

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP MEETING                      MAY 29, 2018**

The Workshop Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth O’Leary at 7:00 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Edward L. Gottschall, Sheri Hoover, William B Miller and David J. Batdorf. 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, and Secretary Latoya Procopio.

Pledge to the Flag.

**PRESENTATION**

A) Manns Woodward Studios – Presentation for Design services for the Cumru Township Fire Department

Ms. Johnston provided a brief history of the fire station project. The project has been discussed for about 8 years. Station 2, the only station owned by the Township, does not meet NFPA standards and has various maintenance problems. It cannot fit all of the apparatus. It does not have decontamination facilities, which is a risk management consideration with respect to the Firefighter Cancer Presumption Law.

Robert Manns and Evan Gray of Manns Woodward Studios provided an outline of the design process. The current estimated size has been reduced to 23, 500 sq ft. Construction costs go up at a rate faster than the rate of inflation. So, every year the project is delayed costs a significant amount of money. Because of rock in the area, a geotechnical study is scheduled for this summer, the results of which will inform the design going forward.

Mr. Miller requested that the presentation be posted on the Township’s website and the drawings be made available.

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that, in order to incorporate the fire station into the Mariner II pipeline grant application for public water, a hydraulic study was needed pertaining to the interface of the Township campus with the Shillington water system. An allocation up to \$5,000 from the fire facility preparation line item was requested.

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS TO PURSUE A PUBLIC WATER MODELING STUDY, NOT TO EXCEED \$5,000.00.**

**PUBLIC**

**DEPARTMENTS**

Public Works

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that an unexpectedly high refund had been received.

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO RESCIND THE PRIOR MOTION TO LEASE THE STREET SWEEPER AND DIRECT TOWNSHIP STAFF TO PURCHASE THE STREET SWEEPER OUT RIGHT.**

Administration

- A) Financial Statement for 2017  
1) Audit Notice - 2017 advertisement

SBREMS

Mrs. Hoover made an announcement that Mike Palamar will be THE Director of Transportation Services and Tim Musser will be named Chief of Operations for Southern Berks Regional Emergency Medical Services.

**COMMISSIONERS**

A) Executive Session

8:12 p.m. – The Board of Commissioners went into executive session to discuss  
1 pending litigation matter.

9:21 p.m. – The meeting reconvened. Mr. Setley stated that the Board of Commissioners had discussed 1 pending litigation matter. The item remains pending.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:22 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Latoya Procopio  
Secretary