

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 19, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Tony J. Sacco at 7:03 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice-President Edward Gottschall, 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, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent James A. Beane, Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Recreation Director Samson Gausch, and Joseph P. Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants. Manager/Secretary Jeanne E. Johnston was excused and Fire Chief Scott R. Brady is on a scheduled Township preconstruction meeting for new rescue pumper apparatus.

Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC

- A) Jefferson Avenue – traffic light – no representation

- B) Judith Fritz – 805 Grill Avenue, Reading, PA 19607 – Discussed the condition of the property at 803 Fritz Avenue, Reading, PA 19607. Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols Jr., will contact Berks Envirotech to check on this property.

- C) Randy Stuber – 116 Ardmore Avenue, Reading, PA 19607 – Discussed the Montrose Manor Playground and the condition it was left in over the past weekend. Recreation Director Samson Gausch and Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols Jr. confirmed Mr. Stuber's concerns regarding the use of the playground by organized groups and not cleaning up after themselves. (not putting their trash in the receptacles and leaving their grill and sound speakers) The Board agreed not to refund their security deposit. Commissioners Mrs. Hoover and Mrs. Swan (liaisons to the Park and Recreation Board) along with Mr. Gausch will discuss the rental policy with the Park and Recreation Board.

- D) Richard Fry – 782 Hunters Road, Mohnton, PA 19540 – Concerns regarding constructing a fire lane and storm water piping on Hunters Road. Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols Jr. and Joseph P. Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants will look into this matter.

Attendance: Bob Snyder; Kyle Dierolf of Flying Hills Co.; James Williamson; and Dave Kalin

TREASURER

Mrs. O'Leary informed the public that as of July the Real Estate Tax Revenue was at 98% of budget, Earned Income Tax was at 62% of budget, and the Solid Waste Host Fee was at 89% of budget. The excess from the 2013 Fire Operations fund was transferred into the Fire Capital Fund. Billing revenue for the Sewer Fund is at 54% of budget. There are two more billings for this year.

Contracted Services is at 92% of budget because of outside codes services. Buildings and Grounds Utilities is at 77.8% of budget because of the cold winter and increased consumption of propane. Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Repairs July expenses included the Police Department's parking area, Public Works surge suppression, wall at the maintenance building, and security agreement for the fire monitoring system. Public Safety General Expenses is at 97% of budget because road flares were purchased this year. This expense is every two to three years. Public Safety Maintenance of Computers is at 109% of budget due to the Microsoft Office updates. Public Service Maintenance/Repair of Equipment-General - July expenses included mower blades, a hub motor, etc. Engineering Construction is at 121% of budget because of issues related to the Gouglerstown Road project. MMO-NU is 83% of budget because both 2013 and 2014 allocations are being paid this year. Refuse Sweeper Debris is at 165% of budget because it was a hard winter. This account is over budget. Maintenance/Repair/Vehicle Expenses – majority of this expense was repairs made to truck 95.

The principal and interest payments were made from the Debt Service Fund for the bonds.

TAX COLLECTOR

A) July 2014 Report

- 1) Year 2014 Real Estate
Balance collectable - \$181,303.44
Cash collected - \$25,701.00
- 2) Year 2014 Real Estate Interim
Balance collectable - \$2,411.90
Cash collected - \$184.12
- 3) Year 2014 Refuse
Balance collectable - \$33,072.00
Cash collected - \$4,017.20
- 4) Year 2014 Per Capita
Balance collectable - \$35,465.00
Cash collected - \$16,475.90

CONSENT AGENDA

2014-01 DEERFIELD PRD PHASE 4A

EXPIRATION DATE 07/06/2014

(Preliminary/Final) Owner: Berkshire Greens; Agent: John W. Hoffert, PLS; location: off of SR 724; proposal summary: change type of unit along Ravine Dr. from townhomes to 16 unit apartment building; plan no. D-13-89

ACTION:

GRANT EXTENSION OF TIME TO 12/31/14 FOR RESOLUTION OF WATER SUPPLY ISSUES.

2014-04 SHEERLUND FOREST SUBDIVISION

EXPIRATION DATE 10/05/2014

(preliminary) Owner: ; Agent: John W. Hoffert, PLS; location: Sheerlund Rd. and High Blvd.; proposal summary: subdivide 2 pre-existing homes; plan no. D-14-26-1

a.) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: plan review, dated 6/30/2014

ACTION:

**GRANT FINAL APPROVAL TO THE SHEERLUND FOREST SUBDIVISION
CONDITIONED ON RESOLUTION OF ANY OUTSTANDING ITEMS ON THE
ENGINEER’S LETTER DATED 8/1/14.**

2014-05 MANNEPULI SUBDIVISION

EXPIRATION DATE 10/02/2014

(preliminary/final) Agent: John W. Hoffert, PLS; location: off of Cedar Top Rd.; proposal summary: subdivide pre-existing lot; plan no.

a.) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: plan review, dated 8/1/2014

b.) Letter from Cardno BCM Engineers re: sewer review, dated 7/23/14

c.) Memorandum from John W. Hoffert Surveyors re: sewer review response, dated 7/28/14

ACTION:

**GRANT WAIVERS FOR THE MANNEPULI SUBDIVISION AS RECOMMENDED IN
THE ENGINEER’S LETTER DATED 8/1/14.**

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

**ON A MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

DEPARTMENTS

Recreation

- A) The summer playground program is over.
- B) Great turn-out for men’s basketball league.
- C) Rental – very few dates still available until the end of the year.
- D) Submission deadline for the Fall Newsletter is August 31, 2014.
- E) Update on Montrose Manor Playground

Police Department

- A) Monthly Report – July 2014
 - Offenses reported – 53
 - Offenses cleared – 33
 - Criminal arrests – 37
 - Traffic arrests – 31
 - Stolen property value - \$19,410.00
 - Recovery property value - \$11,089.00
 - Revenue received - \$3,573.03

Fire Department

Chief Brady is in Iowa for a preconstruction meeting with representatives of Toyne, Inc. The Township is purchasing a new rescue pumper from Toyne, Inc.

Public Works

A) 2014 Road Work – Gouglersville Phase 2

All of the easements have been signed for phase 2 of the Gouglersville Road reconstruction project. Work is scheduled to begin on Monday, August 25 from Beavens Road to a point approximately 1,400' to the west.

B) 2014 Sanitary Sewer TV and Grouting – Award Bid

The low bidder is Sewer Specialty Services Co. Inc. from Leicester NY. The bid price is \$62,689.00.

ON A MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AWARD THE “2014 SANITARY SEWER TELEVISIONING and GROUTING PROJECT” TO SEWER SPECIALTY SERVICES CO. INC. FOR \$62,689.00.

Engineer

Mr. Rogosky stated that the Township Manager sent letters to the residents who live on Gouglersville Road and the surrounding areas to notify them of the start date and the approximate time of completion of the reconstruction project of Gouglersville Road.

Solicitor

A) Streetlights - LED conversion

Mr. Gottschall and Mrs. Swan were appointed as the Commissioner Liaisons to assist in interviewing outside LED conversion contractors with special counsel Louise Knight.

Commissioners

A) East Pointe Drive – Letter of Credit

The Board discussed East Pointe Drive's deterioration.

MR. SACCO MADE THE "MOVE TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP STAFF TO NOTIFY THE HOLDER OF SECURITY FOR EAST POINTE, LLC THAT THEY ARE IN BREACH OF THE SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND ALL MONIES STILL HELD IN THE LETTER OF CREDIT OR OTHER SECURITY BEING HELD TO GUARANTEE THE IMPROVEMENTS AT EAST POINTE LLC BE RELEASED TO THE TOWNSHIP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR ALL USES THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TOWNSHIP, UNDER THE MUNICIPALITIES PLANNING CODE." A SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED.

**PAYMENTS OF BILLS
ON A MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE TO APPROVE PAYMENTS OF BILLS DATED 7/18/14, 7/25/14, 8/8/14, 8/12/14,
AND 8/15/14.**

COMMISSIONERS

A) Reminders:

- 1) The Township offices will be closed Monday, September 1, 2014 in observance of Labor Day.

Mr. Kalin thanked the Board for the trees that were purchased by the Township to separate his property from the Township's Public Works facility. He believes this has helped with the potential sale of his property this week.

- B) Executive Session (7:43 P.M. – 8:20 P.M.) - The Board discussed personnel issues and a real estate issue.

**ADJOURNMENT
ON A MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:23 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Carpenter
Assistant Secretary
Business/Personnel Administrator