

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP MEETING                      MARCH 29, 2016**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth O'Leary at 7:07 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Edward L. Gottschall, Sheri Hoover, Lorri K. Swan, and Tony J. Sacco. Also attending were Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Solicitor Daniel Becker, Officer in Charge Timothy Woll, Fire Chief Scott Brady, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works James A. Beane, Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Recreation Director Samson Gausch, Manager Jeanne E. Johnston, Secretary Latoya Procopio.

Pledge to the Flag.

**2008-02                      HAWTHORNE SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**EXPIRATION DATE 3/31/2016**

(Preliminary – Pending Plan) Owner: KevTimRP, LP c/o Metropolitan Mgt, Inc.; Agent: Van Cleef Engineering; Location: SR 724 & I-176; proposal summary: 313 residential units; plan no. 06-016-P00; revised plan submitted 06/30/2015

- a.) Extension of time to 3/31/16 granted to move forward with the Pending Plan that was filed on 1/4/2008, and as was subsequently revised on 05/10/2013, and 06/30/2015. The Developer made no revisions to the Pending Plan during the last time extension. In fact Developer made no changes to the Pending Plan since 06/30/2015. Instead, Developer submitted a substantially different alternate sketch plan proposing 260 apartment units and 4 single family units, which was as a substantial change from the Pending Plan, as well as a change from Developer's earlier description of a proposed apartment alternate sketch plan.
- b.) At the meeting Developer proposed agreement for another extension of time, however, Developer explained that the Developer did not intend to revise the Pending Plan, but rather requested the extension to revise the alternate sketch plan for 260 apartment units and 4 single family units.

Mr. Setley recused himself from the discussion.

The following individuals were present for discussion on behalf of the developer: Robert Gundlach, Esq., of Fox Rothschild, Kevin Timochenko of Metropolitan and KevTimRP, Paul Bauer, Esq. (in house attorney), Gregg Bogia of Bogia Engineering, and Mark Bahnick of Van Cleef Engineering.

The following members of the public were present: Liz McCauley, Rick Hoffman, and Harry Brown of the Animal Rescue League; Aneta and Barry Wunder of 96 Ramsey Blvd., adjoining property owners; Charles Honsberger.

Atty. Becker explained that the purpose of the previous extension of time (through March 30, 2016) was to provide the Developer with time to address the comments contained in Great Valley Consultants' review letter dated 08/18/2015. Mr. Becker further explained that since the Developer failed to address any comments contained in the GVC review letter, the Board of Commissioners was prepared to take formal action on the pending plan.

Atty. Gundlach informed the Board that it is not feasible to continue with the Pending Plan and the alternate sketch plan would be a better use of the developer's resources. Atty. Gundlach acknowledged that the pending plan was too costly to develop.

Mr. Gundlach stated that if the Board were to take a negative action on the pending plan, there would be other parties that would be greatly affected (i.e. ARL and the Wunders). Atty. Gundlach stated that KevTimRP, LP was willing to down grade the number of apartments in the alternate sketch plan to 196 with 4 single lots, so that they may meet the requirement within the Fire Code.

Atty. Gundlach informed the Board that Hawthorne would be willing to offer an extension of time to review revisions to the alternate sketch plan.

The Board was not interested in additional extensions as the developer had failed to take appropriate and necessary action to address GVC's review comments in a timely fashion.

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A MAJORITY VOTE REJECTING THE HAWTHORNE SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN BASED DEFICIENCIES AS STATED IN THE REVIEW LETTER, DATED AUGUST 18, 2015. ROLL CALL: MRS. HOOVER – YES; MR. GOTTSCHALL – YES; MRS. SWAN – YES; MR. SACCO – ABSTAIN; MRS. O’LEARY – YES.**

#### **PUBLIC**

Attendance: Aneta and Barry Wunder, Jessica Prutzman, Harry Brown, Charles Honsberger, James Williamson and Paul Kanter.

Mrs. O’Leary invited public comment. Mr. Charles Honsberger presented himself as the owner of 843 Philadelphia Avenue. Mr. Honsberger expressed his concern about the Hawthorne development. Mrs. O’Leary informed Mr. Honsberger that the Board of Commissioners rejected the Hawthorne development plan moments ago.

#### **DEPARTMENTS**

##### Police Department

##### A) Tasers - proposed purchase

##### 1) quote dated 3/21/16

Sgt. Woll informed the Board of Commissioners that the police Liaisons suggested that each officer be outfitted with a personally issued Taser. Mrs. Hoover explained to the rest of the Board that the Tasers would come with a warranty so that they can be replaced every five years. The total amount for the Tasers would come to \$12,340.39, of which \$2,589.12 would come out of general fund for the warranty and the remaining amount would come out of the equitable sharing fund for the equipment.

**ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE NINE TASERS, EACH WITH A WARRANTY, IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$12,340.39.**

##### Fire

Fire Department Monthly Report-February 2016

Total Incidents-61

Fires-13  
Rescue and EMS-11  
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)-3  
Service Call-5  
Good Intent Call-15  
False Alarm-12  
Severe Weather-1  
Special Incident Complaint-1  
Total Estimated Losses- \$4,350

Emergency Management

**A) Resolution on Disaster Declaration and Designated Agent**

**ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO EXECUTE AND SUBMIT THE FORMS AND RESOLUTION FOR THE DISASTER DECLARATION FOR WINTER STORM JONAS.**

Administration

**A) Act 537 Plan**

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the DEP is requiring Cumru Township to implement an Act 537 plan that would include provisions for all on lot systems to be pumped and inspected every three years. The Township would be divided into 3 areas, with the septic systems in one area to be pumped and inspected every year. She proposed to include the fee on real estate tax bills, like the refuse fee, but only for properties with on lot systems.

Ms. Johnston requested to know if the Board objected to the method of fee administration. Establishing a method of fee administration would assist with cost analysis to propose a specific fee amount. The Board did not object to the proposal. Mr. Sacco requested discussion with the SEO about a 3 year contract, in order to further stabilize costs for the first 3-year cycle.

**B) Banking Requests for Proposals – possible award**

The Board deferred the decision on the banking proposals until the 4/19/2016 meeting.

**C) EHD Commercial Insurance Proposal**

**ON MOTION OF MRS. SWAN, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO PROCEED WITH THE RENEWAL OF THE EHD COMMERCIAL INSURANCE PROPOSAL, SUBJECT TO THE VERIFICATION OF THE PREMIUM AMOUNT.**

**D) Teamsters Health and Welfare Fund**

**ON MOTION OF MR. SACCO, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE OFFICERS TO EXECUTE THE TEAMSTERS HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND DOCUMENTS.**

Public Works

**A) Elkins Ave. Sewer Main Repair – completed**

Mr. McNichols informed the Board that the sewer main repair on Elkins Avenue had been completed. Mr. McNichols stated that the road where the repair took place would need to be

repared in the summer. The entire repair was \$4,200.00 less than the estimate given on 3/2/2016.

B) 2016 Road Work – bid opening 4/15/16

Solicitor

Mr. Setley informed the Board that a survey was performed on the NRG property in order for the purchase of the parcel to take place. Mr. Setley requested that the Board look at the survey and give any comments within the next two weeks. If no comments were given then Mr. Setley would move forward with the closing of the parcel.

**COMMISSIONERS**

A) Executive Session

7:50 p.m. – The Board of Commissioners went into executive session to discuss 2 personnel issues and 1 collective bargaining unit matter.

8:12 p.m. – The Board stated that they discussed a collective bargaining unit matter and 2 personnel issues.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:13 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Latoya Procopio  
Secretary