

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MARCH 18, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice President Edward L. Gottschall at 7:00 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Treasurer Ruth O'Leary, Sheri Hoover, and Lorri K. Swan. Also attending were Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police Jed Habecker, Fire Chief Scott R. Brady, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent James A. Beane, Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager/Secretary Jeanne E. Johnston, and Joseph P. Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants.

Pledge to the Flag.

PRESENTATION

Commissioners Award - Deluxe Diner

Mr. Gottschall presented a plaque to the staff of Deluxe Diner to acknowledge over 30 years of operation in Cumru Township.

PUBLIC

Attendance: Ibrahima Barry; Dave Kalin; Kyle Dierolf; James Williamson.

A) Atty. Carmen R. Stanziola re: Impink Subdivision

Atty. Stanziola informed the Board of Commissioners that he represented Joshua and Ashley Hartman, of 136 Hillside Dr. He formally objected to the reaffirmation of the Impink Subdivision Plan on tonight's agenda because of the proposed hospice use.

B) David Kalin re: Public Works Building

Mr. Kalin stated that he is the husband of Tammy Mohn, who appeared before the Board in June of 2013. The view of the public works building from their property, 49 Hemlock Rd., has caused Mr. Kalin and Ms. Mohn to reduce the sale price of their home. Mr. Kalin stated that the 1991 Zoning Ordinance, under which the building was constructed, required screening in section 1609.F.2.a. All prospective home buyers have complained about the industrial use. He asked for trees or a higher fence between the properties. Mr. Setley suggested that the Board refer the matter to the public works liaisons for a recommendation.

TREASURER

Mrs. O'Leary informed the public that the Township spent more than the budgeted amount from the liquid fuels fund on road salt due to the harsh winter. The cost of the road project may need to be supplemented by general funds.

[7:15 p.m. – President Tony Sacco arrived.]

TAX COLLECTOR

- A) February 2014 Report
- 1) Year 2013 Real Estate Interim
 - Balance collectable - \$44.92
 - Cash collected - \$489.96
 - 2) Year 2013 Refuse
 - Balance collectable – 0
 - Cash collected – \$165.85
 - 3) Year 2013 Per Capita
 - Balance collectable – \$445.00
 - Cash collected – \$70.00

APPROVE MINUTES

ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 2/18/14.

CONSENT AGENDA

2012-05 IMPINK SUBDIVISION

(preliminary/final) Owner: Margaret Impink; Agent: John W. Hoffert, PLS; location: Hillside Dr.; proposal summary: subdivide 1 single family lot for the construction of a home for no more than 3 hospice residents

ACTION:

REAFFIRMED FINAL APPROVAL OF THE IMPINK SUBDIVISION, CONDITIONED UPON:

- **RECEIPT OF IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT AND ESCROW;**
- **PAYMENT OF FEE IN LIEU OF OPEN SPACE;**
- **RECEIPT OF STORM WATER AGREEMENT AND FEE;**
- **SEALS AND SIGNATURES ON THE DRAWING.**

2013-03 MAJESTIC ACRES III

EXPIRATION DATE 03/02/2014

(preliminary/final) Owners: Dale and Lynn Grove, Darryl and Cynthia Koch; Applicant: Darryl M. Koch; Agent: John W. Hoffert, PLS; location: off Gougliersville Rd.; proposed annexation; plan no. D-13-66

- a.) Letter from Berks County Planning Commission re: plan review, dated 11/22/2013
- b.) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: plan review, dated 11/25/2013

ACTION:

REAFFIRMED PRELIMINARY/FINAL APPROVAL TO THE MAJESTIC ACRES III ANNEXATION/SUBDIVISION PLAN CONDITIONED UPON THE FOLLOWING:

- **SEALS AND SIGNATURES ON THE DRAWING;**
- **RECEIPT OF PaDEP ON-LOT PLANNING MODULE APPROVAL.**

2013-06 THE WATER GUYS – REVISION TO PLAN OF RECORD

EXPIRATION DATE 04/06/2014

(preliminary/final) Applicant: Shinn Water Co.; agent: John W. Hoffert, PLS; location: East Pointe Dr.; proposed revision to plan note and restricted building area

a.) Planning Commission recommended conditional approval on 12/2/2013

ACTION:

REAFFIRMED PRELIMINARY/FINAL APPROVAL OF THE WATER GUYS REVISION TO PLAN OF RECORD, CONDITIONED UPON RESOLUTION OF ANY OUTSTANDING COMMENTS ON GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANT'S REVIEW LETTER DATED 12/27/2013.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA.

DEPARTMENTS

Recreation Department

A) DCNR Grant - resolution

ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANAGEMENT STAFF TO APPLY FOR A DCNR GRANT TO ESTABLISH A FRISBEE GOLF COURSE AT THE WARREN RECREATION AREA, INCLUDING THE LAND AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF WELSH AND CHURCH RDS.

Police Department

A) Police Department Monthly Report – February 2014

Offenses reported – 22
Offenses cleared – 14
Criminal arrests – 18
Traffic arrests – 20
Stolen property value – \$2,781.00
Recovered property value – \$190.00
Revenue received - \$9,605.40

B) Police Department Annual Report – 2013

Offenses reported – 575
Offenses cleared – 310
Criminal arrests – 326
Traffic arrests – 631
Stolen property value – \$496,332.00
Recovered property value – \$95,120.00
Revenue received - \$103,647.48

Chief Habecker reported on several cases. An suspect was in custody with respect to an identity theft case coordinated with the Canadian Royal Mounted Police. A suspect had been identified with respect to the Northeast Building Systems copper theft last year. A Crime Alert tip had led to the arrest of a bank robbery suspect.

Fire Department

A) Monthly Report – February 2014

Total Incidents-59

Fires-4

Rescue and EMS-13

Hazardous Condition (No Fire)-11

Service Call-7

Good Intent Call-11

False Alarm-12

Special-1

Total Estimated Losses- \$124,530

B) Fire Officer Positions

1) Letter from former Deputy Chief Jonathan Fritz

2) Deputy Chief vacancies and Captain positions

Chief Brady proposed promoting two Captains, William Mohn and George Turner, to the vacant Deputy Chiefs positions. The Township would then advertise for applicants to the vacant Captains positions.

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPOINTING WILLIAM MOHN AND GEORGE TURNER AS VOLUNTEER DEPUTY CHIEFS.

Administration

A) 2014 Capital Projects – leasing

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that two quotes were obtained for leasing of truck 65. Both quotes were for lease/purchase. Mr. Setley stated that it was really an installment sale contract. Mr. Gottschall was not in favor of paying interest. Mr. Sacco noted that payments could be stretched out for expensive equipment, like the Vactor truck. Mr. Setley suggested that the Board develop a policy on the expense threshold to use financing. The Board determined that this should be a topic on the 4/29/14 workshop agenda.

Public Works

A) PennDOT Bridges in the SR 625/Grill Area

Mr. McNichols informed the Board that the bridge on SR 724 near Sunoco would be replaced 2016 and the bridge on SR 625 near Sheerlund would be replaced in 2017. Both of these projects would involve significant detours for the general area. He suggested that the Township evaluate speed limits and truck traffic in the area, with the intent to revise the traffic ordinance for some streets. The Board concurred.

B) PennDOT Electronic Permitting – resolution for agreement

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that an agreement with PennDOT is needed to access PennDOT's online systems.

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE PennDOT ECMS SYSTEM AGREEMENT.

Engineer

A) 2014 Road Project

Due to depletion of the liquid fuels fund over the winter, previously referred to by the Treasurer, Mr. McNichols expressed concern that the Gouglersville Rd. phase 2 project might have to be scaled back, unless the Board authorized about \$45,000 in general funds to be spent on the project. However, scaling back the project would put the Township further behind with respect to road work.

ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATION TO DETERMINE THE SCOPE OF THE GOUGLERSVILLE RD. PHASE 2 PROJECT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LIAISONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS.

Solicitor

CORRESPONDENCE

- A) Notice from Election Services re: relocation of Precinct 7
- B) Letter from Mohnton Borough re: soap box derby 5/31/14, dated 1/9/14
- C) Zoning Hearing Board notice for 4/8/2014

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A MAJORITY VOTE APPROVING PAYMENTS OF BILLS DATED 2/21/14, 2/28/14, 3/5/14, 3/10/14, AND 3/18/14. ROLL CALL: MRS. HOOVER – YES; MRS. SWAN – YES; MRS. O'LEARY – YES; MR. GOTTSCHALL – YES; MR. SACCO – ABSTAIN.

COMMISSIONERS

- A) Vacancies/Expirations of Terms
- B) Reminders:
 - 1) Planning Commission, 4/7/14 at 6:00 p.m.
 - 2) Zoning Hearing Board, 4/8/14 a 7:00 p.m.
 - 3) Municipal Authority, 4/10/14 at 8:00 a.m.

- 4) Yard Waste Site, spring/summer hours resume 4/12/14, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 5) Park and Recreation Board, 4/14/14 at 5 p.m.
- 6) Board of Commissioners, 4/15/14 at 7:00 p.m.
- 7) Township offices closed on Friday, 4/18/14, for holiday
- 8) Board of Commissioners workshop meeting, 4/29/14 at 7:00 p.m.

C) Executive Session

7:50 p.m. – The Board of Commissioners went into executive session to discuss an item of pending litigation, several personnel issues, and several real estate issues.

9:39 p.m. – Mr. Sacco stated that the Board of Commissioners discussed discuss pending litigation, 7 personnel issues, and 3 real estate issues.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston
Manager/Secretary