

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at by President Ruth O'Leary at 7:00 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Sheri Hoover, William B Miller and David J. Batdorf. Vice President Edward L. Gottschall was absent with prior notification to the Board. Also attending were Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Michael L. Yost, Business Personnel/Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager Jeanne E. Johnston, Secretary Latoya Procopio, and Joseph P. Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants.

PRESENTATIONS

- A) Exceptional Duty Medal – Officer Michael Bezner
Chief Winchester presented Officer Michael Bezner with the Exceptional Duty Medal for his actions in the armed robbery committed on January 15, 2019.
- B) Unit Citation Award – Officer Scott Schmittinger, Officer Kyle Vincelli, and Officer Matthew Shugars(*was not in attendance*)
Chief Winchester presented Officer Scott Schmittinger, and Officer Kyle Vincelli with the Unit Citation Award for their assist with the armed robbery committed on 1/15/2019.
- C) Life Saving Award – Officer Scott Schmittinger
Chief Winchester presented Officer Scott Schmittinger with the Life Saving Award for his actions on July 3, 2018. Officer Schmittinger came upon a woman who was not breathing, he administered CPR.

PUBLIC

Attendance: Robert Moyer of 61 Andrew Drive, Cathy Goss of St. Francis Home, James Williamson of 1461 Old Lancaster Pike, and Dennette Keller of 280 Pennwyn Place.

- A) Robert Moyer of 61 Andrew Drive owner of 115 Diamond Street re: sewer billing
Robert Moyer of 61 Andrew Drive was present for discussion. Mr. Moyer expressed his concerns to the Board regarding receiving two sewer bills, the speeding issue on Montrose Blvd, and stakes that were put into the ground in Ardmore Avenue.
First, Mr. Moyer questioned why the Township placed stakes at the 200 block of Ardmore Avenue. Mr. McNichols stated that the stakes were not placed there by the Township and have been there since before he was hired 19 years ago. Mr. McNichols believed the stakes were placed there to delineate the alley which tends to be a very wet area. Mr. Setley stated the Township would not object if the stakes were removed, but the neighbors may have an issue if the stakes were placed by them.
Second, Mr. Moyer stated Cumru Township equipment is obsolete in regards to speed enforcement. He would like the Police Department to make this speeding problem on Montrose Blvd a priority.
Third, Mr. Moyer objected that his property on 115 Diamond Street, which has 2 units, received two sewer bills. Mr. Moyer claimed the double billing issue went through litigation in 1994. He stated if there is one meter then there cannot be two bills produced. Mr. Setley stated that Cumru Township is in an agreement with the City of Reading which regulates the billing for

each unit. Mr. Moyer questioned why he receives only one water bill if this is the case. Ms. Johnston informed Mr. Moyer that Shillington Authority consolidates bills for multiple units.

B) Dennette Keller of 280 Pennwyn Place re: stormwater pipe

Ms. Keller expressed her concern regarding a sinkhole on her property. Ms. Keller stated the drainage system created 3 sinkholes in the yard between her property and a neighbor's property. The Township repaired a portion of the pipe in October of 2018. Ms. Keller requested assistance from the Township in regards to getting the sinkhole on her property fixed along with the erosion of the stream bank at the back of their property.

Mr. McNichols explained to the Board that the patches in the road and the pipe that had been replaced was in the Township's right-of-way. The rest of the pipe is on private property and belongs to the property owner.

Ms. Keller asked assistance from the Board to help mitigate the cost; she questioned if the cost could be split three ways. Mr. Setley stated legally the Township is not responsible but this is a decision for the Board to make. Ms. Johnston stated DEP permits will be required, however, she would inquire if there may be grant programs available.

Mr. Rogosky stated DEP does not currently recognize the pipe as a permitted outfall into the Wyomissing Creek. If a general permit is required it could be reviewed by BCCD quickly. However, if a DEP permit is needed then that will need to be reviewed by DEP which may take several months based on their back log. Mr. Rogosky stated he will look into the potential cost. He suggested Ms. Keller would need an engineer for the permit process at the very least.

SOUTHERN BERKS REGIONAL EMS

A) Monthly Report – January 2019

Mr. Malcom Cole presented the monthly report to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Cole stated that calls were up from last month with a total of 170 calls; 11 calls were handled by other EMS services. He stated this occurred due to multiple calls coming in within a short amount of time. A multiple car pileup on January 30th was one of the dates with multiple calls.

Mr. Cole stated Southern Berks made their first quarter liability payment and they were \$24,000 short in revenue last month. Mr. Cole stated the Southern Berks Board had more questions regarding the agreement between SBREMS and the Township. Mr. Cole stated the Board plans to vote on the agreement at their next meeting on February 27, 2019.

TREASURER

A) Monthly Report

TAX COLLECTOR

A) January 2019 Report

1) Year 2019 Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month – \$82,072.57 *Sent to Tax Claim.*

Cash collected - \$0

Balance collectable end of month - \$0

- 2) Year 2019 Real Estate Interim
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$463.15
 - Cash collected - \$520.78
 - Balance collectable end of month - \$2,574.75
- 3) Year 2019 SMP
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$1725.00
 - Cash collected - \$0
 - Balance collectable end of the month - \$0
- 4) Year 2019 Refuse
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$17,200.00
 - Cash collected - \$0
 - Balance collectable end of the month - \$17,200.00
- 5) Year 2019 Per Capita
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$7,490.00
 - Cash collected - \$0
 - Balance collectable end of the month - \$0

APPROVE MINUTES

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8, 2018 – BUDGET MEETING, JANUARY 15, 2019 – PUBLIC HEARING ON VACATING RIGHT OF WAY, AND JANUARY 15, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING.

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A) Monthly Report – January 2019

Chief Winchester informed the Board that January 2018 and January 2019 figures were very comparable.

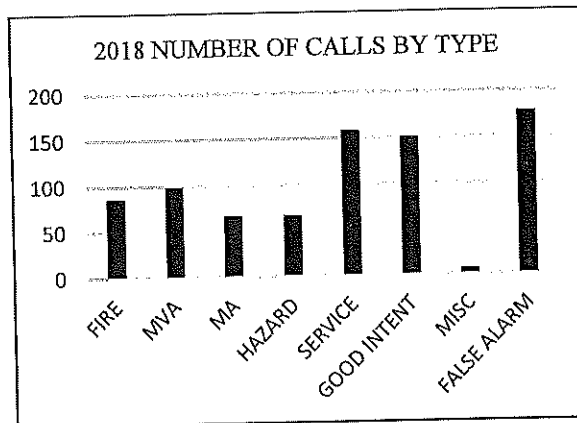
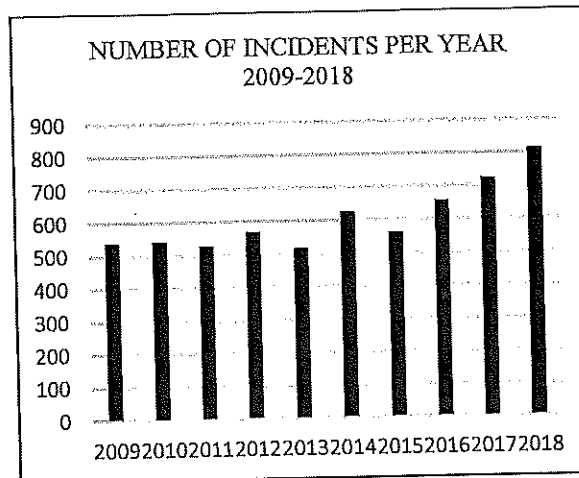
B) Press Release – bank fraud ring

C) Robbery Suspect Apprehended *See Presentations.*

Fire Department

A) Annual Report 2018

Chief Beane informed the Board that the Fire Department had 815 calls for the year 2018. Chief Beane stated the Supreme Cleaners fire was classified as an accident due to a knocked over candle, has a half million dollars in damage to the structure.



B) Monthly Report – January 2019

C) Fire Station – update

Chief Beane stated the geotechnical report had been finished and the new location was a more suitable location for the Station.

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE NEXT PHASE OF THE FIRE STATION DESIGN.

D) Tanker – delivery

1) payment in the amount of \$319,360

Chief Beane explained to the Board that the Tanker had been delivered to Glick for the final outfittings.

E) Volunteer Appreciation Banquet – donation

1) \$2,500 budgeted

ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE VOLUNTEER APPERCIATION BANQUET DONATION UP TO \$2,500.00

Administration

A) Codes Report- January 2019

- Building Permits Issued- 7
- Use Permits Issued- 1
- Zoning Permits Issued- 1
- Notices of Violations- 30
- Citations issued- 2
- Violations complied in January- 11
- Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately- 193
- Permit Inspections Done – 21
- Inspections with the Fire Department – 1

**B) St. Francis Home / Impink Subdivision – escrow release 4 (final) \$21,210.18
ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE
APPROVING ESCROW RELEASE NO. 4 (FINAL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,210.18
FOR THE IMPINK SUBDIVISION / ST. FRANCIS HOME.**

C) Records Management

- 1) resolution on disposition of records

**ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE
ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION ON DISPOSITION OF RECORDS.**

D) Recreation

- 1) breakfast with the Easter bunny 4/5/19, 9:00 a.m.

Public Works

A) Monthly Report – January 2019

B) Retirement

1) Letter from Dino Schiaroli of retirement effective 7/23/2019, dated 02/11/2019
**ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE
ACCEPTING THE LETTER OF RETIREMENT FROM DINO SCHIAROLI,
EFFECTIVE 7/23/2019 AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO START THE PROCESS OF
POSTING AND FILLING THE FOREMAN POSITION.**

C) Winter Storm 2/20/19-2/21/19

Engineer

A) 2018 Road Work

- 1) payment application no. 6 (final) in the amount of \$18,460.51
- 2) change order no. 3 – final reduction in contract price of \$134,121.28
for balancing; no additional cost to the Township

**ON MOTION MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE
APPROVING PAYMENT APPLICATION NO. 6 (FINAL) IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$18,460.51 CONDITIONED UPON THE RESOLUTION OF THE TWO ITEMS THAT
WERE PRESENTED TO NEW ENTERPRISE STONE & LIME CO.**

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 FOR A REDUCTION IN THE CONTRACT PRICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$134,121.28 TO NEW ENTERPRISE STONE & LIME CO.

B) 2019 Road Work

1) ahead of paving letter to UGI

Mr. Rogosky informed the Board that the information for the 2019 road work scope of work was sent out to UGI at the end of January 2019.

Solicitor

CORRESPONDENCE

A) Wyomissing Creek Watershed Coalition annual meeting advertisement, published 1/7/2019

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FROM: 1/17/2019, 1/24/2019, 2/1/2019, 2/4/2019 – SEWER LOAN, 2/7/2019, 2/14/2019.

COMMISSIONERS

A) Reminders:

- 1) Planning Commission meeting Monday, March 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. – Canceled
- 2) Dog microchipping event, March 16, 2019, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

B) Executive Session

8:20 p.m. – The Board of Commissioners went into executive session to discuss

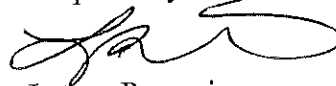
1 personnel matter, 2 real estate issue and 1 pending litigation matter.

8:43 p.m. – The meeting reconvened. Mr. Setley stated that the Board of Commissioners had discussed 1 pending litigation matter, 2 real estate issues and 1 personnel issue, all items remain pending.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADJOURNING THE MEETING AT 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Latoya Procopio
Secretary