He was looking forward to working in a new capacity and moving the fire department forward. Ms. Johnston also thanked the Board of Commissioners.

B) Fire Fund – transfer to savings 2016

1) Memorandum from Manager re: proposed savings transfer for 2016, dated 11/23/2016

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that a transfer to savings from the fire fund had not been anticipated when the 2016 budget was developed. However, revenues were slightly more than anticipated and expenses were slightly less than anticipated. Given the efforts to plan for a new fire station, it was prudent to save when the opportunity has presented itself.

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL TO TRANSFER UP TO \$60,000.00 FROM THE FIRE FUND INTO THE FIRE SAVINGS FUND BY 12/31/2016, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE TREASURER.

C) Fire RFP for Master Planning

Mr. Johnston informed the Board that the RFP responses had been evaluated and the committee recommends appointing Manns Woodward Studios as the consulting firm for the master planning phase.

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT MANN'S WOODWARD STUDIOS AS THE CONSULTANT FOR THE FIRE STATION MASTER PLANNING PROJECT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE RFP COMMITTEE, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$44,140.00.

Administration

A) Recycling Grant for Equipment 2013 - reimbursement

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that a 2013 recycling equipment grant reimbursement had been received in the amount of \$236,794. Of this amount \$33,413.90 would be transferred to the capital projects fund for costs that originated from that fund. This grant is now closed.

B) Recycle Coach

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that a demonstration video was not available. A decision on this matter could be deferred to a later date.

COMMISSIONERS

A) 2017 Budget


ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **THE 2017 BUDGET, AS PRESENTED, CONSISTENT WITH DISCUSSION AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS;**
- **ADVERTISEMENT OF THE 2017 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE AT THE SAME MILLAGES AS 2016; AND**
- **ADVERTISEMENT OF THE ON LOT SEWAGE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE, AS REVIEWED BY THE SOLICITOR.**

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Latoya Procopio
Secretary