

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING JUNE 30, 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 Solicitors Michael A. Setley and J. Kitridge Fegley, 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.

7:08 p.m. – The Board went into executive session to discuss pending litigation.

7:15 p.m. – Mr. Sacco stated that the Board of Commissioners discussed pending litigation.

PUBLIC

A) Beth Hufford re: 6 Joseph’s Way

Mrs. Hufford identified herself as an 8 year resident of 4 Joseph’s Way. She complained of poor management at a group home run by Supportive Concepts (SC) at a neighboring property, 6 Joseph’s Way. Mrs. Hufford described having to install cameras at her property because of vandalism by residents of 6 Joseph’s Way. She indicated that SC installed a blue light to inform people unfamiliar with the neighborhood of the group home location, but the light is used inconsistently and she has strange people knocking on her door. She complained that the staff parks on the street, even though the driveway was expanded to accommodate additional parking.

Chief Habecker confirmed that there have been several police calls and charges were filed.

Mr. Setley informed Mrs. Hufford that the Township cannot prohibit or close a group home by federal law. He suggested that she file a complaint with the department of public welfare.

The Board asked Ms. Johnston to contact SC.

B) George Liepens re: 6 Joseph’s Way

Mr. Liepens complained that residents of 6 Joseph’s Way have stolen mail. He asked why the Township had to allow them to live there. Ms. Johnston reiterated that federal law does not allow the Township to discriminate.

Chief Habecker noted that the Township cannot prevent people from walking outside their place of residence.

2008-02 HAWTHORNE SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT

EXPIRATION DATE 06/30/2015

(Preliminary) Owner: KevTimRP, LP c/o Metropolitan Mgt, Inc.; Agent: Van Cleef Engineering; Location: SR 724 & I-176; proposal summary: 341 residential units and 9,000 sq ft community building on 210 acres; plan no. 06-016-P00; revised plan submitted 07/2013

a.) Extension of time to 12/31/2015 submitted

- b.) Planning Commission recommended plan rejection on 06/01/2015
- c.) Letter from Atty. Robert Gundlach re: timeline submitted by developer, dated 6/23/15
- d.) Letter from Charles Honsberger re: concerns about Hawthorne development - submitted originally 11/17/2003 for public hearing on re-zoning parcel, re-submitted 6/26/2015
- e.) Conditional use application submitted
- f.) Zoning hearing application submitted
- g.) Revised plan submitted 6/30/15

Atty. Robert Gundlach, owner Kevin Timochenko, and project engineer Mark Bahnick of Van Cleef Engineering were present for discussion.

[7:35 p.m. - Mr. Setley excused himself and Mr. Fegley acted as Solicitor for the Hawthorne plan.]

ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ACCEPTING THE EXTENSION OF TIME TO 12/31/2015 FOR THE HAWTHORNE SUBDIVISION PLAN.

Mr. Gundlach thanked the Board for accepting the extension. He said that an extension to 12/31/15 would be offered for the conditional use application. A plan revision was filed today and apartments would be discussed with the Planning Commission on 7/6/15.

Public

Barrie Pease asked what would be accomplished during the extension of time. Mr. Sacco responded that the developer had submitted a timeline. Mr. Pease asked if the timeline was public record. Ms. Johnston answered affirmatively.

Mr. Pease stated that the future of the Animal Rescue League (ARL) affects all municipalities. It has 20-30 employees and takes care of 7,000-10,000 animals per year.

Mr. Sacco responded that the Board has no intent to harm the ARL.

Richard Hoffman identified himself as the President of the Board of the ARL. He stated that Barrie Pease is not a party to any discussions with the current ARL Board.

DEPARTMENTS

Recreation Department

A) Summer Playground Program – started 6/22/15

Police Department

A) Governor Mifflin Community Days

Chief Habecker informed the Board that Fire Police would assist with traffic at Community Days. Almost the entire PD would be working on Saturday, including the bicycle unit.

B) Recreational Events September 2015 – request for approval of PennDOT permits

- 1) Reading 120 cycling event
- 2) 5K charity run

Chief Habecker stated that the Reading 120 will have Fire Police. The 5K Run route was revised and he does not anticipate the need to close roads.

ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO SEND LETTERS TO PENNDOT APPROVING PERMITS FOR THE READING 120 AND MOHNTON 5K RACES.

Fire Department

A) Fire Strategic Plan - update

- 1) meeting held 6/29/15 for input from the firefighters on strategic plan action items
 - 2) draft document anticipated for the Board of Commissioners meeting August 2015
- Chief Brady informed the Board that apparatus and crew would be at Community Days.

Administration

A) Township Secretary position – application period closed 6/29/15

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that interviews would take place in July, with possible hiring in August.

Public Works

A) **Fuel Dispensing System – bid tabulation**

NAME OF BIDDER	AMOUNT OF BID	ALTERNATE AMOUNT
B&F Petroleum Service Inc.	\$76,130	\$3,500
Hafer Equipment	\$70,850	\$9,000
KC Mechanical	\$97,500	N/A

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AWARDED THE FUEL DISPENSING SYSTEM BID TO HAFER EQUIPMENT FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$70,850.00 WITHOUT THE ALTERNATE.

Mr. Beane informed the Board that some minor work might be required by Township forces, if conduit needs to be replaced. Mrs. Swan acknowledged Mr. Beane's hard work on this project.

Mrs. Johnston informed the Board that gas cards would have to be used during construction. Mr. Sacco asked that the local gas station be alerted closer to construction.

COMMISSIONERS

A) Executive Session

8:13 p.m. – The Board of Commissioners went into executive session for personnel issues.

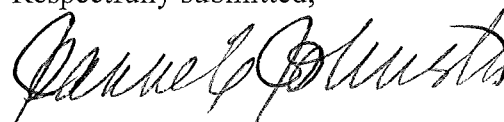
8:36 p.m. – Mr. Sacco stated that the Board of Commissioners discussed personnel issues.

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJUST MANAGEMENT SALARIES, RETROACTIVE TO 1/1/2015, FOR AN APPROXIMATE AVERAGE OF 3%.

B) Reminder: Township offices closed 7/3/15 for Independence Day Holiday

ADJOURNMENT
ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston
Manager/Secretary