

*Cummings Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2011*

The regular monthly meeting of the Cummings Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Jim Mitchertree at 7:00 PM with Supervisors Walt Braddock, Joyce Raesner and Jim Mitcheltree present. Road Master Richard Bierly and Secretary/Treasurer Will Wolfe were also in attendance.

Attendance from the public/gas companies was as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
<i>Brant Hartung</i>	<i>Township resident</i>	<i>Mike Myers</i>	<i>Employee</i>
<i>Ron Bierly</i>	<i>Township resident</i>	<i>Justin Jackson</i>	<i>MKA</i>
<i>John Gasperine</i>	<i>Employee</i>	<i>Jason Skotedis</i>	<i>MKA</i>
<i>Kathleen Bowlan</i>	<i>Township resident</i>	<i>Scott T. Williams</i>	<i>Twp. Solicitor</i>

Motion was made by Walt Braddock and seconded by Joyce Raesner approving the Minutes of June 12, 2011. MCU

Public Participation:

John Gasperine asked the Supervisors what is the balance of the DCNR Grant for the Recreation Park and who is on the Recreation Advisory Board ?

The Supervisors explained that the balance would be the difference of the Grant and how much has been spent so far and those figures need to be compiled by Toner Hollick and the Township Secretary. It was further explained the Supervisors appoint a Board but they have not organized for 2011 and elected a Chairperson.

Joyce Raesner suggested it would be wise for the Supervisors to require the Recreation Board to meet three times a year. The first week of January to organize and elect a Chairperson, in the spring to determine what repairs/work needs to be done and in the fall to determine if anything needs done before winter.

At this point Chair Jim Mitcheltree asked Justin Jackson to present the update report on the Dam Run Road project.

Highlights of Justin's report were MKA is in the process of revising the original submission to what it actually is because of the paving. The drainage will be improved as needed, infiltration trenches are being revised, pull offs are being lengthened and Justin's belief is the latest design will eliminate any future conflicts if the Township approves of the revised design.

Justin asked the Township to prepare a letter stating the Township's approval of the revised NPDES Permit as prepared by MKA before July 29, 2011.

Motion was made by Joyce Raesner and seconded by Walt Braddock to accept and approve the revised DRR Plan as prepared by MKA and the Township prepare a letter to MKA stating this approval. MCU

Township Reports:

The following is the Municipal Zoning Permit Officer's (M.P.O.) report for the prior month.

Thirteen (13) Zoning Permits were issued since the last meeting as follows:

(1) to Anadarko Midstream for a pipe line with (2) 6" gas; (1) 24" gas; (1) 16" water & electric/fiber optic lines.

(2) to PA General Energy for well pads w/ 6 wells each.

(7) to Anadarko E & P Co. for well pads w/ up to 6 wells each.

(1) to Bierly's Rural Services to demo an existing cabin and construct a 14' x40 seasonal cabin.

(1) to John Shafer for a 10' x 12' storage shed.

(1) to Art Cox for a 28' x 34' attached garage.

No violations were reported by Will.

Road Master Report:

The current Liquid Fuels Budget spread sheet was reviewed and found to be in order by the Supervisors. Labor time sheets would be discussed later.

The Road Master reported a very narrow section of DRR at the lower cemetery road with several near miss collisions at this location. He proposes to widen the road by 10' and 25' long. Jim asked for a cost estimate. Rick reported 10 to 15 hours and \$ 450.00.

The pipe replacement near Pappy's curve was put on hold.

Other Business:

There was nothing to report on the hidden driveway signs at the bottom of the Township Building exit.

The Treasurer reported the County Aid Form had been received, completed, returned to Lycoming County, approved and received by the Township. The County Aid Program provides the Township with \$ 1650.00 to use on a Township road project at the Supervisors desgression.

The unauthorized expenditures of funds by the Road Master were discussed. Due to a misunderstanding between the Road Master and the Supervisors in March a considerable amount of money on the recreation park that was not in the Recreation Fund was spent. Also figuring into the equation, the failure of the Recreation Advisory Board to organize and elect a Chair didn't help.

It was brought to light the Supervisors or the Advisory Board won't know just what kind of predicament the Township is in until DCNR comes and inspects the park.

Chair Jim Mitcheltree called for a written policy change. The change being, anything other than roadwork (liquid fuels), has to be brought up at a meeting for approval with detailed cost estimates in all areas.

It was noted there are extra playground "soft tiles" and will be brought up to the garage for storage.

An invoice of \$ 4545.00 from CH Waltz Sons, Inc. associated to the rental of an excavator and roller for Recreation Park work and other millings work, was presented to the Supervisors with the question, "where will the money come from" to pay the bill.

After an ensuing discussion and money search a motion was made by Jim Mitcheltree and seconded by Joyce Raesner to transfer \$ 1,900.00 from General Fund Other Services and \$ 1,000.00 from General Fund Repairs & Maintenance to the Recreation Fund. MCU

Scott T. Williams, Township Solicitor, reviewed the history of the lawsuit involving the public R-O-W on the Hartung property.

Recently there have been large stones and a no trespassing sign, which seems to inhibit the usage of the R-O-W, which could be in violation of the court order.

Motion was made by Jim Mitcheltree and seconded by Joyce Raesner to authorize the Township Solicitor to do what he has to do to take care of the R-O-W situation.

Addressing the paving project, Chair Jim said he was advised by Barry Garverick not to ask for piece meal paving of each road because that method would increase cost by 30 percent. Jim suggested the Township takes a look at all the Township roads, pick the one that is in the worst shape and ask for bids on that road. Joyce Raesner said she felt the Township should ask the gas companies for financial help because of their heavy usage. Jim volunteered to talk to the gas companies.

Kathleen Bowlen attended the meeting showing interest in the Secretary/Treasury position. Will was asked to briefly explain the position to Kathleen, which he did. Kathleen stated she knows QuickBooks but would want more training.

Motion was made by Jim Mitcheltree and seconded by Joyce Raesner approving the Treasurer's Report and payment of all outstanding bills. MCU

Correspondence was gone over and acted on accordingly.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

William L Wolfe

*Respectfully submitted,
William L Wolfe, Secretary/Treasurer*