

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP MEETING                      MAY 30, 2017**

The Workshop Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth O’Leary at 7:03 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 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.

**PUBLIC**

Attendance: William Miller of 40 Murfield Drive, Richard Fry of 782 Hunters Road, Daniel Klahr of 20 Troy Lane, and James Williamson of 1461 Old Lancaster Pike

Mr. William Miller of 40 Muirfield Drive informed the Board that he was successfully written in for the 2017 election.

Mr. Richard Fry of 782 Hunters Drive questioned the Board as to when Hunters road would be repaired. He stated that the road has been in disrepair for a long time. Mr. McNichols stated that Hunters Road is scheduled to be repaved in 2020 on the 5 year road project list. Ms. Johnston informed the public that the 5 year list is reviewed every year during budget discussions for the next year.

Mr. Fry also expressed his concern with the anti-skid that has been found on his property. He stated that it is 12 ft into his lawn. Mr. McNichols stated that he would make sure the spinner speeds are recalibrated.

Mr. Daniel Klahr of 20 Troy Lane also expressed his concern with the pot holes on Hunters Road and asked when they would be addressed. Mr. McNichols stated that pot holes are filled on a constant basis with cold patch, but hot patching had not yet begun. Roadside grading had just been completed.

**TREASURER**

A) 2016 Financial Statement

1) advertisement in Reading Eagle 6/1/17

Ms. Johnston noted that the high general fund balance at the end of 2016, partly due to higher than expected earned income taxes and transfer taxes, has enabled the Township to schedule a substantial amount of road work in 2017.

**DEPARTMENTS**

Fire

A) Station 2 Roof Repair

Fire Chief Beane informed the Board that he confirmed Bachman’s is the only roofer on Costars currently. He stated that he is waiting to receive quotes from one more vendor.

Administration

A) Clerk Position (Part-time)

- 1) Memorandum from Manager re: request to make conditional offer of employment, dated 5/30/17

**ON MOTION OF MRS. HOOVER, SECOND OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, A UNANIMOUS VOTE AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP MANAGEMENT TO MAKE A CONDITONAL OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT TO THE TOP RANKED CANIDATE FOR THE PART – TIME CLERK POSITION.**

**B) Infrastructure Planning – Municipal Campus**

Ms. Johnston recommended discussion of whether the Township campus should be connected to public water. This issue should be decided in concert with planning the fire station both for design considerations and cost efficiencies. Currently, the Township has 4 on lot water systems on 2 DEP permits. The Board did not object to Township staff soliciting a quote for an engineering study on connecting the campus to public water. Fire Chief Beane stated that public water is needed now due to all of the guidelines DEP has set forth for the on lot systems.

Public Works

**A) Poplar Neck Bridge Remediation**

- 1) quote from STV Engineering for inspection services

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO HIRE STV ENGINEERING FOR INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE POPLAR NECK BRIDGE REMEDIATION.**

Solicitor

**A) Fire Station**

- 1) financing

Mr. Setley presented a tabulation of various possible borrowing amounts and interest rates, with an estimate of the impact on the fire tax.

Mr. Miller asked if public water would affect the location of the fire station. Ms. Johnston responded that the best location for a central fire station would be on the Township campus, regardless of the water source.

**B) Sheetz Land Development**

- 1) Letter from Atty. Ronald M. Lucas re: zoning questions for Sheetz and request for zoning amendment for lighting, dated 5/19/2017

The Board requested that the developer consider a variance application instead of a zoning amendment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. SWAN, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:50 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Latoya Procopio  
Secretary