



TOWNSHIP OF CUMRU

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REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 29, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The 5th Tuesday Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Andy Donnell.

Commissioners in Attendance.

- President, Andy Donnell,
- Vice-President, Tonya L. Campbell (Virtual),
- Mark Ferrero
- Greg Miller
- Lisha L. Rowe

Also in Attendance:

- Solicitor, Kelsey Frankowski
- Chief of Police Madison Winchester
- Fire Chief, James Beane
- Superintendent of Public Works, Michael Yost, Jr.
- Township Manager/Secretary, Terrence W. James
- Assistant Manager/Personnel Administrator, Kristin Yoder

MINUTES

ON MOTION OF MR. FERRERO, SECONDED BY MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 21, 2026 – REGULAR MEETING AND AUGUST 18, 2026 – REGULAR MEETING AS SUBMITTED.

NOTICE:

Public comment will be accepted in person. All individuals wishing to provide public comment are asked to state their **first name, last name, and address**. Comments submitted without a name or address will not be considered.

To accommodate as many speakers as possible, each person's comments are limited to **three (3) minutes**, in accordance with **Resolution No. 301**. The total public comment period is limited to **sixty**

(60) minutes and may be extended at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

Public comments will be given due consideration; however, immediate responses will be provided at the discretion of the Board of Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attendance: Sue Haas, Perry Haas, Brenden Tardibuono, Andrew Casey, Donna Schmehl, Ron Schmehl, Barb Dietrich, Todd Dietrich, and Scott Brady.

A.) Barbara Dietrich, a resident of Hilgert Avenue, inquired about the status of the solar panel financing program.

Interim Manager Peter Marshall informed the public that the Township had contacted six potential financial institutions and was currently reviewing their proposals.

ADMINISTRATION

A.) Refuse and Recycling Bid Results

The Township Manager James reviewed the bids and highlighted the lowest cost for manual collections (refuse and recycling) to be A. J. Blosenski, and the lowest bidder for mechanical collection to be Good Disposal Service

Bidder	A	B	C	D	E	F	Prompt Pay Discount	Provide Twp. name/logo on containers?
J.P. Mascaro & Sons	\$1,356,792	\$162,276	\$533,700	\$104,640	\$1,460,508	\$665,160	No	No
Good's Disposal Service	\$849,241	No bid	\$356,245	No bid	No bid	No bid	No	No
Jax Disposal	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	\$479,946.70	No	No
Waste Management	\$881,344.80	No bid	\$579,684	No bid	No bid	No bid	No	No
A.J. Blosenski	\$892,038	\$162,030	\$391,146	\$58,920	\$978,090	\$382,530	No	No

Category	Description
A	Mechanical refuse collection - approximately 4,690 residential units
B	Manual refuse collection - approximately 491 Flying Hills residential units
C	Mechanical recycling - approximately 4,690 residential units
D	Manual recycling - approximately 491 Flying Hills residential units
E	Manual refuse collection - approximately 5,181 residential units (Township inc. Flying Hills)
F	Manual recycling collection - approximately 5,181 residential units (Township inc. Flying Hills)

President Donnell asked about the lowest bidders. Commissioner Miller reiterated the point that A.J. Blosenski is the lowest bidder and the current contract holder.

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECONDED BY MR. DONNELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPROVE A.J. BLOSENSKI MANUAL REFUSE CONTRACT FOR FOUR YEARS.

Commissioner Miller requested Asst. Manager Kristin Yoder to discuss the proposal to create a flat fee for refuse and recycling. Ms. Yoder discussed the administrative burden associated with verifying household records for single and family dwellings. Furthermore she noted there isn't a clear correlation between household size and trash and recycling production.

Solicitor Frankowski stated the Board would have to submit a new ordinance in conjunction with the new refuse and recycling contract.

Commissioner Miller and President Donnell discussed the cost difference between a single and family household.

The Board provided guidance to the Township Manager to conduct an analysis on the refuse fees and incorporating a flat fee.

B.) Rental Property Program Development RFP – proposal results and discussion

Township Manager James reported that no proposals were submitted to the Township. Commissioner Miller noted we received a proposal from Kraft Municipal Group. Solicitor Frankowski clarified the Kraft proposal was designed to provide a framework for what a rental property program could look like and not a proposal to provide rental property services. Commissioner Miller further explained that Kraft, under their current proposal, would review the rental ordinance, create a fee structure, and operationalize the rental ordinance.

Commissioner Rowe inquired about existing state laws and regulations regarding rental housing, and Solicitor Frankowski noted there are state laws, but none that specifically outline how a municipality must run a rental registration program.

It was determined that the Board will review the existing Kraft Municipal Group proposal and discuss it during the October 2026 meeting.

C.) Financial System Proposal

Commissioner Ferrero presented the results from the Township's research into a new financial software system. Two main contenders were Edmunds GovtTech, and Intellitec/Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central. Highlights from the analysis identified Edmunds GovTech as the best choice for the following reasons:

1. Lower cost
2. Comparable implementation timeline
3. Better integrated solutions and modules
4. Comprehensive data conversion
5. Operational efficiency

Commissioner Miller inquired about the current cost of the financial system which Township Manager James noted was approximately \$30,000 annually.

ON MOTION OF MR. FERRERO, SECONDED BY MS. CAMPBELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPROVE EDMUNDS GOVTECH AS THE TOWNSHIP'S NEW FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE.

D.) SR222 (Lancaster Pike) Master Plan

Barbara Dietrich commented that the minutes and agenda should reflect this Master Plan is not associated with the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Grant.

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECONDED BY MR. DONNELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPROVE ADVERTISING AN RFP FOR THE LANCASTER PIKE MASTER PLAN.

PLANNING

A.) Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood - consider authorizing Escrow Release No. 4 in the amount of \$42,173.80.

ON MOTION OF MS. ROWE, SECONDED BY MR. DONNELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPROVE THE ESCROW RELEASE NO. 4 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,173.80.

CORRESPONDENCE

A.) Berks Nature Invitation to Municipal Networking for Conservation Luncheon on 10/22/26

PUBLIC REMINDERS

A.) Zoning Hearing Board Meeting – 10/27/2026 at 6:00 p.m.

B.) Board of Commissioners for October and November 2026

Regular Meeting – 10/20/2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Budget Meeting – 11/05/26 at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Meeting – 11/12/26 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting – 11/17/26 at 7:00 p.m.

Budget Meeting – 11/19/26 at 6:00 p.m.

C.) Planning Commission Meeting – 10/05/2026 at 6:00 p.m. (CANCELLED)

President Donnell and the Board recognized Mr. Peter Marshall's service to the Township

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. DONNELL, SECONDED BY MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Terrence W. James
Township Manager/Secretary