

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING     SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Tony J. Sacco at 7:01 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 James A. Beane, Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Recreation Director Samson Gausch, Manager/Secretary Jeanne Johnston, and Joseph Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants.

Pledge to the Flag.

**PUBLIC**

A) Gail Perrozzo of Mifflin Community Library (MCL)

Mrs. Perrozzo identified herself as a Board member of the MCL. She informed the Board that Cumru Township provides 14.1% of the MCL operating budget. Mrs. Perrozzo also informed the Commissioners that the long term debt of \$1.5 million had been paid off. Further fund raising would be used for improvements. Since the recession, MCL has maintained its hours. There is a 3 year plan to improve technology. MCL participates in a national program, “1,000 Books before Kindergarten.” Mrs. Perrozzo thanked Mrs. Hoover for her participation as liaison from the Board of Commissioners to MCL.

Attendance: William D. Frymoyer, Sr.; Rusty Hoover; Kyle Dierolf of Flying Hills Co.; James H. Williamson; Bob Snyder of the CTFD; Gail Parrozzo of the Mifflin Community Library.

**TREASURER**

A) Monthly Report

Mrs. O’Leary informed the Board about revenues and expenditures in relation to budgeted amounts. EIT and LST were on target with budget. Cable franchise fees and building permit fees were above budgeted amounts. Nine line items were projected to exceed budget and Mrs. O’Leary recommended that they be increased for the 2015 budget.

**TAX COLLECTOR**

A) August 2014 Report

- 1) Year 2013 Real Estate Interim  
Balance collectable - \$22.34  
Cash collected - \$24.58
- 2) Year 2014 Real Estate  
Balance collectable - \$165,734.57  
Cash collected - \$17,125.79
- 3) Year 2014 Real Estate Interim  
Balance collectable - \$1,168.81  
Cash collected - \$1,218.22

- 4) Year 2014 Refuse  
Balance collectable - \$30,023.00  
Cash collected - \$3,353.90
- 5) Year 2014 Per Capita  
Balance collectable - \$17,825.00  
Cash collected - \$17,068.30

**APPROVE MINUTES**  
**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS**  
**VOTE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 7/15/14, 7/29/14, AND 8/19/14.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**PLANS**

**445 OLD LANCASTER PIKE – PARKING**

- a.) Waivers recommended by Planning Commission on 9/8/2014

**ACTION:**

**GRANTED WAIVERS TO SECTIONS 509.A.1. AND 509.A.7. OF THE SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, AND ANY OTHER DIMENSIONAL WAIVERS NECESSARY WITH RESPECT TO THE EXISTING AND PROPOSED DRIVEWAYS AT 445 OLD LANCASTER PIKE, CONDITIONED UPON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE, INCLUDING WINTER MAINTENANCE.**

**2014-05          MANNEPULI SUBDIVISION**

**EXPIRATION DATE 10/02/2014**

(final) Agent: John W. Hoffert, PLS; location: off of Cedar Top Rd.; proposal summary: subdivide pre-existing lot

- a.) **Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: plan review, dated 8/28/2014**
- b.) Memorandum from Fire Chief re: adequate clearances, dated 9/8/2014

**ACTION:**

**GRANTED FINAL APPROVAL TO THE MANNEPULI SUBDIVISION PLAN CONDITIONED UPON**

- **RESOLUTION OF ANY OUTSTANDING COMMENTS IN THE LETTER FROM GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS DATED 8/28/2014, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**
- **PROVISION OF A COST ESTIMATE FOR THE SEWER EXTENSION;**
- **PaDEP SANITARY SEWER PLANNING MODULE APPROVAL;**
- **PROVISION OF FEE IN LIEU OF OPEN SPACE;**
- **PROVISION OF AN IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT WITH ESCROW;**
- **SIGNATURES AND SEALS ON THE DRAWING.**

## **TIMAC LAND DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL**

- a.) Memorandum from Manager re: Planning Commission recommendation to support proposal, dated 9/12/2014

### **ACTION:**

**AUTHORIZED THE MANAGER TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE ZONING HEARING BOARD IN SUPPORT OF VARIANCES THAT MAY BE REQUESTED CONSISTENT WITH DRAWING NO. 3279-D-14-001, DATED 6/26/2014.**

## **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

## **DEPARTMENTS**

### Recreation Department

#### A) Monthly Report

Mr. Gausch informed the Board that the newsletter would be printed in approximately 1 week. A Punt/Pass/Kick competition, sponsored by USA Football and the NFL, would take place on 9/26/14. The Autumn Leaf Festival was scheduled for 10/11/14. Fees in lieu of open space were spent on new benches for two court areas and permanent trash cans. Tomorrow, a consultant would be testing the wireless capability associated with the recreation building job project. After the test, the quote for the project would be updated.

### Police Department

#### A) Police Department Monthly Report – August 2014

Offenses reported – 53  
Offenses cleared – 23  
Criminal arrests – 18  
Traffic arrests – 24  
Stolen property value – \$3,591.00  
Recovered property value – \$755.00  
Revenue received - \$3,321.24

Chief Habecker informed the Board that 7 juveniles were arrested in connection with a burglary on Huyett St. Marijuana was found growing near I-176. A vehicle was shot on Valley Stream Rd. Prescription fraud took place at Rite Aid. There were several burglaries, including in Flying Hills, Pennwyn, and Wyomissing Rd. There were over 30 other thefts.

### Fire Department

#### A) Fire Apparatus Sale – update

Chief Brady informed the Board that a fire company in Mosel, WI, had purchased the apparatus from Cumru Township for \$130,000.00. This transaction was through the broker for a 7% fee.

B) Fire Department Monthly Report-August 2014

Total Incidents-34

Fires-3

Overpressure/Overheat-1

Rescue and EMS-9

Hazardous Condition (No Fire)-1

Service Call-6

Good Intent Call-9

False Alarm-5

Total Estimated Losses- \$1,000

Volunteer Staffing 42 (No Change)

Administration

**A) Building Inspector position – hire**

1) Memorandum from Manager re: recommendation for hire, dated 9/12/2014

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE A CONDITIONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO THE TOP RANKED CANDIDATE FOR THE NEW BUILDING INSPECTOR POSITION.**

B) Western Berks Landfill

1) 2013 Annual Operation Report – estimated landfill life 10.6 years, received 9/2/2014

C) Mohnton Halloween Parade - detour

1) Letter from Great Pumpkin Parade Committee re: proposed detour in Cumru Township, dated 9/2/2014

Rusty Hoover, Captain of the Mohnton Fire Police, described the parade route and other parade details to the board. Ms. Johnston expressed concern about the Lions Club promoting the use of Huyett St. for an official detour. The Board agreed and indicated an understanding that traffic would naturally detour through the Cedar Top Rd. corridor of Cumru Township during the parade. Mr. Gottschall asked if Cumru Township could loan barricades for the parade and the Board concurred.

Public Works

**A) Poplar Neck Bridge over Norfolk Southern**

1) Letter from PennDOT re: weight rating reduced to 5 tons and requirement for repair within 6 months

Mr. Rogosky informed the Board that, if the bridge is not repaired, it must be closed and abandoned. The mandated repair will not increase the weight rating; it will only extend the life of the bridge at 5 tons. Ms. Johnston also requested authorization to have STV give an estimate for the required repairs. Mr. Setley recommended that the Board grant staff and consultants the authority to explore ways to bypass the bridge. The estimated cost of repair could be compared to estimated costs associated with bypassing the bridge. The Board agreed that an estimate could be obtained from STV.

Mr. McNichols informed the Board of constraints on winter maintenance because of the 5 ton rating. Salt will have to be spread by hand. Snow plowing can only be done with a

pickup truck. Both of these constraints will slow down winter maintenance activities on other roads.

B) Flying Hills Drive

- 1) Letter to Flying Hills Apartments and Golf Club from Engineer re: water main leak, dated 9/4/2014

Mr. McNichols informed the Board that an irrigation line, not on the approved plans, is leaking under Flying Hills Dr. and causing deterioration. The irrigation system is viewed as a utility and Flying Hills Co. is responsible for repairing the road. The road will deteriorate further when winter freeze-thaw cycles begin.

C) City of Reading WWTP at Fritz Island

- 1) Letter from SSM, Inc. re: report on connections and metering, dated 8/27/2014
- 2) Letter from Berks County Planning Commission re: Fritz Island land development plan, dated 8/28/2014

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that Mr. McNichols and the sewer engineer have spent a considerable amount of time correcting the report from SSM. She also informed the Board that the City declined to provide a copy of the Fritz Island land development plan at this time, stating an intent to schedule a meeting with the Board at a future date. The City stated that there would be no development in Cumru Township.

Engineer

A) 2014 Road Work – update

- 1) Letter from Manager to residents along Gouglersville Rd phase 2 project re: additional security measures, dated 9/11/2014

Mr. Rogosky informed the Board that construction began 9/1/14. Forino has been performing well as the subcontractor for the storm water work. The contractor has been working with the residents on issues such as mail delivery.

Solicitor

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- A) Letter from PennDOT re: presentation on culvert replacement near Gai-Tronics on 9/10/2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mohnton Municipal Building, dated 9/2/2014
- B) Letter from PaDEP re: Titus Station ash site bonding, dated 9/3/2014
- C) Letter from Cornerstone Environmental re: proposal to modify flare permitting at Western Berks Landfill, dated 9/3/2014

**PAYMENTS OF BILLS**

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A MAJORITY VOTE APPROVING PAYMENTS OF BILLS DATED 8/20/14 - ADDITIONAL, 8/22/14, 8/29/14, 9/5/14, 9/12/14, AND 9/15/14. ROLL CALL: MRS. HOOVER – YES; MRS. O’LEARY – ABSTAIN; MR. GOTTSCHALL – YES; MRS. SWAN – YES; MR. SACCO – YES.**

## COMMISSIONERS

### A) Vacancies/Expirations of Terms

### B) Reminders:

- 1) Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting on 9/30/2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- 2) Letter from PennDOT re: presentation on SR 724 Bridge over Angelica Creek, 9/30/2014 at 7:00 p.m., during Workshop Meeting, dated 9/3/2014
- 3) Township offices closed 10/13/2014 for Columbus Day holiday
- 4) Park and Recreation Board October meeting cancelled due to conflict with Columbus Day holiday

### C) Executive Session

8:00 p.m. – The Board of Commissioners went into executive session to discuss 2 items of potential litigation, 2 real estate issues, and 3 personnel issues.

9:20 p.m. – Mr. Sacco stated that the Board of Commissioners discussed 3 items of potential litigation, 2 real estate issues, 2 personnel issues, and 2 legal matters.

## ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. O’LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:21 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne E. Johnston  
Manager/Secretary