

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 21, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth O’Leary at 7:01 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Edward L. Gottschall, Sheri Hoover, and Lorri K. Swan. Tony J. Sacco was absent with prior notification to the Board. Also attending were Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager Jeanne E. Johnston, and Secretary Latoya Procopio.

Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC

Attendance: James Williamson of 1461 Old Lancaster Pike.

- A) Jennifer Guigley re: requirements to rent recreation building for Zumba classes
Ms. Guigley was not present for the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners Meeting.

TREASURER

- A) Monthly Report
Mrs. Carpenter reviewed the monthly financial report.

TAX COLLECTOR

- A) January 2017 Report
 - 1) Year 2017 Real Estate
 - Balance collectable beginning of month – \$70,261.10
 - Cash collected - \$0
 - Balance collectable end of month - \$0
 - 2) Year 2017 Real Estate Interim
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$2,180.59
 - Cash collected - \$713.68
 - Balance collectable end of month - \$776.72
 - 3) Year 2017 Real Refuse
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$15,196.75
 - Cash collected - \$0
 - Balance collectable end of the month - \$38.75
 - 4) Year 2017 Per Capita
 - Balance collectable beginning of month - \$8,885.00
 - Cash collected - \$204.70
 - Balance collectable end of the month - \$1,825.00

APPROVE MINUTES
ON MOTION MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, UNANIMOUS VOTE
APPROVING THE MINUTES FROM 01/17/2017 – PUBLIC HEARING ON LIQUOR LICENSE
TRANSFER; 01/17/2017- REGULAR MEETING; AND 01/31/2017- WORKSHOP MEETING

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A) Monthly Report – January 2017

Chief Winchester informed the Board that the monthly report will be more detailed within the coming months as it will provide information on the miscellaneous section.

B) Civil Service Testing – update

Chief Winchester informed the Board that 20 applicants would be moving forward on to the oral interview phase, which is tentatively scheduled to be held March 25, 2017.

Fire Department

A) Monthly Report – January 2017

B) Fire House Grant MOU – Intermunicipal Hose Grant – update

1) revised MOU

ON MOTION MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE CUMRU TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF TO SIGN THE UPDATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE HOSE GRANT.

Administration

A) Codes Report- January 2017

Building Permits Issued- 17

Use Permits Issued- 2

Zoning Permits Issued- 5

Notices of Violations- 19

Citations issued- 0

Violations complied in January- 27

Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately- 185

Permit Inspections Done – 15

Inspections with the Fire Department – 2

B) Alvernia University

1) Letter from Stackhouse Bensinger, Inc. re: request for waiver of land development, Dated 1/31/17

2) Planning Commission recommends waiver of land development, but Township should review sanitary sewer planning modules

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that Alvernia University is proposing two different structures, one to house the locker rooms for the football teams and one for other athletic activities, called the Plex. Only a small portion of the Plex development, a walkway, is within Cumru Township.

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE GRANTING ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY A WAIVER OF LAND DEVELOPMENT AND DEFERRING REVIEW FOR THE PLEX FACILITY, SUBJECT TO THE TOWNSHIP RESERVING THE RIGHT TO REVIEW THE SEWAGE PLANNING MODULES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CUMRU TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION.

C) Recreation Building Rental

- 1) Memorandum from Manager re: Fee Schedule recommended by Park & Recreation Board, dated 2/15/17

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADOPT THE UPDATED FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE RECREATION BUILDING RENTALS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD WITH THE SECURITY DEPOSIT CHANGED TO \$300.00.

D) Recreation Building

- 1) Memorandum from Manager re: Fee Waiver Request by Mifflin Library, dated 2/14/17

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE GRANTING A REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF RECREATION BUILDING RENTAL FEES TO THE MIFFLIN COMMUNITY LIBRARY FOR TWO EVENTS HELD IN JUNE AND JULY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD.

Public Works

A) City of Reading Fritz Island Treatment Plant – Cumru Township force main

Mr. McNichols informed the Board that the City of Reading has started the process of updating Fritz Island. Cumru Township's force main will need to be relocated at the City of Reading's expense. In order for this work to occur, the Flying Hills Pumping Station will need to be shut down for a period of time.

B) PennDOT Bridge Projects – update

- 1) SR 625 bridge project delayed until 2018
- 2) temporary traffic signals to be installed at SR 724/SR 625 and SR 724/High Blvd.

Mr. McNichols advised the Board that the SR 625 Bridge will be delayed due to the construction work scheduled to occur on the SR 724 bridge in March. PennDOT installed a temporary traffic signal at High Blvd and SR 724. Mr. McNichols stated that there would be delays in and around the area of SR 625/SR 724 and the Kenhorst Plaza due to the other traffic signals in the area not being retimed to take the temporary signal into account.

Engineer

A) Lancaster Avenue Crosswalks - update

Mr. Rogosky informed the Board that the Township and Shillington Borough have sent letters to the RATS Committee seeking additional funds for the completion of the Crosswalks project. Shillington was not willing to contribute any more money and \$14,000.00 is needed to complete the project. Ms. Johnston stated that PennDOT could demand payment of reimbursement if the project is not completed. Mr. Rogosky advised the Board that the

Township could only rebid the project if the scope of the project was changed. He stated that the scope of the project currently is minimal and would not be able to be changed.

ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING AWARD OF THE CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST BIDDER FOR THE LANCASTER AVE. CROSSWALKS PROJECT, CONDITIONED UPON ADDITIONAL FUNDS BEING RECEIVED.

B) 2017 Road Work

Mr. Rogosky informed the Board that Great Valley Consultants are working on the plans for Ledgerock Road and Bedford Avenue. Mr. Rogosky stated that they would advertise in March for Montrose Blvd, as well as the other roadwork, for 2017. The projects will be advertised separately because different types of contractors would be needed. Bids would possibly be awarded in April of 2017.

Solicitor

CORRESPONDENCE

- A) South Reading Blacktop- Reuse of baghouse fines, dated 01/30/2017
- B) Letter to Sunoco Pipeline from PaDEP re: E&S permit, dated 2/13/17
- C) Letter to Sunoco Pipeline from PaDEP re: water obstruction permit, dated 2/13/17

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A MAJORITY VOTE APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS FOR 01/19/2017; 01/26/2017; 02/02/2017; 02/02/2017-ADDITIONAL; 02/09/2017; 02/16/2017. ROLL CALL: MRS. SWAN – YES; MRS. HOOVER – ABSTAIN; MR. GOTTSCHALL – YES; MRS. O’LEARY – YES.

COMMISSIONERS

- A) Executive Session
No executive session was held.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Latoya Procopio
Secretary