

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING                      JUNE 20, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth O’Leary at 7:02 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Edward L. Gottschall, and Sheri Hoover. Tony J. Sacco and Lorri K. Swan were absent with prior notification to the Board. Also attending were Fire Chief James A. Beane, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Asst. Superintendent of Public Works Michael L. Yost, Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager Jeanne E. Johnston, and Secretary Latoya Procopio.

Pledge to the Flag.

**PRESENTATION**

Honorable Service Citation: Officer Laura M. Wertz

Chief Winchester presented the Honorable Service Citation to Officer Laura M. Wertz for her actions in an investigation that lead to an arrest and the recovery of property from three separate thefts, as well as felony weapons charges.

**SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS**

Matthew B. Blatt  
Vincent M. Garipoli  
Corbin John Jones

Ms. Johnston swore in Mr. Matthew B. Blatt, Mr. Vincent M. Garipoli, and Mr. Corbin John Jones as the newest Police Officers for Cumru Township Police Department.

Mrs. O’Leary invited the public to take a brief recess at 7:15pm.  
Mrs. O’Leary called the order back into session at 7:34pm.

**PUBLIC**

Attendance: Ryan and Rhiannon O’Donnelli of 619 Governor Drive, William Miller of 40 Murfield Drive, Ra Svotelis 679 Oregon Road, and James Williamson 1461 Old Lancaster Pike.

A) Ryan and Rhiannon O’Donnell of 619 Governor Drive.

Mr. O’Donnell informed the Board that they moved to the house on Governor Drive on May 26, 2017 and that they removed 2 very large hickory trees. Since the removal of the trees, it has been noticed that a stream of water is flowing through their property and their yard has become flooded. Mr. O’Donnell stated that the water runoff is running down the property lines from the Grill Ave. storm drain and it dumps onto their yard. He stated that, in his opinion, the runoff is coming from a cul de sac on Grill Avenue. He was instructed by the Codes Inspector Mr. William Frymoyer to voice their concerns to the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Johnston informed the O’Donnells that the storm water is draining exactly where it is supposed to drain: a swale between the properties. However, over the years, the swale has filled in either naturally or due to property owner changes. Mr. McNichols confirmed that the swale

has been filled in with vegetation and fencing. Mr. O'Donnell questioned why the Township extended the storm water pipe on Grill Ave. He believes that the extension of the pipe has contributed to the gushing of the water. Mr. McNichols stated that the Township repaired the end of the pipe due to rust in 2003, but did not add any water. Mr. Setley stated that the Township will look into the matter further.

B) Ms. Katie Schultz of 425 Mountain View Road

Ms. Schultz expressed concern to the Board regarding speeding on Mountain View Road, which has increased due to the road being utilized as a detour route. Chief Winchester stated the Township is aware of the speeding. There is a problem getting a good line of sight to be able to run speed enforcement. Since the speeding is sporadically occurring, it will be hard to pinpoint the time to send an officer out. Chief Winchester requested that the public call into the Police Department when they witness speeding.

Ms. Schultz also expressed to the Board her concern regarding the storm water drain at the end of Archer lane. She stated the drain was backed up with trash and debris. Mr. McNichols requested that Ms. Schultz call the Township; the public works crew will clean up the catch basin.

**TREASURER**

A) Monthly Report

**TAX COLLECTOR**

A) May 2017 Report

1) Year 2017 Real Estate

Balance collectable beginning of month – \$535,813.88

Cash collected - \$39,104.59

Balance collectable end of month - \$496,708.68

2) Year 2017 Real Estate Interim

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$0

Cash collected - \$172.61

Balance collectable end of month - \$5,529.88

3) Year 2017 Real Refuse

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$96,815.00

Cash collected - \$8,605.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$88,540.00

4) Year 2017 Per Capita

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$1,210.00

Cash collected - \$121.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$0.00

5) Year 2017 SMP

Balance collectable beginning of month - \$10,275.00

Cash collected - \$525.00

Balance collectable end of the month - \$9,825.00



Administration

**A) PSATS CDL Program contact person**

**ACTION:**

**AUTHORIZED THE CHANGE IN THE OFFICIAL CDL PROGRAM CONTACT PERSON FROM PEGGY A. CARPENTER, BUSINESS/PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATOR, TO LATOYA PROCOPIO, TOWNSHIP SECRETARY.**

**B) Berks County Conservation District MOU – update**

**ACTION:**

**AUTHORIZED TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE UPDATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BERK COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROLS.**

Police Department

**A) Governor Mifflin School District MOU**

**ACTION:**

**AUTHORIZED POLICE CHIEF MADISION WINCHESTER TO EXECUTE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GOVERNOR MIFFLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT.**

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**DEPARTMENTS**

Police Department

**A) Monthly Report – May 2017**

Chief Winchester informed the Board that crime rate has gone down since last year and community policing activity was added to the monthly report.

Fire Department

**A) Monthly Report – May 2017**

Chief Beane informed the Board that Tower 42 has been out of service since June 1<sup>st</sup>. The parts to fix the Tower have been ordered. The items that need to be replaced are all wear and tear items with the addition of two new tires, which were budgeted to be replaced this year.

**B) Station 2 Roof - update**

Chief Beane advised the Board that he received three quotes for the replacement of Station 2's roof. The only vendor on Costars was Bachman's Roofing, with a quote of \$31,255. The other quotes that came in were Rainbow Roofing at \$24,000.00 and Advanced Roofing at \$29,306.00. Although lower, the other two quotes would require bidding. Prevailing wage would likely bring the cost of the project at or above the Bachman's quote. Bidding would also delay the project considerably and the roof leak is getting progressively worse.

**ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING THE REPAIR OF THE STATION 2 ROOF BY BACHMAN'S ROOFING AT A COST OF \$31,255 ON STATE CONTRACT.**

C) Firefighter Health and Safety Week 2017

Chief Beane informed the Board that for Firefighter Health and Safety week, the Township is hosting a meeting on health and safety and what can be done to combat the issue. Approximately 75% of the department did EVOC training with Mohnton Fire Co.

D) FEMA Grant

Chief Beane informed the Board that a FEMA grant for standardizing hose adaptors for the entire Governor Mifflin region was awarded. The total grant is for approximately \$99,000. The Cumru fire department's portion is \$10,935.14. There is a 10% match. Cumru's portion was lower because the department has already begun to meet the appropriate standard when the grant application was made.

Administration

A) Codes Report- May 2017

Building Permits Issued- 13

Use Permits Issued- 1

Zoning Permits Issued- 12

Notices of Violations- 33

Citations issued- 0

Violations complied- 31

Phone calls from contractors, realtors & public approximately- 205

Permit Inspections Done – 15

**B) 140-144 Broad Street – fees related to construction**

- 1) Request by Berks Housing Authority for waiver of building permit and other fees, dated 06/14/2017

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING A DISCOUNTED BUILDING PERMIT FEE OF \$1,000.00 TO 140-144 BROAD STREET.**

**C) Act 537 Plan**

- 1) 30 day public comment period advertised 5/7/16 – no comments received
- 2) adopt resolution

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION THE ACT 537 PLAN AS THE OFFICIAL PLAN.**

D) Joint Comprehensive Plan – update

- 1) Letter from Berks County Planning Commission to adjoining municipalities – comment period until 7/31/17, dated 6/13/17

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the comment period will be ending on July 31, 2017. The Berks County Planning Commission has proposed a joint municipal public hearing to be held in August. Specifics on that meeting are yet to be determined.

### Public Works

#### A) Monthly Report – May 2017

#### B) Poplar Neck Bridge over Schuylkill River - bids

Lobar Site Development = \$659,925.35

Mar-Allen Concrete = \$792,310.00

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that a letter had been sent to the County Commissioners, requesting financial assistance on this project. Follow up contact has resulted in a meeting scheduled with the County Commissioners on 6/22/17. The Board deferred action on the bids until after the 6/22/17 meeting.

### Engineer

#### A) Montrose Blvd. Culvert – update

Mr. Rogosky advised the Board that the road work on Montrose Blvd. culvert was schedule to begin on July 10, 2017.

#### B) 2017 Road Project – update

Mr. Rogosky explained to the Board that the 2017 Roadwork on Ledgerock road will be completed in 2 phases, Welsh Rd. to Oregon Rd. and Oregon Rd. to SR 625. He also stated that the work on Welsh Road will need to be completed before school is back in session.

### Solicitor

#### **A) Intersection of Welsh and Ledgerock Roads – proposed dedication**

Mr. Setley stated that the Township has paved part of the property as a road. The Board of Commissioners concurred with an ordinance to accept a deed of dedication for this area.

#### **B) 180 Ledgerock Road – easement**

Mr. Setley explained that a declaration of taking may be needed if a grading easement is not secured by the time that the road project begins. Ms. Johnston stated that the staff would continue to attempt to acquire the easement.

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE ADOPTING THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE DECLARATION OF TAKING AND ALL NECESSARY ACTION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY OWNED BY FLORITA S. LOPEZ AND GOVINDBHAI P. KACHIHDIYA, 180 LEDGEROCK ROAD, CUMRU TOWNSHIP.**

#### **C) Wyomissing Creek Coalition – proposed ordinance**

The Board of Commissioners concurred with the draft ordinance and its advertisement.

**PAYMENTS OF BILLS**

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE PAYMENTS OF BILLS FOR: 05/18/2017, 05/19/2017, 05/25/2017, 05/31/2017-SEWER TREATMENT, 06/01/2017, 06/05/2017-ACH, 06/08/2017, AND 06/15/2017.**

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A MAJORITY VOTE APPROVING THE PAYMENTS OF BILLS FOR: 06/01/2017-IT. ROLL CALL: MRS. HOOVER – ABSTAIN; MR. GOTTSCHALL – YES; MRS. O'LEARY – YES.**

**COMMISSIONERS**

A) Executive Session

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. O'LEARY, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:56 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Latoya Procopio  
Secretary