

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 16, 2020**

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, Sam Kalbach, and Chip Bilger. Also attending were Solicitor Michael A. Setley, Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Fire Chief James A. Beane, 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, and Joe Rogosky of Great Valley Consultants.

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Pledge to the Flag.

PUBLIC

SOUTHERN BERKS REGIONAL EMS

A) Monthly Report – May 2020

APPROVE MINUTES

**ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE APPROVING THE MINUTES OF 5/19/2020.**

TREASURER

A) Monthly Report – May 2020

TAX COLLECTOR

A) May 2020 Report

1) Year 2020 Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month – \$632,711.05

Cash collected - \$57,088.88

Balance collectable end of month - \$575,622.17

2) Year 2020 Real Estate Interim

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$0

Cash collected - \$144.15

Balance collectable end of month - \$13,111.26

3) Year 2020 SMP

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$8,905.00

Cash collected - \$585.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$8,320.00

4) Year 2020 Refuse

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$117,190.00

Cash collected - \$10,860.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$106,330.00

CONSENT AGENDA

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

- 1) PA state proclamation of disaster emergency re: COVID-19, dated 3/6/2020
- 2) national declaration of emergency re: COVID-19, dated 3/13/2020
- 3) PA stay at home order dated 4/1/2020
- 4) PA Dept. of Health order dated 4/15/2020
- 5) PA yellow condition as of 6/5/2020
- 6) PA extension of disaster emergency for 90 days

ACTION:

REAFFIRMED RESOLUTIONS DATED 05/26/2020, 06/02/2020, 06/09/2020, AND 6/16/2020 FOR DECLARATIONS OF DISASTER EMERGENCY AND CONFERRING ON THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' PRESIDENT, THE AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DURING THE ONGOING COVID-19 OUTBREAK.

291 HUNTERS ROAD – sewage planning

- 1) On lot sewage planning modules approved by SEO

ACTION:

ADOPTED A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE SEWAGE ENFORCMENT OFFICER'S APPROVAL OF THE ON LOT PLANNING MODULES FOR 291 HUNTERS ROAD AND AUTHORIZING THE DOCUMENTATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE PaDEP FOR APPROVAL.

BRECON LANE UTILITY REPLACEMENT – application for payment 4

- 1) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: recommendation for payment, dated 6/15/2020

ACTION:

AUTHORIZED PAYMENT NO. 4 TO CONSTRUCTION MASTERS SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,503.46 FOR THE BRECON LANE UTILITY REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

KANTNER LANE TWINS SUBDIVISION – escrow release

- 1) Letter from Great Valley Consultants re: recommendation for release, dated 6/15/2020

ACTION:

AUTHORIZED ESCROW RELEASE NO. 3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$58,100.00 FOR THE KANTNER LANE TWINS SUBDIVISION.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOT APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA.

DEPARTMENTS

Police Department

A) Monthly Report – May 2020

Chief Winchester reported on a hit and run accident on SR 625. Mr. Bilger praised Sgt. Steffy for how he handled crowds for a food giveaway program.

B) Police Study

ON MOTION OF MR. MILLER, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING A POLICE STUDY BY SAFECITY SOLUTIONS, LLC, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500.00.

Fire Department

A) Monthly Report – May 2020

Administration

A) Codes Report – May 2020

Building Permits Issued- 7

Use Permits Issued- 2

Zoning Permits Issued- 18

Notices of Violations- 15

Citations issued- 0

Violations complied- 14

Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately- 168

Permit Inspections Done – 21

Inspections with Fire Dept. – 1

B) Zoning Hearing Board Application 752 – authorize testimony

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MRS. O’LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING ROBERT McNICHOLS, MICHAEL YOST, OR JEFF SKINNER TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE ZONING HEARING BOARD IN CASE NO. 752 THAT RELIEF, IF GRANTED, SHOULD BE CONDITIONED UPON FOLLOWING MANDATES WITH RESPECT TO SANITARY SEWER AND THE WELL SHOULD BE METERED.

C) Reopening Pennsylvania COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan

D) 2020 Budget – proposed revisions

1) Memorandum from Manager re: redistribution of capital, dated 6/15/2020

ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADOPTING 2020 BUDGET REVISIONS AS PRESENTED BY THE TOWNSHIP MANAGER IN A MEMORANDUM DATED 6/15/2020.

E) Re-development of Wells Fargo Building on Love Rd.

ON MOTION OF MR. BILGER, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO WAIVE CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR DANIEL BECKER, ESQ., AS COUNSEL FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE WELLS FARGO BUILDING ON LOVE ROAD.

F) Landfill Tipping Fee

1) Letter from Eagle Disposal re: proposed increase in tipping fee, dated 5/20/2020

Public Works

A) Monthly Report – April 2020

B) 2020 Sewer Replacement Project

1) bid advertisement, bids open 6/29/2020

2) grant applications

C) Cumru Kenhorst Joint Sewer Project

Engineer

A) 2020 Road Work (Oregon Rd phase 1) - Bids

1) bid advertisement

2) bid tabulation

NAME OF BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
BARWIS CONSTRUCTION	\$421,561.38
CONSTRUCTION MASTERS	\$454,989.75
LANDIS DECK AND SONS	\$433,445.75
NESL	\$499,059.32

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BILGER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AWARDDING THE 2020 ROAD WORK BID TO BARWIS CONSTRUCTION FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$421,561.38.

B) Stormwater Study for Summit Avenue and March Street Area – Update

Mr. Rogosky reported that the study had been reviewed by staff and suggested changes would be incorporated into the recommendations.

C) Slope Mitigation Church and Yorkshire Rds. - completed

Solicitor

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF 1782 WELSH RD. AND AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TO PROCEED TO CLOSING.

PAYMENTS OF BILLS

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING PAYMENTS OF BILLS DATED 5/22/2020, 5/29/2020 – SEWER TREATMENT, 6/1/2020 – PLGIT, 6/1/2020, 6/5/2020, AND 6/12/2020.

CORRESPONDENCE

A) RATS TIP 2021-2024 public comment period until 07/06/2020

COMMISSIONERS

A) Vacancies/Appointments

1) Planning Commission – one vacancy, one candidate

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. MILLER, A MAJORITY VOTE APPOINTING JILL SCHARFF TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 7/1/2023. ROLL CALL: MRS. O'LEARY – NO; MR. KALBACH – YES; MR. BILGER – YES; MR. BATDORF – YES; MR. MILLER YES.

2) Park and Recreation Board – 3 vacancies, one candidate

ON MOTION OF MRS. O'LEARY, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPOINTING LISHA ROWE TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD WITH AN EXPIRATION DATE OF 1/1/2025.

B) Executive Session

8:00 p.m. – The Board went into executive session to discuss a legal issue.

8:11 p.m. – The meeting reconvened. The Board had discussed a legal issue that was pending.

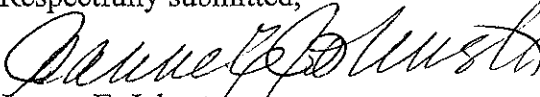
C) Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Batdorf proposed a zoning ordinance amendment to revise the mixed use provisions of the ordinance in order to encourage redevelopment of vacant commercial sites. The Board agreed with Mr. Batdorf's proposal. Mr. Batdorf and Mr. Kalbach agreed to serve on a committee. Ms. Johnston was asked to solicit two volunteers from the Planning Commission to serve on the committee. Mr. Bilger suggested interacting with the Director of the Berks County Planning Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MR. KALBACH, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:13 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanne E. Johnston

Assistant Secretary/Manager