

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2017**

The Regular 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, and Lorri Swan. Tony J. Sacco was absent. Also attending were 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, Secretary Latoya Procopio, and Joseph P. Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants.

Pledge to the Flag.

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Attendance: Margaret Impink of 125 Orchard Place, William Miller of 40 Murfield Drive, Megan Carpenter of WFMZ, Hamid Chaudhry and Gary Doerries of 3 Chestnut Hill Drive.

Mrs. O'Leary invited public comment.

A) Hamid Chaudhry – Shillington Farmers Market

Mr. Chaudhry informed the Board that he is the new owner of the Shillington Farmers Market. He claimed to have improved the occupancy rate from 50% to 90%. He stated that an issue is the lack of parking. He requested that the Board of Commissioners consider allowing parking on the west side of South Summit Ave., next to the Shillington Farmers Market. Mr. Chaudhry stated there are streets narrower than South Summit Ave. where parking is allowed on both sides. He questioned the reason as to why parking on South Summit is not already allowed.

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that Township staff are against changing the no parking on South Summit Ave. for several reasons, one of which is its designation as a snow emergency route. Ms. Johnston pointed out that any parking on South Summit Ave. would be open to the public and not limited to Shillington Farmers Market patrons.

Mr. Setley suggested that the Board take a look at the dimensions of the street. The Board requested opinions from Chief Winchester, Mr. Rogosky, and Mr. McNichols. Mr. Rogosky stated his concern with the numerous driveways on to South Summit Ave. within a short distance of Lancaster Ave. Parking in that area could create obstructions for an area that already has limited sight distance and a lot of pedestrian traffic. Ms. Johnston noted that the Township refused a request yesterday by the Sencit Townhouse Apartments to allow parking on South Summit Ave. for the same reasons. Mr. McNichols stated that he was out at the road today; he is very familiar with the area due to the repaving project in 2015. Thousands of cars per day travel on South Summit Ave. He stated that if vehicles are parked on that road it will be an issue with the removal of snow.

Mr. Gottschall stated that he was not in favor of parking on South Summit Ave. He noted that the no parking restriction has been in place for many years without a problem.

Mrs. O'Leary stated her belief that people will park at Giant and will not walk to and from South Summit Ave. Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the easement agreement between the farmers market and Giant was for movement through the mutual driveway and did not address any sharing of parking spaces.

Mr. Chaudhry showed Mrs. O'Leary and Mrs. Hoover an aerial photo of South Summit Ave. He asked them to allow trucks for the Shillington Farmers Market to load and unload on South Summit Ave. Ms. Johnston stated that the farmers market has an off-street loading space as required by ordinance for safety; loading on the street would require zoning relief. Even if parking was allowed on South Summit Ave., it was likely that residents and visitors of Shillington Commons Apartments and Sencit Townhouse Apartments would park in any available spaces and block activities for the farmers market.

The Board suggested that Mr. Chaudhry reach out to the Giant Store about an arrangement to utilize their empty parking spaces.

B) Gary Doerries of 3 Chestnut Hill Drive.

Mr. Doerries expressed to the Board his belief that the fees associated with his storm water system review and installation were too high. He got a bill for \$600. He believes the engineers are being compensated too highly. Mr. Setley assured Mr. Doerries that Great Valley Consultants rates are competitive with other similar engineers. Mr. Rogosky stated that he would get a detailed description of the work that was performed for Mr. Doerries' property.

TREASURER

A) Monthly Report

TAX COLLECTOR

A) September 2017 Report

1) Year 2017 Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$154,390.71

Cash collected - \$5,746.36

Balance collectable end of month - \$149,166.76

2) Year 2017 Real Estate Interim

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$2,776.23

Cash collected - \$0

Balance collectable end of month - \$2,776.23

3) Year 2017 Refuse

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$32,785.00

Cash collected - \$726.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$32,125.00

4) Year 2017 Per Capita

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$19,690.00

Cash collected - \$1,420.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$18,220.00

5) Year 2017 SMP

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$3,225.00

Cash collected - \$82.50

Balance collectable end of the month - \$3,150.00

APPROVE MINUTES
ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE APPROVING THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2017.

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A) Monthly Report – September 2017

Chief Winchester informed the Board of a large investigation that the Cumru Township Police Department participated in regarding check fraud.

B) DUI Enforcement Agreement – renewal

- 1) 2015 agreement
- 2) 2018 update

ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TO RENEW AND UPDATE THE
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL, DUI ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT.

C) Carfax Agreement for Accident Reports

- 1) proposed agreement

ON MOTION MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT WITH CARFAX FOR ACCIDENT
REPORTS.

D) Traffic Ordinance Update – authorize advertisement

- 1) proposed no parking 100 block of Broad St. for snow easement
- 2) proposed no parking intersection of Ardmore Ave. & Fredrick St.
- 3) proposed 35 mph speed limit on Goose Lane

ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT FOR THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, AS
PROPOSED.

Fire Department

A) Monthly Report – September 2017

Chief Beane informed the Board that Health South allowed the CTFD and other departments to utilize a building for forced entry practice before the building was demolished.

Administration

A) Codes Report- September 2017

- Building Permits Issued- 11
- Use Permits Issued- 1
- Zoning Permits Issued- 8
- Notices of Violations- 45
- Citations issued- 0
- Violations complied- 21

Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately- 237
Permit Inspections Done – 18
Inspections with the Fire Department – 4

B) YMCA 2018 Playground Proposal

1) Memorandum from Manager dated 10/15/17

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT, AS PROPOSED, WITH THE YMCA FOR THE 2018 SUMMER PLAYGROUND PROGRAM AT A COST OF \$19,000.

C) Distribution of State aid for pensions

1) draft resolution

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, UNANIMOUS VOTE ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION AS PROPOSED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF STATE AID FOR PENSIONS.

D) Act 537

1) Letter from PaDEP re: Act 537 review, dated 9/14/2017

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the Township would like to request an extension of time to address the Act 537 comments made by the Department of Environmental Protection. The Board concurred.

E) East Pointe Lot 8 Land Development Plan

1) Memorandum from the Township Secretary, dated 10/16/2017

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE GRANTING WAIVERS TO THE SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE FOR THE EAST POINTE LOT 8 LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AS DESCRIBED IN JOHN HOFFERT SURVEYORS' WAIVER REQUEST LETTER, DATED 10/02/17.

F) Joint Comprehensive Plan – resolution

1) public hearing and plan advertised 10/3/17 and 10/10/17

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADOPTING THE JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Public Works

A) October Activities

1) Leaf Picking

2) Hunters Road Bridge, repair of wing walls per PennDOT inspection, weather permitting

3) Sewer replacement construction scheduled to begin 10/30/2017, weather permitting

B) Angelica sanitary sewer interceptor – update

1) Memorandum from BCM, dated 10/3/2017

Mr. McNichols informed the Board that 5 meters were installed.

C) SR 625 Bridge over Angelica – sewer relocation

Mr. McNichols explained that the agreement to be approved between the Township and PennDOT would obligate the Township to pay 0.5% of the overall sewer relocation cost. A resolution was required for execution of the agreement.

ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH PennDOT FOR RELOCATION OF TOWNSHIP SEWER FACILITIES IN ASSOCIATION OF THE SR 625 BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION.

D) Surplus Property Sale – Advertisement
1) auction 10/18/17 at 3:00 p.m.

E) **Campus Security**
1) Memorandum from Manager re: request to expense a portion of 5015-002, dated 10/15/2017
The Board concurred with using capital line item 5015-002 for security cameras.

Engineer

A) Montrose Blvd. Culvert - update

B) 2017 Road Work - update

C) PennDOT Bridge Projects

Mr. Rogosky informed the Board that PennDOT was accepting bids for the P3 bridges, including in this area, early in 2018 and he encouraged the Township to advertise bids for the Poplar Neck Bridge early in the year. The Board authorized the Manager to have STV Engineering revise the Poplar Neck Bridge rehabilitation project bid specifications in November/December in order to advertise for bids in late December or January 2018.

Solicitor

A) **Cedar Crest College Financing**
1) Municipal Authority resolution
2) resolution for municipal concurrence

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION FOR MUNICIPAL CONCURRENCE, AS PRESENTED.

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE PAYMENTS OF BILLS FROM 9/18/2017, 9/29/2017 – ADDITIONAL, 9/22/2017, 10/06/2017, 9/29/2017, 10/06/2017 – ACH, 9/29/2017 – IT, AND 10/12/2017.

Mrs. Hoover abstained from the payment of bill 9/29/2017 – IT.

COMMISSIONERS

A) Executive Session

8:30 p.m. – The Board of Commissioners went into executive session to discuss 1 personnel matter, 2 real estate issues, and 2 potential litigation issues.

8:58 p.m. – The meeting reconvened. Mr. Setley stated that the Board of Commissioners had discussed 2 real estate issues, and 2 potential litigation issues, and 1 personnel matter.

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EAST POINTE LLC, CONDITIONED ON THE TOWNSHIP OF CUMRU NOT TAKING DEDICATION OF THE ROAD, AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT.

B) Reminders:

1) budget meetings 10/19/17, 10/26/17, 11/2/17, and 11/9/17, all at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADJOURNING THE MEETING AT 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Latoya Procopio
Secretary