

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 17, 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 attendance were Vice President Ruth A. O'Leary, David J. Batdorf, Chip Bilger, and Sam Kalbach. 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.

This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of assisting in the preparation of meeting minutes. The audio file of the meeting will be destroyed after official meeting minutes for this meeting have been adopted.

Pledge to the Flag.

**SWEARING IN
Sgt. Kyle Vincelli**

Ms. Johnston swore in Kyle Vincelli to the position of Sergeant in the Cumru Twp Police Dept.

PUBLIC

A) Robert Moyer re: Sewer Bill

Mr. Moyer complained about getting 2 sewer bills for a structure with 2 units.

B) Rusty Hoover re: TowerDirect Ambulance Service

Mr. Hoover claimed that TowerDirect failed to respond to a call that he heard on a radio.

Attendance: Rusty Hoover; Robert Moyer; Scott Dunbar; Kelly Motter; Gary Brady.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

A) Monthly Report – July 2021

Scott Dunbar, Director of EMS for TowerDirect, stated that he would look into Mr. Hoover's complaint. He reported that there were 169 EMS calls in Cumru Twp in July. The response time average was 6 min 11 sec, which is below the contracted response time.

APPROVE MINUTES

ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE MINUTES 7/20/2021 – PUBLIC HEARING AND 7/20/2021 – REGULAR MEETING.

TREASURER

A) Monthly Report – July 2021

TAX COLLECTOR

A) July 2021 Report

- 1) Year 2021 Real Estate
 - Balance collectable beginning of month – \$208,711.90
 - Cash collected – \$15,549.11
 - Balance collectable end of month - \$192,576.38
- 2) Year 2021 Refuse
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$46,728.00
 - Cash collected - \$4,840.00
 - Balance collectable end of the month - \$42,328.00
- 3) Year 2021 SMP
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$3,185.00
 - Cash collected - \$572.00
 - Balance collectable end of the month - \$2,665.00
- 4) Year 2021 Per Capita
 - Cash collected - \$17,502.80

B) Interim Tax Bills for 2021

- 1) Letter from Berks County Treasurer re: all 2021 approved assessment changes to be sent interim bills in 2022, dated 8/11/2021

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A) Monthly Report – July 2021

Chief Winchester reported burglaries at the former Titus Station which resulted in approximately \$3 million in damage. Unemployment compensation fraud cases continue to be received.

Fire Department

A) Monthly Report – July 2021

B) Utility Project – update

Chief Beane reported that the mandatory pre-construction meeting was scheduled for 9/2/2021. Mr. Bilger recommended that the Board authorize pre-buying of supplies, due to the current rise in the price of commodities.

Administration

A) Codes Report – July 2021

- Building Permits Issued- 12
- Use Permits Issued- 5
- Zoning Permits Issued- 16
- Notices of Violations- 12
- Citations issued- 5
- Violations complied- 8
- Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately- 221
- Permit Inspections Done – 31
- Permit Inspections with Fire Dept. – 0

B) 911 Dispatching Costs – adopt resolution

- 1) Letter from Berks County DES re: 911 costs after 2021, dated 7/26/2021

ON MOTION OF MRS. O’LEARY, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH BERKS COUNTY DEPT. OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

C) 2020 Census – results for Cumru Twp

- 1) increase from 15,147 to 15,619 (+3.1%)

D) Matz Tract OLP Phase 3 – extra sewer depth

- 1) request for payment in the amount of \$12,686.90
- 2) letter from BCM/Atlas Engineering re: recommendation to approve payment, dated 8/17/2021

ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING PAYMENT OF \$12,686.90 TO THE DEVELOPER OF MATZ TRACT OLP PHASE 3 FOR EXTRA SANITARY SEWER DEPTH INSTALLATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACT 537 PLAN.

E) Reaffirm Plan Approval for Rahn’s Truck Shop

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE REAFFIRMING APPROVAL OF THE RAHN’S TRUCK SHOP LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

F) Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Grant

- 1) pre-application submitted for Museum Rd. flooding

Public Works

A) 2020-2021 Sewer Replacement Project

- 1) Application for payment no. 5 in the amount of \$156,303.00
- 2) Application for payment no. 6 in the amount of \$325,294.20
- 3) Change order no. 1

ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE FOLLOWING FOR THE 2020-2021 SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

- 1) Application for payment no. 5 to Ankiewicz Enterprises in the amount of \$156,303.00
- 2) Application for payment no. 6 to Ankiewicz Enterprises in the amount of \$325,294.20
- 3) Change order no. 1 with Ankiewicz Enterprises in the amount of \$700,051.00

B) Salt Mixing Shed – authorize bid advertisement

- 1) if authorized, bids would be awarded at 8/31/2021 meeting

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR THE SALT MIXING SHED.

C) Truck Purchases for 2022

- 1) Memorandum from Manager re: request to order vehicles for arrival by 4Q2022, dated 8/16/2021

Mr. McNichols informed the Board that, due to manufacturing delays, if trucks are not ordered this month, they will not be received until 2023 and price increases will go into effect. The manufacturing delays are related to shortages in various parts and commodities.

ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING TRUCKS TO BE ORDERED FOR PAYMENT IN THE 2022 BUDGET YEAR, AS DETAILED IN A MEMORANDUM FROM THE MANAGER DATED 8/16/2021.

Engineer

A) 2021 Road Work (friction course) – update

Mr. Rogosky informed the Board that this project will begin in September.

B) Hampshire Culvert Replacement – update

Mr. Rogosky informed the Board that clearing of vegetation will begin soon for this project.

Solicitor

A) Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act – amendment to zoning ordinance

Mr. Setley informed the Board that an amendment to the zoning ordinance is needed for recent legislation enacted by the state. The act limits municipal regulation of small wireless facilities. Regardless of when the zoning ordinance amendment is completed, the Township must comply with the state law.

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING PAYMENTS OF BILLS DATED 7/23/2021, 7/30/2021, /30/2021 – PLGIT, 8/6/2021, AND 8/13/2021.

CORRESPONDENCE

- A) Zoning Hearing Board notice for August 2021
- B) Letter from Animal Rescue League for air quality permit renewal, dated 7/29/2021

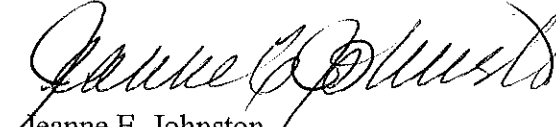
COMMISSIONERS

- A) Executive Session
- B) Reminders:
 - 1) Board of Commissioners meeting for 5th Tuesday on 8/31/2021 at 7:00 p.m.
 - 2) Planning Commission meeting rescheduled to 2nd Monday due to Labor Day, 9/13/2021 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston
Secretary/Manager