

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING                      OCTOBER 15, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Lisha Rowe at 7:00 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Greg Miller, David J. Batdorf, Andy Donnell, and William B. Miller. Also attending were Solicitor Kelsey Frankowski, Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Asst. Superintendent of Public Works Michael Yost, Jr., Manager/Secretary Jeanne E. Johnston, Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Special Projects/Asst. Secretary Patricia A. Wylezik-Pfeiffer, and Joseph P. Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants. Fire Chief James Beane was absent with prior approval.

**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.

**AMBULANCE SERVICE**

A.) Monthly Report – September 2024

There were 233 calls in Cumru Township in September and 2016 calls year to date.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE  
APPROVING THE MINUTES OF 9/17/24 – REGULAR MEETING, AS PRESENTED.**

**TREASURER**

A.) Monthly Report – September 2024

Mrs. Carpenter reported that the Township has received the pension state aid (see Administration item (E)).

**TAX COLLECTOR**

A.) September 2024 Report

1) Year 2024 Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$229,828.48

Cash collected - \$31,256.41

Balance collectable end of month – \$198,562.98

2) Year 2023 Interim Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month – \$3,365.42 (billed 1/1/24, 4/1/24, 6/1/24 & 8/1/24)

Cash collected – \$282.32

Balance collectable end of month - \$3,083.10

3) Year 2024 Per Capita

Balance – \$21,920.00 (7/1)

Cash collected - \$2,435.00

Balance collectable end of month – \$19,470.00

## DEPARTMENTS

### Police Department

#### A.) Monthly Report – September 2024

Thefts and fraud continue to be the highest crimes in the Township.

Chief Winchester stated that the IRS will never call you. This is a fraudulent scheme designed to take your money. The FBI won't be calling either. Call the non-emergency Police number to report and document, so the information can be spread to others.

Chief Winchester once again reminded everyone to get their packages off the porch immediately. Most of thefts, especially cell phones, are grab and go.

#### B.) Trunk or Treat Event

1) Friday, October 25, 2024, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Gov. Mifflin Intermediate School parking area.

Chief Winchester reported that this fun event is a combined effort with Shillington Borough and Brecknock Township. Hotdogs, drinks, chips and candy will be provided.

### Fire Department

#### A.) Monthly Report – September 2024

Ms. Johnston complimented the captains on reporting for September. The new engine, currently being upfitted at Glick, is a sister engine to the one acquired last year. It is a lease, turnback vehicle.

#### B.) Tower 42 – consider Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC, as additional broker

##### 1) Brindlee Mountain Commission Agreement

Ms. Johnston explained that the Board had previously authorized listing the tower on Fireline. Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC, is another broker that tries to find apparatus for entities. The Fire Department has requested to authorize an additional broker.

Mr. Greg Miller asked if Atty. Frankowski had reviewed the contract. She answered yes and the contracts are non-exclusive.

Mr. Greg Miller asked about the 10-day window to pay. Atty. Frankowski said that this is for when the sale is consummated and money changes hands.

**ON MOTION OF MR. WILLIAM MILLER, SECOND OF MR. DONNELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AUTHORIZE BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN FIRE APPARATUS, LLC, AS AN ADDITIONAL BROKER TO LIST TOWER 42 FOR SALE.**

C.) Fire Station Construction – consider pay application totaling \$1,045,526.56

- 1) Pay application #4 for Balton Construction, Inc. (building and site work) in the amount of \$1,045,526.56

**ON MOTION OF MR. DONNELL, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AUTHORIZE PAY APPLICATION #4 PAYABLE TO BALTON CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,045,526.56.**

Ms. Johnston reported that the Township has implemented an under-parking stormwater feature which is a part of the MS-4 program.

Administration

A.) Codes Department – September 2024

Building Permits Issued – 22

Use Permits Issued – 0

Zoning Permits Issued – 11

Notices of Violations – 12

Citations issued – 0

Violations complied – 12

Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately – 212

Properties placarded – 0

Permit Inspections Done – 46

Inspections with the Fire Department – 2

Training Seminars attended – 0

B.) Berks County Blighted Property Committee

- 1) hearing for 1853 Old Lancaster Pike on 11/12/2024

Ms. Johnston stated that the hearing before the committee provides the property owner a chance to explain the plan, if any, to rehabilitate the property.

C.) Cumru Open Records Policy – consider policy update

- 1) changes by PA Office of Open Records

Ms. Johnston explained that the PA Office of Open Records has changed the standard form. The new form must be used and the request can be denied if the specific form is not used. The requestor must attest that he or she is a citizen of the United States and a “real” person. An anonymous request will not be honored. Ms. Johnston, as the Open Records Officer, requested that the Board consider updating the Cumru Township policy to adopt the same changes.

**ON MOTION OF MR. DONNELL, SECOND OF MR. WILLIAM MILLER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO UPDATE THE CUMRU OPEN RECORDS POLICY TO REFLECT THE SAME CHANGES AS THE PA OFFICE OF OPEN RECORDS POLICY.**

D.) 2024 Refuse Fee – update

Ms. Johnston recapped the 2024 refuse fee status. The refuse bills were sent out in January 2024, with the flat amount due by 3/31/24 and a 10% penalty assessed from 4/01/24 to 6/01/24.

While preparing the list for collections in July, the staff noticed many people who had paid in 2023 had not paid in 2024. In an effort to help people avoid additional collection charges, 836 notice letters were sent out 7/11/24 giving extra time to pay before being sent to collections. Of the 836 accounts, 413 had previously paid in 2023 but the remainder were habitually late with payments or made no payments. Many people came to the Board of Commissioners' meeting on 7/16/24 to complain about the 7/11 letters. The Board decided on 7/30/24 to refund the late fees paid and extend the grace period to the end of business on 9/30/24, only for the people who had received a 7/11/24 letter. Of the 413 accounts paid in 2023, only 43 paid by the new 9/30/24 deadline. A collections letter will be sent on Friday which will give the accounts the option to pay the bill with late fees within 30 days to avoid being sent to collections.

All the accounts have already received refuse and recycling services for 10 months.

E.) Distribution of State Aid for Pension – consider resolution

1) Proposed distribution

The Township Business/Personnel Administrator recommended the following distributions in partial fulfillment of the 2024 MMOs: \$339,743.98 into the police pension fund and \$226,495.99 into the non-uniformed pension fund. Ms. Johnston requested that the Board adopt the resolution to authorize the distribution as outlined by the Administrator.

**ON MOTION OF MR. WILLIAM MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE AID PENSION DISTRIBUTION AS OUTLINED BY THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR. MR. DONNELL ABSTAINED. MR. WILLIAM MILLER, MR. GREG MILLER, MR. BATDORF AND MS. ROWE VOTED YES.**

F.) Sewer Rate – consider drafting an ordinance

- 1) treatment/transportation rate for City of Reading increased 12.5% with the August 2024 payment
- 2) Municipal Authority recommends rate increase to \$145/qtr metered, \$200/qtr unmetered, dated 10/14/2024

Ms. Johnston presented a significant reduction in EDU treatment costs for point of connection 8, an example of savings realized by reducing infiltration and inflow because of recent sewer main replacement projects. The Township has saved approximately \$868,744.40 since the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021. The Township is currently working on plans for sewer main replacements in point of connection 1 where there are identified sources of significant I&I.

The Municipal Authority recommended an increase to the sewer rate due to the City of Reading treatment rate increases, cost of projects currently under construction, and anticipated cost of projects in design. The Township has not raised the sewer rate since August of 2021.

Ms. Rowe asked about waiting to discuss an increase until the budget meeting. Ms. Johnston recommended addressing this now to allow time for the solicitor to draft and advertise an ordinance before the November 2024 City of Reading treatment payment is due, which will reflect a 12.5% increase in the treatment rate. Atty. Frankowski could have the draft ready for review by the October 29, 2024, Board of Commissioners meeting.

**ON MOTION OF MR. WILLIAM MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SOLICITOR TO DRAFT AND ADVERTISE THE SEWER RATE ORDINANCE AS RECOMMENDED.**

Public Works

A.) Municibid Sale of Surplus Equipment– consider accepting the winning bids

EQUIPMENT	VIN	AMOUNT
2013 Freightliner 108SD Vactor Truck	1FVAG5BS2DHFB8942	\$220,100.00
1998 Crafcoc Tar Buggy (crack sealer)	1C9SY1015W1418146	\$1,250.00
2016 Ford Fusion (car #4)	1FA6P0HD2G5106448	\$2,800.00
1000 gal propane tank #1		\$2,059.00
1000 gal propane tank #2		\$1,750.00
1000 gal propane tank #3		\$1,700.00

Mr. McNichols requested that the Board accept the winning bids for the surplus equipment sale on Municibid. The money from the vactor truck and 1 of the propane tanks will be placed into the sewer capital fund. The remaining money will be placed into the general fund.

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE WINNING BIDS FOR THE MUNICIBID SALE OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT.**

B.) Sanitary Sewer Replacement Projects 2024

1) Cedar Top Road – consider application for payment #2 in the amount of \$266,850.00

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT #2 FOR IRON EAGLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$266,850.00 FOR THE CEDAR TOP RD. SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT.**

C.) Wyomissing Creek Streambank Stabilization – consider awarding bid

- 1) bids opened on 10/04/24 at 10:00 a.m.
- 2) Letter from Atlas Engineering re: recommendation of award, dated 10/14/2024
- 2) bid tabulation (**bold** = apparent low bid)

BIDDER	AMOUNT
CONSTRUCTION MASTERS SERVICES	\$173,217.00
DAVIDHEISER CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$149,225.00
<b>J.PHILLIPS EXCAVATING &amp; HAULING, LLC</b>	<b>\$121,349.00</b>
LAND-TECH ENTERPRISES, INC.	\$234,475.00
MASON DIXON CONTRACTORS, LLC	\$141,554.00
STONEWOOD LANDSHAPING, INC.	\$139,132.00

**ON MOTION OF MR. DONNELL, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AWARD THE CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST BID SUBJECT TO SOLICITOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.**

Mr. McNichols reported that leaf collection started today using 2 crews. It will continue for approximately 9 weeks. He asked the residents to be patient during the process.

Engineer

A.) Freemansville Rd. Signage – update

- 1) PennDOT letter dated 8/14/24 requiring signs
- 2) PennDOT notified by engineer – signage has been installed

Mr. Rogosky stated that PennDOT declined to reduce the speed limit from 35 mph on Freemansville Rd. Public Works installed the speed limit signs per the PennDOT plan. PennDOT was notified.

B.) Mount Penn Rd. Study – update

- 1) report from Great Valley Consultants dated 10/10/2024

Mr. Rogosky reported that GVC completed the traffic study for Mt. Penn Rd. He explained all the variables that were taken into consideration. The recommendation is to restrict truck traffic for vehicles over 10,000 lb. gross weight or 5 tons in combination. The vehicle code provides for exceptions such as school buses, utilities, trash trucks, moving trucks, and local deliveries.

Mr. Donnell said that the idea was to eliminate through traffic of tractor trailers.

Ms. Johnston reminded the Board that traffic related items must be addressed by an ordinance and all traffic related items are consolidated into one ordinance for the year.

**ON MOTION OF MR. DONNELL, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO AUTHORIZE A DRAFT AND ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE FOR TRUCK RESTRICTIONS ON MT. PENN RD.**

The Board agreed to wait for PennDOT's decision on Freemansville Rd. to advertise the ordinance.

Solicitor

A.) Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – update

- 1) Letters sent to property owners in MUGC district, dated 10/07/24
- 2) Advertisement for the Public Hearing on Nov. 19 scheduled for publication in the Reading Eagle on 11/03/24 and 11/10/24
- 3) Draft copy delivered to Cumru Planning Commission on 10/07/24
- 4) Draft copy delivered to Berks County Planning Commission on 9/26/24
- 5) Pre-enacted ordinance delivered to Berks County Law Library on 9/26/24

B.) Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Text Amendment – update

- 1) Advertisement for the Public Hearing on Nov. 19 scheduled for publication in the Reading Eagle on 11/03/24 and 11/10/24
- 2) Draft copy delivered to Cumru Planning Commission on 10/07/24
- 3) Draft copy delivered to Berks County Planning Commission on 9/26/24
- 4) Pre-enacted ordinance delivered to Berks County Law Library on 9/26/24

Atty. Frankowski explained that the draft copies were provided to all the required entities. Letters were sent to the property owners in the MUGC zoning district as a courtesy. There were no additional comments from the Board.

C.) Dangerous Structures, 711-713 Philadelphia Avenue – update

1) Court hearing held 10/09/24

Atty. Frankowski reported that the Township was successful in receiving a court order to demolish the properties at 711 and 713 Philadelphia Ave. One entity owns both properties. There are 2 options available: the Township can demolish and lien the properties, or the owners can hire a contractor and pay for the demolition directly.

**ON MOTION OF MR. WILLIAM MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, THE VOTE DID NOT PASS TO HAVE THE TOWNSHIP DEMOLISH THE PROPERTIES NOW. MR. WILLIAM MILLER AND MR. BATDORF VOTED YES. MR. GREG MILLER, MR. DONNELL, AND MS. ROWE VOTED NO.**

Atty. Frankowski suggested giving the owners 30 days to demolish on their own before the Township steps in.

**ON MOTION OF MR. DONNELL, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A MAJORITY VOTE TO PROVIDE THE OWNER WITH 30 DAYS NOTICE TO DEMOLISH, IF NOT DONE WITHIN 30 DAYS, THEN THE TOWNSHIP WILL DEMOLISH AND LIEN THE PROPERTIES. MR. WILLIAM MILLER VOTED NO. MR. GREG MILLER, MR. BATDORF, MR. DONNELL, AND MS. ROWE VOTED YES.**

#### **PAYMENTS OF BILLS**

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. DONNELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING PAYMENTS OF BILLS DATED 9/20/24, 9/27/24, 10/04/24, 10/09/24, AND 10/11/24.**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A.) Extension of time to 12/31/2024 received for Grings Hill Business Park, dated 10/08/24

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

A.) Executive Session

- 1) collective bargaining issue
- 2) personnel issues
- 3) real estate issue – land off Poplar Neck Rd.

Executive session began at 8:24 p.m.- to discuss a collective bargaining issue, a personnel issue, and a real estate issue.

Executive session ended at 8:48 p.m. – a collective bargaining issue, a personnel issue, and a real estate issue were discussed.

**ON MOTION OF MR. WILLIAM MILLER, A SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A MAJORITY VOTE TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEAMSTERS PENSION PLAN. MR. DONNELL ABSTAINED. MR. WILLIAM MILLER, MR. GREG MILLER, MR. BATDORF AND MS. ROWE VOTED YES.**

B.) Delta Development Group – consider approval of negotiated contract

- 1) Negotiated Contract to go into effect on 1/1/25
- 2) Execution invoice

Atty. Frankowski stated that at the last meeting the Board authorized her to go back to Delta and negotiate for no additional costs in the contract. There was concern about section 4b. Delta agreed to delete section 4b and made all the requested changes to the contract.

**ON MOTION OF MR. DONNELL, SECOND OF MR. GREG MILLER, A MAJORITY VOTE TO ENTER INTO THE NEGOTIATED CONTRACT WITH DELTA DEVELOPMENT GROUP. MR. WILLIAM MILLER AND MR. BATDORF VOTED NO. MR. GREG MILLER, MR. DONNELL, AND MS. ROWE VOTED YES.**

C.) Budget Process – presentation by Commissioner G. Miller

Mr. Greg Miller presented his overview of a bottom up approach versus a top down approach.

In a bottom up approach the departments create budgets and meetings are held to hash out the budget. This requires knowledge on the part of the Board members. He stated a belief that departments operate in a vacuum and there is an absence of coordination.

In a top down approach, the Board would set an overall budget amount for the major funds like General Fund and Fire Fund. The manager would divide the amount into allotments for each department. There would be an airing of grievances at the budget meetings. He stated a belief that the Board would not have to have intimate knowledge and would therefore focus on policy.

Mr. Donnell suggested that everyone enter into the budget with eyes open with opportunities to improve.

Mr. Batdorf said that an education process is needed.

Mr. William Miller explained that the liaisons go over the proposed budgets with the departments before the budgets are presented to the Board. There is a staff meeting every Tuesday, so the opinion that the departments operate in a vacuum is false.

Mr. Greg Miller stated that this method is not effective to control expenses.

Mr. Batdorf said that the Board has always made a balanced budget.

Mrs. Carpenter asked what level of services the Board wants to provide to the residents. What is the Board willing to spend and replace out of the capital fund? There are already union contracts in place. Once the Board decides the level of service, the budget will fall into place. The bottom line is this is the Board decides the level of service and the departments can tell the Board how much that level of service will cost. What are you willing to sacrifice? Personnel?

Mrs. McCoy, a resident of Montrose, asked Mr. Greg Miller if he had been through the Township budget process. When he said he has been through other budget processes, she responded that it is not the same. She stated the time to change the process is not when you are on the cusp of budget time. The Board needs to come to a consensus.

Mrs. O'Leary, a resident of Cedar Top Rd., stated that the Township provides services. If the Township has to layoff police officers, the public will not be happy. She asked about money invested to train officers and other employees that will be lost if these people are laid off and go somewhere else.



Mr. Donnell responded that people won't be happy if taxes go up.

Atty. Frankowski asked how the Board would come up with a number. Mr. Greg Miller said through trend analysis.

Mr. Batdorf asked what happens if there are no savings. Mr. Greg Miller said they are not going for savings.

Mrs. Wylezik-Pfeiffer noted that the departments have lots of history and data on what it takes to run the departments. They plan ahead and work together. An example would be knowing that a vehicle must be ordered 2 years in advance. They know how many miles/years of service they can expect to get out of a vehicle and they get the purchase into the budget as needed.

Ben Fisher, a resident of Holly Lane, said that while he appreciates new ideas, it takes time to implement new ideas. There seems to be a high level of accountability with the current process. He recommends using the same process this year. He suggested that the new members sit through the process and then decide what needs to be changed. The proposed new way seems to take responsibility off the shoulders of the Board of Commissioners who might have a number not grounded in reality.

Ms. Rowe made a motion and Mr. Batdorf seconded the motion to have the budget process stay the same. There was no vote taken.

Mr. William Miller reminded the new commissioners that they were invited last year.

Mr. Donnell said that he is naïve to the process and it would be fair to see the process. He said the object was not to cast blame and no one is failing. The object is to collectively try to improve and throw out new ideas. He thanked Mr. Greg Miller for bringing new ideas.

Roberta Kennedy, a resident of Pine Woods Ct., agreed that having an open mind helps everyone.

Atty. Frankowski said that the Board needs to tell administration what is expected.

Ms. Johnston stated that budget meetings don't need to last for hours going line by line.

Mr. Donnell challenged everyone in good faith to make progress.

D.) Committee Appointments – consider candidates for ZHB (1) and PC (2) alternate members

- 1) Thomas Woleslagle
- 2) Keith Zielaskowski
- 3) Clancy Herr
- 4) Patrick Marz

Patrick Marz was present and addressed the Board. He said that he has 42 years of utility experience. He would be willing to serve on either the ZHB or the PC.

**ON MOTION OF MR. GREG MILLER, SECOND OF MR. DONNELL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT PATRICK MARZ AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD.**

**ON MOTION OF MR. DONNELL, SECOND OF MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT THOMAS WOLESAGLE AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

**ON MOTION OF MR. GREG MILLER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPOINT CLANCY HERR AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

## PUBLIC

Attendance: Natasha Donaldson, Kristine Bonfitto and Allison Kalbach from the Mifflin Community Library; Mary Cameron, Ruth O'Leary, Joe Roland, Kathy Roland, Mike Eshbach, Ben Fisher, Patrick Marz, Susan McCoy, Barbara Nagle, Roberta Kennedy, Sue Haas, Perry Haas, Glenn Emery, Bob Matt, Joseph S. Moser, Priscilla Degler, and Pat Hobbs.

A.) Kristine Bonfitto and Allison Kalbach addressed the Board on behalf of the Mifflin Community Library. They are both trustees of the library and Cumru Township residents. Ms. Bonfitto thanked the Board members for their continued support. She explained various programs that are currently offered and stated that the library wants to continue expanding the programs that it provides. She reported about several fundraising events and a \$10,000 grant that was received. Ms. Kalbach reported that there are 1961 library card holders. She requested that the Board consider giving \$41,000 to the library in 2025.

Mr. Donnell said that he thinks that the library does a fantastic job and that the request will be discussed during the budget season.

B.) Patrick Marz, a resident of Medinah Dr., did not wish to speak.

C.) Sue McCoy, a resident of Crestview Ave., did not wish to speak.

D.) Pat Hobbs, a resident of Valley Stream Rd., addressed the Board about truck traffic on Valley Stream Rd. She stated that there are signs posted that trucks can't exceed 26,000 lb. She wanted to know who can enforce the 35 mph speed limit.

Chief Winchester replied that all kinds of restrictions can be imposed and GVC can do traffic studies, but an officer has to be there to witness a violation. He explained that police can place white lines on the road and use a stopwatch to calculate the speed, but they also need a clear line of sight. Enforcement is very difficult. He reported that local use of radar in PA is not allowed. He advocated contacting legislators about radar use.

Mr. William Miller said that there has been a radar bill in the PA House for 5 years. He recommended that everyone should contact the State representatives to get this passed.

Chief Winchester explained that there is a fear that speed traps would be used to make money. Speeding tickets lose money because, if there is court time, the Township has to pay the officers overtime. The Township is not in the business of making money, it is in business to provide resident safety and prevent crime.

Mr. Donnell asked about the use of speed boards. Chief Winchester explained that the boards can be used to flash the speeds and collect data. Mr. Rogosky said that the boards are useful for traffic studies. Mr. McNichols stated that Public Works asks the Police Department for traffic count information for road projects. Chief Winchester added that traffic volume helps to prioritize Township road projects.

Mr. Donnell suggested that the chief bring a quote for a new speed board to the budget discussion.

There was a question about cameras on traffic lights that prompted a discussion. These are not cameras in the sense of taking pictures of vehicles. Mr. Rogosky explained that they are loop

sensors that control the traffic light patterns. They require software updates and need to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$3000 each.

## REMINDERS

A.) Zoning Hearing Board 10/22/2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Application No. 822- Continuance— seeking dimensional relief for reconstruction of 717 Philadelphia Ave.

Application No. 823 – Continuance - seeking general agricultural use (2 sheep) in Medium Density zoning district at 500 N. Church St.

Application No. 825 – seeking variance in order to purchase 2.035 acres gross from Wyomissing United Church of Christ located at 2 Vermont Rd. This would leave the church with 2.132 acres.

Application No. 826 – seeking variance and determination regarding a garage constructed within the required setbacks of a .07 acre parcel known as 412 Funston Ave. Garage also violates the maximum lot coverage.

B.) Board of Commissioners meetings for October and November 2024

10/17/2024 at 6:00 p.m. – Budget Meeting

10/24/2024 at 6:00 p.m. – Budget Meeting

10/29/2024 at 7:00 p.m. – 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Meeting

11/07/2024 at 6:00 p.m. – Budget Meeting

11/19/2024 at 6:00 p.m. – Public Hearing for text amendment to Zoning Ordinance (ZO)

11/19/2024 at 6:30 p.m. – Public Hearing for text amendments to SALDO

C.) Planning Commission 11/04/2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Johnston reminded everyone that the Administration Offices would be closed for services on election day (November 5, 2024). The Police Department will be open.

## ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF , SECOND OF MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:38 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston  
Manager/Secretary