

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MAY 19, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth A. O'Leary at 7:30 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President David J. Batdorf, Sam Kalbach, William B. Miller, and Lisha Rowe. Also attending were Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Fire Chief James A. Beane, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager/Secretary Jeanne E. Johnston, and Joseph P. Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants.

PUBLIC

A.) Susan Atkins Weiser re: Replacing Plaque on Mifflin Blvd.

Ms. Weiser represented the Governor Mifflin High School graduating class of 1970. The class wishes to replace the former plaque in Mifflin Park which was stolen in 2015. The stone on which the plaque was mounted remains in place. Because it is in the road right of way, the group requested permission from Cumru Township.

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO SUPPORT THE REPLACEMENT OF THE PLAQUE COMMEMORATING GOVERNOR MIFFLIN.

The Board thanked the GMHS Class of 1970.

B.) William Haase re: LERTA request for Heritage of Green Hills

Mr. Haase requested a letter of support to establish a LERTA for the Heritage of Green Hills (HOGH). Mr. Miller asked if he had asked the school district. Mr. Haase responded that the school district wants the County to approve a LERTA and the County wants the Township to approve a LERTA. He requested a letter of support from the Township to continue dialogue. He claimed it was not feasible to develop further in Cumru Township without assistance on taxes.

Mr. Haase argued that HOGH was not an age restricted development. He called it a care community, not a residential community.

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO SUPPORT A LERTA REQUEST FOR THE HERITAGE OF GREEN HILLS, CONDITIONED ON THE GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY OF BERKS ALSO APPROVING THE LERTA.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

A) Monthly Report – April 2022

APPROVE MINUTES
ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE
APPROVING THE MINUTES OF 3/29/22 AND 4/19/22.

TREASURER

A.) Monthly Report – April 2022

Mrs. Carpenter reported submitting delinquent accounts to the collection agency in May. The Township also has taken advantage of rising interest rates to CDs on currently unallocated account balances.

TAX COLLECTOR

A.) Monthly Report – April 2022

1) Year 2022 Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month – \$4,698,644.56

Cash collected – \$4,183,194.07

Balance collectable end of month - \$515,450.49

2) Year 2022 Refuse

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$920,790.00

Cash collected - \$821,730.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$99,060.00

3) Year 2022 SMP

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$54,600.00

Cash collected - \$47,580.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$7,020.00

4) Year 2022 Per Capita

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$670.00

Cash collected - \$140.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$520.00

B) Tax Collector Summer Hours – posted

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A.) Monthly Report – April 2022

Chief Winchester reported 4 vehicle thefts and 6 burglaries at Route 10 Storage.

B.) Trout Derby – update

The Trout Derby was scheduled for 5/21/22.

C.) Governor Mifflin Senior Parade

Chief Winchester stated that the parade would have to follow rules of the road.

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE NOT OBJECTING TO THE GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SENIOR PARADE, SUBJECT TO THE UNDERSTANDING THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL COMPLY WITH THE PA STATE VEHICLE CODE.

Fire Department

A.) Monthly Report – April 2022

B.) Fire Station Phase 1 – utility project application for payment #6

- 1) Letter from Atlas Engineering re: recommendation for payment #6 to Ankiewicz Enterprises, Inc. for \$146,530.80, dated 05/16/2022

ON MOTION OF M.R KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING APPLICATINO FOR PAYMENT NO. 6 TO ANKEWICZ ENTERPRISES FOR THE FIRE STATION PHASE 1 PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$146,530.80.

C.) Civil Service for Fire Department – update

- 1) oral examinations held 5/16/2022
- 2) Civil Service Commission meeting advertised for 5/19/2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Chief Beane reported that the Civil Service Commission certified a list and the candidates are proceeding to the background investigation portion of the process.

Administration

A.) Codes Department – April 2022

- Building Permits Issued – 11
- Use Permits Issued – 5
- Zoning Permits Issued – 7
- Notices of Violations – 13
- Citations issued – 0
- Violations complied – 15
- Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately – 179
- Properties Condemned – 0
- Permit Inspections Done – 26
- Inspections with the Fire Department – 0
- Training Seminars Attended – 1 live and 2 webinars

B.) Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

- 1) Cover letter from Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS)
- 2) DHS Flyer
- 3) DHS Vendor Agreement

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING STAFF TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS AND TAKE NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE TOWNSHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

C.) Proposed changes to Zoning Ordinance re: Residential Parking

The Board discussed the issue of parking cars on grass. Ms. Johnston noted that this is a problem in some areas, but not others. Mr. Miller pointed out that there is nowhere else to park in most of Flying Hills, if someone is having a party. The Pine Hills Ct. area is the only section of Flying Hills to have overflow parking. Mr. Setley provided a sample ordinance from another municipality.

Public Works

A.) Township Campus Conversion from Propane to Natural Gas

- 1) Memorandum from Manager re: boiler replacement, dated 5/18/2022
- 2) Presentation by Jim Bonfitto

Mr. Bonfitto, representing the Township's HVAC contractor, stated that the current boiler's manufacturer was out of business. Refit parts would have to be machined and there is no guarantee that additional parts for future repairs could be machined. The current boiler is 82% efficient. The new boiler quoted is 96% efficient.

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO REPLACE THE BOILER AND REFIT THE HVAC SYSTEMS AS APPROPRIATE FOR CONVERSION FROM PROPANE TO NATURAL GAS NOT TO EXCEED \$62,000.

B.) Angstadt Lane Re: Question of Vacating

Mr. McNichols informed the Board that the Township's portion of Angstadt Ln is 1,482 linear feet. The entity with the greatest impact on Angstadt Ln is the blacktop plant.

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND ADVERTISEMENT OF AN ORDINANCE TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE VACATING OF ANSTADT LANE.

C.) Utility (Sewer) Technician/ Class II Position – update

- 1) advertised in the Reading Eagle 4/28/2022-5/28/2022

Mr. McNichols reported that 2 applications were received. One of the problems is the significant increase in CDL training requirements implemented in February 2022.

D.) 2022 Freightliner – update

- 1) Memorandum from Manager re: surcharge of \$3,800, dated 5/18/2022

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THE SURCHARGE TO FREIGHTLINER IN AN AMOUNT OF \$3,800.00.

E.) Mt. Penn Rd. Patching May-June 2022

Engineer

A.) 2022 Road Work – Oregon Rd – Award Bid

- 1) Bids advertised 4/21/2022

2) Bid Tabulation

BIDDER	AMOUNT
CONSTRUCTION MASTERS SERVICES	\$789,879.00
BARWIS CONSTRUCTION	\$986,288.00
LANDIS DECK & SONS (H&K)	\$990,522.80

3) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: recommendation of award, dated 05/17/2022

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AWARDED THE 2022 ROAD WORK – OREGON RD. PHASE 2 TO CONSTRUCTION MASTERS SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT OF \$789,879.00.

B.) Pheasant and Ivy Lane Culvert – application for payment

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING PAYMENT NO. 1 TO AXIS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE PHEASANT AND IVY LANE CULVERT RECONSTRUCTION IN AN AMOUNT OF \$111,375.00.

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING PAYMENTS OF BILLS DATED 4/22/22, 4/27/22 – JEEP BRUSH TRUCK, 4/29/22, 5/1/22, 5/2/22 - PLGIT, 5/6/22, 5/13/22, AND 5/20/22.

CORRESPONDENCE

A.) Recycle the World Tax Appeal

B.) Advertisement Proof from Reading Eagle re: Rescheduled May BOC meeting

C.) RATS announcement about SR 222 Widening Project

D.) ZHB Notice for meeting on May 24, 2022

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO TESTIFY IN OPPOSITION TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATION BY BEST WESTERN REQUESTING RELIEF TO ALLOW LONG TERM STAYS.

E.) Letter from PaDEP re: Western Berks Landfill – minor permit modification for Agricultural Mortality Wastes, dated 05/17/2022

COMMISSIONERS

A.) Executive Session

9:00 p.m. – The Board went into executive session to discuss 1 item of possible litigation.

9:15 p.m. – The meeting reconvened. The Board had discussed 1 item of potential litigation in executive session.

B.) Reminders:

1) Board of Commissioners meetings for May and June 2022:

- 5/31/2022 at 7:00 p.m. – 5th Tuesday Meeting – possible cancelation due to lack of business

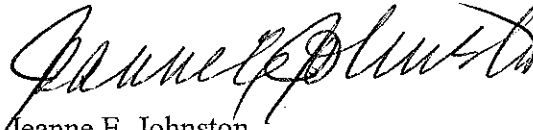
The Board canceled the 5/31/22 meeting.

- 6/21/2022 at 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
- 6/30/2022 at 7:00 p.m. – Berks County Commissioners Meeting at Cumru Township

ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:19 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston
Manager/Secretary