

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING JULY 16, 2024**

ATTENDANCE

Board of Commissioners: Rowe _____ G. Miller _____ Batdorf _____

Donnell _____ W. Miller _____

Others: Solicitor _____ Chief of Police _____ Fire Chief _____

Supt. Public Works _____ Asst. Supt. Public Works excused Engineer _____

Bus/Personnel Administrator _____ Mgr/Sec _____ Asst Sec/Projects _____

NOTICE:

Public comment will be accepted in person. Please include your first name, last name and address for all comments. Any comments without a name or address will not be considered. To accommodate as many people as possible, we request that each person’s comments be limited to 3 minutes (resolution no. 301). The meeting comment period is limited to a total of 60 minutes. This time period may be extended at the discretion of the Commissioners. While public comments will be given due consideration, immediate responses will be done at the discretion of the Commissioners.

Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC

- A.) Cynthia & Jeffrey Stiefel re: request for Local Delivery Truck Only sign on Mt. Penn Rd.
- B.) Tom Stutzman re: 678 Church Rd. stormwater issue/ streambank restoration project
- C.) David Waligurski re: refuse late fee complaint

AMBULANCE SERVICE

- A.) Monthly Report – June 2024

APPROVE MINUTES

June 18, 2024 – Public Hearing
June 18, 2024 – Regular Meeting

TREASURER

- A.) Monthly Report – June 2024
- B) Delinquent Accounts and Collections – consider authorization to consolidate ordinances

TAX COLLECTOR

A.) June 2024 Report

1) Year 2024 Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$528,132.41

Cash collected - \$260,836.58

Balance collectable end of month – \$267,295.83

2) Year 2023 Interim Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month – \$1,037.88 (billed 1/1/24 & 4/1/24)

Additions - \$9,271.94 (billed 6/1/24)

Cash collected – \$7,206.80

Balance collectable end of month -\$3,103.02

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A.) Monthly Report – June 2024

B.) GGML Community Days – June 28 - July 6, 2024 – update

Fire Department

A.) Monthly Report – June 2024

B.) Fire Station Construction – consider pay application #1 for Balton Construction, Inc.

- 1) Pay application #1 for Balton Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$338,039.02

Administration

A.) Codes Department – June 2024

Building Permits Issued – 11

Use Permits Issued – 2

Zoning Permits Issued – 9

Notices of Violations – 18

Citations issued – 0

Violations complied – 14

Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately – 188

Properties placarded – 0

Permit Inspections Done – 36

Inspections with the Fire Department – 3

Training Seminars attended – 0

B.) Restoring Hope – consider request for building permit fee waiver for 78 Beech Rd.

- 1) Letter from Restoring Hope dated June 2024.
- 2) Restoring Hope flyer of work done 2011-2023
- 3) state surcharge of \$4.50 still applies

C.) Budget Store and Lock Self Storage – consider request for escrow release

- 1) Letter from owner requesting release of \$71,404.16, dated 6/12/2024

- D.) Records Management – consider resolution to dispose of records
- E.) Refuse Collection in Flying Hills – discussion of alternatives for a committee

Public Works

- A.) Montrose Blvd. Stormwater Project – completed; application for payment pending
- B.) Sanitary Sewer Replacement Projects 2024 – updates
 - 1) Cedar Top Road – in progress
 - 2) Flying Hills Dr. – completed; application for payment pending
- C.) 1601 Ridge Ave. – consider approval to remove “ramp” in the roadway

Engineer

- A.) Hunters Rd. phase 1 – update
 - 1) Letter to residents, dated 6/26/2024
 - 1) pre-construction meeting held 7/03/2024
- B.) Cedar Top Rd. / slope failure in 1200 block
 - 1) geotechnical report – analysis in progress

Solicitor

- A.) Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – discussion and consideration
 - 1) previously authorized amendments: wind turbines regulations, retreat centers definition and permitted locations, MUGC district uses
 - 2) fire access lane width under discussion (24 to 26 feet)
 - 3) Planning Commission recommended additional consideration of “agritainment” language
 - 4) Planning Commission recommended additional consideration of AirBNB regulations
- B.) LERTA Ordinance – consider draft ordinance amending time frame
 - 1) Publication notice for 7/07/2024
- C.) Hill Circle properties Repository Sale – consider authorizing consent to accept
 - 1) Notices of Repository Sale from Berks County Tax Claim Bureau for parcels #39439620911873 and #39439620911834
- D.) Dangerous Structure, 715 Philadelphia Ave – update

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

6/21/24	7/05/24
6/28/24	7/12/24
6/28/24- additional	

CORRESPONDENCE

- A.) Magisterial District Judge 23-2-04 Audit Report FY 2023

COMMISSIONERS

A.) Executive Session

- 1) 678 Church Rd. – potential easement acquisition
- 2) Police Collective Bargaining Agreement
- 3) personnel issue

B.) Reminders:

- 1) Zoning Hearing Board 07/23/2024 at 6:00 p.m.
Application No. 818 – E. Mercado 1613 Meade St. for AirBNB
Application No. 819 – Scornavacchi 1095 Welsh Rd. for in-law quarters
- 2) Board of Commissioners meetings for July and August 2024
- 07/30/2024 at 7:00 p.m. – 5th Tuesday Meeting
- 08/20/2024 at 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
- 3) Planning Commission 8/05/2024 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT