

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING                      MARCH 30, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President William B. Miller at 7:00 p.m. Other Commissioners in the meeting room were Vice President Ruth A. O'Leary, David J. Batdorf, and Chip Bilger. Commissioner Sam Kalbach attended electronically. Also attending were Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager Jeanne E. Johnston, Joseph P. Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants, and Jeffrey Skinner of BCM Engineers.

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Pledge to the Flag.

**PRESENTATION**

Utility Installation/Replacement and Drainage Improvements for Township Campus Area

Jeffrey Skinner of BCM Engineers presented an overview of the project. He described the following for the Board and public:

- public water and gas installation via Reed St. in Mohnton,
- replacement of Cumru's sanitary sewer in Reed St. and Welsh Rd.,
- replacement of Cumru's storm sewer in Reed St.,
- preparation of storm sewer for the fire station, and
- preparation of the building pad for the fire station.

Mr. Skinner informed the Board that a mandatory pre-bid meeting had taken place yesterday. Bids were to be opened on 4/16/2021.

**Water**

The 12 inch water line will reduce to 10 inches at Welsh Rd. there will be a flushing station for regulating chlorine, stubs for existing properties, fire hydrants with placement determined by the Fire Chief, laterals for the Township buildings, and a stub for a possible future booster station near the basketball court. The latter will be installed in case public water was ever extended down the Church Rd. corridor. The intermunicipal agreement with Shillington calls for dedication of the mains and a side project that will be reimbursed by Shillington. The Shillington project involved replacement of a 4 inch main with an 8 inch main. It will require a temporary service to be done very early in the project.

Ms. Johnston noted that, after the water line is put in service, the Township will have to go through the close out procedure for the two public water service permits associated with the well systems on the campus.

**Sewer**

Cumru's sewer main in Reed St. will be replaced, including laterals, from Mohnton to Warren Lane, because of the deteriorated condition of the main. The sewer main in Welsh Rd. will be replaced in partial compliance with the consent order associated with point of connection 8 to the City of Reading sewer treatment plant.

### **Storm Sewer**

Two culverts will be replaced in Reed St.

### **Traffic**

Contract specifications called for only day time closures on Reed St. Streets in Mohnton will be patched since Mohnton Borough will be doing an overlay on those roads. Church Rd. will have permanent trench repair with a one foot cut back.

Welsh Rd. will be raised 3 to 4 feet to facilitate ingress and egress of fire trucks. It will also be widened/moved by approx. 4 feet to make room for storm sewer improvements on Welsh Rd. without the significant expense of moving utility poles near the main driveway. Welsh Rd will be shut down for 3 months for raising it and installation of utilities. Before Welsh Rd. is closed, the Township's western driveway will be widened. Oregon Rd will be the official detour. Chief Winchester asked for traffic calming measures in case local traffic uses the township driveway.

The intersection of Welsh and Church Rds. will include a short retaining wall on the northwest side, in order to widen the intersection. Specifications call for one lane to be open at all times.

### **Gas**

Mr. Skinner stated that UGI would provide the pipe and installation. Cumru would provide the trenching and cover. Mrs. O'Leary asked if UGI would get rid of the propane tanks. Mr. McNichols informed the Board that the Township owns the propane tanks. Those at 1775 and Station 2 are still needed for generators.

### **Earth Moving**

Another early portion of the project will be excavation of the fire station pad site, in order to make available space for suitable soils. Mr. Skinner stated that approx. 2 feet of soil is to be removed from the campus, estimated at 4,000 cu yd. Soils not suitable for the fire station will be deposited at the Ashley Run site. This will save the Township a great deal of money by not paying to take soils to a landfill. Eventually the soil site will be graded off and trees planted.

The NPDES permit review period ended 3/29/2021. It is now a legal issue.

### **PUBLIC**

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

### **MINUTES**

**ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE MINUTES OF 1/19/2021, 2/16/2021, AND 3/16/2021.**

## DEPARTMENTS

### Administration

#### A) Insurance Renewal 2021-2022

Ms. Johnston presented the estimated premium for liability, auto, property, and workers comp insurances. The overall increase was 7%, with 4% due to increased exposure. The renewal date is 4/13/2021.

**ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. BILGER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP MANAGEMENT TO BIND COVERAGE FOR LIABILITY, PROPERTY, AUTO, AND WORKERS COMP INSURANCES AS PRESENTED.**

#### B) May Board of Commissioners Meeting – reschedule

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the May meeting needed to be rescheduled because voting will take place in the meeting room for the May primary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. The Board determined that the may meeting will take place on 5/20/2021.

#### C) Community Project Funding – update

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the deadline for grant submission was extended by a week. She also found out specific information about funding criteria.

#### D) Reaffirm Land Development Plan for Heritage of Green Hills.

**ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE REAFFIRMING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR BUILDING 1.4 OF HERITAGE OF GREEN HILLS.**

#### E) Aqua America – agreement for water shut off for non-payment of sewer

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. BILGER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH AQUA AMERICA FOR WATER SHUT OFF FOR NON-PAYMENT OF SEWER BILLS.**

### Engineer

#### A) Traffic Signal SR 10 and Freemansville Rd. - update

**ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR STORM SEWER MAINTENANCE FOR RESUBMISSION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL APPLICATION AT SR 10 AND FREEMANSVILLE RD.**

### Solicitor

#### A) BYOB Ordinance – draft

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. BILGER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITOR TO ADVERTISE THE BYOB OR BOTTLE CLUB ORDINANCE, AS DRAFTED.**

**B) Zoning ordinance amendment – draft**

Mr. Setley presented a draft zoning ordinance amendment for a mixed use/general commercial district, recommended by the committee. He requested that the commissioners review the proposed amendment and comment before the next meeting.

**COMMISSIONERS**

**A) Executive Session**

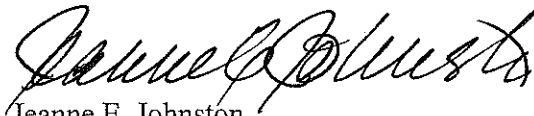
8:45 p.m. – The board went into executive session for one matter of litigation.

8:56 p.m. – the meeting reconvened. Mr. Setley announced that one matter of litigation was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. BILGER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE  
TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:57 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston  
Manager/Secretary