

Board of Supervisors Monthly Meeting

January 2, 2024

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- A. Call To Order:** The monthly meeting of the Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors was called to order directly following the reorganization, on January 2, 2024, at 100 Municipal Road, Carmichaels Pa 15320.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call:** Supervisors present were William H. Nicholson, Samuel H. Hastings, and James M. Sokol.
- D. Committee Reports:**
- a.** Police Department-Chief Bryan Smith reports for Decembers call of service 298 with 43 arrests, 3527 Police Incidents for 2023 year with 483 arrests.
 - b.** Zoning and Code Enforcement-focus has been Nemaocolin, there are signs of improvement. Police and Code Enforcement will continue to hold homeowners responsible.
 - c.** Parks and Recreations- "No cook Wednesdays" May 1-July 31, 2024, with possibility of 3-4 food trucks available in the hours of 5-8 p.m. Music festival over Memorial Day weekend, farmers market once a month, easter egg hunt, all plans are in the works.
 - d.** Budget and Finance-Approved budget at Decembers meeting, 2024 planned reduction of estimated \$167,000.00, with a continued reduction of 2-3% with discretionary spending.
 - e.** Community Development-Presock's Road project is finishing up, Long Hill Road starting, both are dirt and gravel grants. Looking at low volume grant. LSA grant phase one to utilize the funds to the best of the scope, second phase submitted November 23, 2023. Police grant of resource officer is in review, changes for Chairman will need revised. Process in closing out appropriate years for CDBG, as work will shift to the Greene County.
- E. Public Comment:** None
- F. New Business:**
- a.** Houses 253 and 254 in Nemaocolin- plans are to demolish, prior to demolition local volunteer fire departments will utilize for training.
 - b.** New Police Station located at 104 North Pine Street-construction set to finish with a date of February 8, 2024.
 - c.** 2024 Budget Overview- see Budget and Finance comment.
 - d.** Cumberland Township Collective Bargaining Agreement-agreement January 1, 2024-December 31, 2028
 - e.** Per Capita Tax and EMS Services- will remain at \$10.00 and all funds collected will go to EMS Services for Cumberland Township.
- G. Old Business:**
- H. Minutes:**
- a.** Motion to accept the minutes from the December 4th, 2023, meeting.
 - b.** Motioned by: Samuel H. Hastings
 - c.** Seconded by: James M. Sokol
 - d.** Motion carried.
- I. All Bills:**
- a.** Motion to pay all Township Bills.
 - b.** Motioned by: William H. Nicholson
 - c.** Seconded by: Samuel H. Hastings
 - d.** Motion carried.
- J. CDBG:**
- a.** Motion to pay all Bills Related to the CDBG Program.
 - b.** Motioned by: William H. Nicholson

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- c. Seconded by: James M. Sokol
- d. Motion carried.

K. Mileage:

- a. Motion to approve the rate of \$0.67 for travel expenses for 2024. Meeting standard set by the IRS
- b. Motioned by: Samuel H. Hastings
- c. Seconded by: William H. Nicholson
- d. Motion carried.

L. Financial Audit:

- a. Motion to approve Resolution 1-2024 which will contract with William T. Grimm and Associates to audit accounts of Cumberland Township for the year ending December 31st, 2023.
- b. Motioned by: Samuel H. Hastings
- c. Seconded by: William H. Nicholson
- d. Motion carried.

M. Carmichaels Borough Road Maintenance:

- a. Motion to approve Resolution 2-2024 which is an agreement between Carmichaels Borough and Cumberland Township for the performance of road maintenance, snow removal, street sweeping and other related road maintenance.
- b. Motioned by: William H. Nicholson
- c. Seconded by: James M. Sokol
- d. Motion carried.

N. Non-Uniform Pension Plan:

- a. Motion to continue the current contributions of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) per month per full time employee to the Non-Uniform Pension Fund as stated in Resolution 1-2016 for 2024.
- b. Motioned by: Samuel H. Hastings
- c. Seconded by: James M. Sokol
- d. Motion carried.

O. Uniform Pension Fund:

- a. Motion to continue following Ordinance 1-2013 which amended Ordinance 1-2005 which provides regulations of the Police Pension Plan for all full time Cumberland Township Police Officers.
- b. Motioned by: William H. Nicholson
- c. Seconded by: James M. Sokol
- d. Motion carried.

P. Safety Committee Resignation:

- a. Motion to accept the resignation of Polly Herrod from the Safety Committee for Cumberland Township.
- b. Motioned by: Samuel H. Hastings
- c. Seconded by: William H. Nicholson
- d. Motion carried.

Q. Safety Committee Appointment:

- a. Motion to accept the appointment of Harvey Knestrick of the Nemaquin Volunteer Fire Department to the Cumberland Township Safety Committee upon completion of the Safety Committee Training.
- b. Motioned by: William H. Nicholson
- c. Seconded by: Samuel H. Hastings
- d. Motion carried.

R. Safety Committee Appointment:

- a. Motion to accept the appointment of Michael Rigger of the Carmichaels-Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department to the Cumberland Township Safety Committee upon completion of the Safety Committee Training.
- b. Motioned by: Samuel H. Hastings
- c. Seconded by: William H. Nicholson
- d. Motion carried.

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S. Resignation:

- a. Motion to accept the letter of resignation of Polly Herrod as the Cumberland Township Assistant Secretary.
- b. Motioned by: Samuel H. Hastings
- c. Seconded by: James M. Sokol
- d. Motion carried.

T. New Full Time Police Officer:

- a. Motion to accept the hiring of Shelbie Roberts as a full time Cumberland Township Police Department.
- b. Motioned by: James M. Sokol
- c. Seconded by: William H. Nicholson
- d. Motion carried.

U. Donation to the Carmichaels Area Historical Society:

- a. Motion to approve a donation from Cumberland Township to The Carmichaels Area Historical Society for renovations to the Olde Mill House. The donation will be in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be taken from the Act 13 account.
- b. Motioned by: James M. Sokol
- c. Seconded by: Samuel H. Hastings
- d. Motion carried.

V. Adjournment:

- a. Motion to continue the meeting to February 1, 2024.
- b. Motioned by: William H. Nicholson
- c. Seconded by: Samuel H. Hastings
- d. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Leasure

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Secretary/Treasurer

