

CUMBERLAND TOWN COUNCIL

June 21, 2017

Minutes

The meeting was **CALLED TO ORDER** and the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by President Anna Pea.

ROLL CALL was taken by Clerk-Treasurer, Erica Salmon. Present were Council President Anna Pea, Council Vice President Joe Siefker, and Council Member Brian Gritter. Absent were Council Member Mark Reynold and Council Member Nicole Bell. Also Present: April Fisher, Christopher Etherton, Steve Yagelski, Ben Lipps, Renee Garard, and Attorney Dan Taylor. Minutes were taken by Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Jill Hendley.

CONSENT AGENDA

Claims Register

Motion and Second to approve the Claims Register
By Gritter and Siefker. **APPROVED 3 - 0**

CITIZENS COMMENTS (Maximum 5 minutes)

none

STAFF REPORT

Cumberland PD, Chris Etherton – NASA provided a drop box for unwanted prescription drugs and will be located outside of the PD, in lobby area. Chief Michael Crook will be in Birmingham, Alabama all next week to be on the board for hiring a new Chief of Police there. The Youth Academy that was held on Saturday was a success. There were 17 kids who participated. Food was donated by the 10th Street Pub and parents helped out as well.

April Fisher, Town Manager –

Buck Creek Trail – Construction has started and they will start on Buck Creek Road as early as next week. There was a small issue with the construction crew cutting a phone lines because AT&T didn't mark it. Staff worked with BF&S to resolve the issue and keep residents informed of the progress.

HCCF – The kickoff meeting was held on June 15th with the participating communities and BF&S.

HCI – Our first meeting was held June 9th. The next meeting is June 29th to discuss general schedules.

Annexation – Judge Snow ruled in our favor on June 9th. The remonstrators have filed a motion to stay the order which the Judge was obligated to grant. They have 30 days from the day the order was issued to file an appeal.

Mt Comfort Corridor – At a recent meeting a possible new name for the Corridor was discussed: Convergence Way. This is by no means final but the idea is the Corridor brings together multiple modes of travel and communications.

Misc. – We are working on a replacement for the TV, and are considering a Smart Board.

McCordsville and Cumberland have submitted the Mt. Comfort Corridor study for an AIM Local Collaboration award.

April, Christine, and Steve met with a developer looking at parcels near the Town for a possible project.

Building Permits are up by about 34% from this time last year. As of the date of this report, staff has received 35 new permit applications for the year of which, 19 are for new single family homes.

The **Plan Commission** will meet July 26, 2017.

Special Events

Renee is working on the More Blues, More Beer & More BBQ event. She secured the Gordon Bonham Blues Band for July 15th.

Renee has started working on Trick or Treat on the Trail, and the 2017 Weihnachtsmarkt.

Streets Report

Ben has been working with Dude Solutions to build a Mobile 311 map based work order system app that will also connect with the towns website and app.

Ben has Sidewalk panel replacement scheduled for the Streetscape. Ben has talked with MG Landscaping about weed problems on the streetscape.

Streets Department staff has been trimming line of sight issues around town.

Ben is working on a plan to clean up Niles at the dead end.

Parks Report

The Streets department is continuing daily cleanup of the parks. They have started cutting paths at the Welland parcel.

The Parks staff has started removing the ball diamond entirely.

Storm Water

Steve has received and is investigating the following drainage complaints; 309 Hopkins Road, 7307 Derbyshire, 7633 Brownstone Ct., 12231 Valley View Circle, 12334 Sunrise Dr., and 1153 Cobblestone Way.

Rate consultant is seeking financial information from the clerk-treasurer as part of investigation on the storm water rate.

Steve joined the Hancock County Storm Water Partnership members at New Palestine's annual celebration booth on Saturday.

Steve and Mike Ellis of Wessler Engineering have monitored 18 homes under construction in Cumberland Falls, 16 homes under construction in Autumn Woods, and 1 home under construction in Valley Brook Village.

Sugar Creek FD – They broke ground at the new fire station at 500W. They proposed continuance of the Pennsey Trail and will have an ATV with a portable cot to assist at the Pennsey Trail and should be ready spring of 2018. They are in the process of hiring a new paramedic. They completed a structural collapse course with Hancock County rescue team and IFD.

Ben Lipps – Roads Projects – Working with Wessler Engineering with 26 projects that were approved by council. Which include drainage projects and they should have results of finalized engineering of drawings next Wednesday, then selections will take place. Been working with Wessler and GF&S with totals for application and have been getting road counts as well.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of Ordinance 2017-10, Transfer of Monies in Fire Fund, Dan Taylor, Town Attorney –

This ordinance declares the old Fire fund dormant and allows the clerk treasurer to transfer that money to the general fund.

Motion and second to adopt Ordinance 2017-10, Transfer of Monies in Fire Fund

By Gritter and Siefker. **APPROVED 3 – 0**

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of Ordinance 2017-11, Appropriating Additional Funds for Various Items, Erica Salmon, Clerk Treasurer – In the General Fund \$63,350 for various items including the phone system, the smart board, the amounts spent for Mt. Vernon signs (funded by grant), and High Density shelving for the Clerk Treasurers office. In MVH Fund we have additional appropriations for light pole replacement. In the Parks Fund we have proposed

appropriations for the Parks Master Plan, and event sponsorships received both this year and last year. About \$350,000 in additional appropriations are recommended to pay for the Buck Creek Trail from various funds. LOIT Special Distribution Fund for \$330,000 for the local match for the Community Crossing Grant. We will schedule public hearing for second meeting in July.

Introduction of Ordinance 2017-12, Amendments to Storm Water Code, Dan Taylor, Town Attorney – This comes as an introduction. This ordinance allows for the collection of attorney fees in the event the code enforcement becomes necessary. It changes the appeals process. Also changes the fine structure in order to comply with changes in Indian Law. The Storm Water Board has approved these changes.

Consideration of Resolution 2017-06, Intent to Sell Gem Utilities, Dan Taylor, Town Attorney – This is to consider any possible options or offers to sell Gem Utilities. The process starts with appraisals, then report back to town council, afterwards have a public hearing, and then be able to enter into a purchase agreement. This resolution authorizes this process to begin allowing authorized staff to find 3 appraisers, and establish a deadline for the 3 appraisal reports, and authorizes the Town Council President to make all happen.

Motion and Second to adopt Resolution 2017-06, Intent to Sell Gem Utilities
By Gritter and Siefker. **APPROVED 3 – 0**

Consideration of Resolution 2017-07, Surplus Property, April Fisher, Town Manager – This resolution is to surplus or dispose of unused items, furniture, binders, broken television that have been sitting around in storage. Staff has reached out to places who could use the items and surplus any of the items.

Motion and Second to adopt Resolution 2017-07, Surplus Property.
By Gritter and Siefker. **APPROVED 3 – 0**

Consideration of Resolution 2017-08, Adoption of Hancock County Comprehensive Emergency Plan, Ben Lipps, Streets Superintendent – This resolution is to adopt the Hancock County Comprehensive Emergency Plan. This will satisfy our requirement to be able to get relief from the Hancock County side.

Motion and Second to adopt Resolution 2017-08, Adoption of Hancock County Comprehensive Emergency Plan
By Gritter and Siefker. **APPROVED 3 – 0**

Consideration of Resolution 2017-09, Support of Community Crossings Grant Application, Ben Lipps, Streets Superintendent – This resolution states that the town plans on applying for the Community Crossings Grant and that there is a 25/75% match. The maximum, if awarded is up to a million dollars.

Motion and Second to adopt Resolution 2017-09, Support of Community Crossings Grant Application
By Siefker and Gritter. **APPROVED 3 – 0**

Consideration of Resolution 2017-10, Selection of Road Projects, Ben Lipps, Streets Superintendent – This Resolution 2017-10 is designed as a hail-safe to make sure we meet the application deadline of July 14th for the Community Crossing Grant. In the event if town council doesn't meet before the next meeting, this will allow Ben to go out and make selections of what projects would go out to bids right now and which projects go out to application based on current road conditions, number of citizens served, available funding, maximizing the number of districts, this would be under supervision of Town Council President and Town Manager.

Motion and Second to adopt Resolution 2017-10, Selection of Road Projects
By Gritter and Siefker. **APPROVED 3 - 0**

COUNSELOR COMMENTS

(none)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

2017 Sidewalk Projects

Public Hearing for Consideration of Ordinance 2017-11, Additional Appropriations

Consideration of Ordinance 2017-07, Holiday Pay

Consideration of Ordinance 2017-12, Storm Water Code Amendments

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ADJOURNMENT

The Town of Cumberland acknowledges its responsibility to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. In order to assist individuals with disabilities who require special services (i.e. sign interpretive services, alternative audio/visual devices, and amanuenses) for participation in or access to Town sponsored public programs, services, and/or meetings, the Town requests that individuals make requests for these services at least forty-eight (48) hours ahead of the scheduled program, service, and/or meeting. To make arrangements please contact Christine Owens, Director of Planning & Development at (317) 894-6202 or planner@town-cumberland.com.