

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 30, 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, Scott Brady, and Sam Kalbach. Also attending were Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager/Secretary Jeanne E. Johnston, and Special Projects/Asst. Secretary Patricia Wylezik-Pfeiffer. Fire Chief James A. Beane and Joseph P. Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants were absent with prior notification.

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.

PUBLIC

Attendance: Roxann Miller. Lisha Rowe attended electronically

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

Chief Winchester stated that the department has been very busy.

Fire Department

A) Fire Station Phase 1 Utility Project – update

Ms. Johnston stated that letters have been sent to the residents in the Reed St. area to notify them about the partial road closure in December due to the storm sewer replacement. Letters will be sent soon to residents in the Welsh Rd. area to notify them about the culvert replacement near the intersection of Welsh Rd. and Church Rd. The manholes were delivered.

B) Civil Service

Ms. Johnston stated that the list of candidates was reduced to one, since only one of the two candidates returned the required background information. The Civil Service Commission will need to meet and declare the list of one null and void. The new round of testing will hopefully start in January 2022.

C) Santa Run

Ms. Johnston stated that the Santa Run will be held on December 18, 2021, weather permitting. She included a schedule with the estimated arrival times. This schedule will be posted on the website and Facebook later this week.

Administration

A) **Albert Subdivision – sewer main dedication**

1) ordinance advertised in the Reading Eagle on 11/19/2021

**ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE
TO ADOPT THE ORDINANCE FOR DEDICATION OF THE ALBERT SUBDIVISION**

SEWER MAIN AND AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF THE CASH ESCROW, SUBJECT TO PAYMENT OF ALL FEES.

B) RAWA Request for Letter of Support

1) Letter from Reading Area Water Authority re: request for support, dated 11/22/2021

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that RAWA sent a letter stating that it intended to request ARPA and infrastructure funds to repair the Ontelaunee Dam. Cumru Twp is in the inundation area. RAWA is requesting that all municipalities in the inundation area support the project.

ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A MAJORITY VOTE TO SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR RAWA TO REQUEST ARPA AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FOR THE ONTELAUNEE DAM. MRS. O'LEARY – YES; MR. KALBACH – ABSTAIN; MR. BATDORF – YES; MR. BRADY – YES; MR. MILLER – YES.

Public Works

A) East Pointe drive – update

Mr. McNichols informed the Board that the meeting to walk through the proposed No Parking area will be held on December 7, 2021. All interested parties were invited to attend. Mr. McNichols, Mr. Yost, Mr. Rogosky, Mr. Kalbach and Mr. Batdorf will attend for Cumru Township.

B) Salt Mixing Shed – update

Mr. McNichols informed the Board that the concrete has been poured and the trusses have been delivered.

C) Leaf Collection

Mr. McNichols stated that they have 5 two-man crews picking up the leaves. The official deadline end leaf picking is December 10, as advertised on the trucks.

Solicitor

Mr. Setley informed the Board that he had attended the tax exemption hearing for the former Titus Station. The new owners are applying for temporary tax exemption status during the clean-up phase of their project. The Governor Mifflin School District is adamantly opposed. Mr. Setley stated that a response is usually issued within 3 to 4 weeks. He will keep the Board updated.

COMMISSIONERS

A) 2022 Budget

1) Refuse Fund Revision

Ms. Johnston explained changes made to the draft refuse fund presented on 11/16/2021, due to an increase in hauling fees related to the change in landfill. She proposed that the refuse fee should be increased in 2022 to \$225 for a 2-adult household, with the previous recommendation of \$210 for a 1 adult household. The Board concurred with the changes.

2) Sewer 803 Fund Revision

Ms. Johnston explained a credit due from the City of Reading for overpayment of treatment fees. With the City's permission, the credit will be taken with the 3rd quarter 2021 sanitary sewer

treatment payment, to be made this week. The credit will increase the projected 2021 end of year balance by approximately \$45,000.

The Board concurred that the 2022 budget should be advertised to reflect the revisions discussed at this meeting.

B.) Executive Session

7:35 p.m. – The Board went into executive session for one personnel disciplinary matter, one matter of potential litigation, and one matter of real estate.

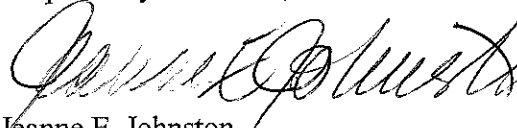
7:50 p.m. – The meeting reconvened after discussing one personnel disciplinary matter, one matter of potential litigation, and one matter of real estate. The Board took action on the real estate matter as stated below.

ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. BRADY, A MAJORITY VOTE AUTHORIZING PRESIDENT WILLIAM B. MILLER AND MANAGER/SECRETARY JEANNE E. JOHNSTON TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 800 HIGH BLVD. MRS. O'LEARY – YES; MR. KALBACH – ABSTAIN; MR. BATDORF – ABSTAIN; MR. BRADY – YES; MR. MILLER – YES.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. BRADY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston
Secretary/Manager