

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING**

MARCH 31, 2015

The Workshop Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Tony J. Sacco at 7:07 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Edward L. Gottschall, Treasurer Ruth O'Leary, Sheri Hoover, and Lorri K. Swan. Also attending were Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Chief of Police Jed Habecker, Fire Chief Scott R. Brady, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works James A. Beane, Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Recreation Director Samson Gausch, and Manager/Secretary Jeanne E. Johnston.

Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC

Mr. Sacco invited public comment. No one indicated the desire to speak.

Attendance: James Williamson; Bob Snyder of the CTFD.

DEPARTMENTS

Recreation Department

A) Playground 2015 – minimum age to participate

Mr. Gausch informed the Board that he, the Manager, and the Chairperson of the Park and Recreation Board attended one day of a conference. At the conference, during a seminar on risk management, a recommendation was made to not allow playground attendance for children under the age of 6 without parents present. This recommendation was based upon a recent change in regulations which requires a day care license for preschoolers to participate in day camp type of programs. Mr. Setley reviewed this recommendation and concurred. Last year, Cumru Township accepted children from age 5. The Board agreed that the minimum age for playground participation should be changed to age 6.

Fire Department

A) Long Term Planning

Chief Brady informed the Board that the desire this evening was to discuss a possible time frame for a fire station on the capital and infrastructure plan. Mr. Sacco wanted the strategic plan to be looked at again. Ms. Johnston handed out an update to the strategic plan dated 1/28/14. Mr. Sacco wanted new goals to be developed. Mrs. Hoover asked if that included a fire station. Mr. Sacco responded that a fire station should be looked at in the 5 year plan.

Mr. Setley asked if the previous estimate of \$3.5 million was for a remodel or a new station. Chief Brady reminded the Board that 3 options had been examined: a remodel for all departments in 1775 Welsh Rd., a new station, and a new office building for administration with the fire department moving into the upper level of 1775 Welsh Rd. The \$3.5 million estimate was the lowest cost and was for a new station.

Mr. Sacco wanted the strategic planning process to take place again, the same way as before, and to include this item. Mrs. Hoover asked for confirmation that a fire station should be included in the 5 year plan. Mr. Sacco responded that the 5 year plan should look at what the needs are and things change.

Mr. Beane noted that, until the time that a new station is planned, money will have to be spent on maintaining station 2. He recommended that maintenance of station 2 be included in the 5 year plan.

Mrs. O'Leary said that the Board would have to decide what to do with the land in Flying Hills.

Public Works

A) Roller Lease – adopt resolution for lease agreement

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO EXECUTE A TAX EXEMPT CAPITAL LEASE WITH FULTON BANK FOR AN ASPHALT ROLLER.

Administration

A) Insurance Renewal 2015-2016

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the Township's insurance agent, EHD, had complimented Mr. Beane several times on the thorough equipment list he submitted for the 2015-2016 insurance quote. The quote was a slight decrease from the prior year. The Board agreed that the quote should be accepted. Mr. Sacco requested that the staff find out if equipment worth less than \$5,000 should be noted on the list.

Solicitor

A) PPL Streetlights – update

Mr. Setley informed the Board that Entech's quote for developing specifications for the Township's portion of the make-ready work had been reduced to under \$10,000.

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF BILLS DATED 3/31/15.

COMMISSIONERS


A) Executive Session

Mr. Sacco announced that the Board had had an executive session about a personnel and a labor matter from 5:30 p.m. until 6:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston

Manager/Secretary