CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZATION MEETING JANUARY 3, 2022

The Organization Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Solicitor Michael A. Setley at 7:05 p.m. Commissioners in attendance were Sam Kalbach, Ruth O'Leary, William B. Miller, Lisha Rowe and David J. Batdorf. Also attending were, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Michael L. Yost, Business /Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Manager/Secretary Jeanne E. Johnston, and Asst. Secretary/Projects Patricia A. Wylezik-Pfeiffer.

Pledge to the Flag.

SWEARING IN OF COMMISSIONERS

David J. Batdorf was sworn in by Carolyn Isaacs. William B. Miller was sworn in by Patricia Wylezik-Pfeiffer. Lisha Rowe was sworn in earlier in the day by Judge Tina Boyd.

SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICERS

Sgt. Jeff Wittig, Officer Rohan Gupta, Officer Matthew Melcher, and Officer Matthew Rich were sworn into their respective positions by Ms. Johnston.

ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSIONERS

A) Officers for Board of Commissioners

1) President

Mr. Batdorf nominated Mrs. O'Leary for President of the Board of Commissioners. Mrs. O'Leary seconded the nomination. Mr. Kalbach nominated Mr. Miller for President of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Miller seconded the nomination.

A majority ballot was recorded for Mrs. O'Leary as President of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Miller-No, Mr. Kalbach-No, Mrs. O'Leary – Yes, Mr. Batdorf- Yes, and Ms. Rowe- Yes.

Vice President
 Ms. Rowe nominated Mr. Batdorf as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners. Mrs.

 O'Leary seconded the nomination.

No further nominations being heard, a majority ballot was recorded for Mr. Batdorf as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Miller- No, Mr. Kalbach- Abstain, Mrs. O'Leary- Yes, Mr. Batdorf- Yes, and Ms. Rowe- Yes.

Mr. Setley turned the meeting over to Mrs. O'Leary.

PUBLIC

Attendance: Jay Rowe, Roxann Miller, and Carolyn Isaacs.

Mark Militzer and Brian Stahl attended electronically on behalf of NorthPoint developers.

CONSENT AGENDA

A) Township Solicitor

ACTION:

APPOINTED MICHAEL A. SETLEY, ESQ., OF GEORGEADIS//SETLEY, AS TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR, PLANNING SOLICITOR, AND SOLICITOR TO THE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY OF CUMRU.

B) Consulting Solicitors

ACTION:

APPOINTED CONSULTING SOLICITORS, AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) Atty. Stephen H. Price of Mogel, Speidel, Bobb & Kershner Civil Service Commission and Zoning Hearing Board
- 2) Atty. Daniel Becker of Kozloff Stoudt certain planning issues
- C) Manager

ACTION:

APPOINTED JEANNE E. JOHNSTON AS MANAGER.

D) Secretary

ACTION:

APPOINTED JEANNE E. JOHNSTON AS SECRETARY.

E) Assistant Secretary

ACTION:

APPOINTED PATRICIA A. WYLEZIK-PFEIFFER AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND PLANNING COMMISSION SECRETARY.

F) Engineer

ACTION:

APPOINTED GREAT VALLEY CONSULTANTS AS THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RATE SCHEDULE, DATED 12/13/2021.

ACTION:

APPOINT JOHNSON ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING AS A CONSULTANT STORM WATER ENGINEER.

G) Utility Engineer

ACTION:

APPOINTED ATLAS TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS AS THE TOWNSHIP SEWER ENGINEER.

H) Sewage Enforcement Officer

1) Letter from Berks Envirotech re: SEO staff and rate schedule, dated 11/17/2021 **ACTION:**

ADOPTED A RESOLUTION:

- 1) APPOINTING BERKS ENVIROTECH STAFF AS THE SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LETTER FROM BET DATED 11/17/2021; AND
- 2) ADOPTING THE 2022 RATE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES BY BET.

I) Vacancy Board

ACTION:

APPOINTED SCOTT R. BRADY TO THE VACANCY BOARD FOR 2022.

J) Monthly Meeting Schedule

ACTION:

ADOPTED A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2022 AS FOLLOWS:

- 3RD TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M. FOR REGULAR MEETINGS.
- 5TH TUESDAYS AT 7:00 P.M. FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

ON MOTION OF MR. KALBACH, SECOND OF MR. BATDORF, A UNANIMOUS VOTE APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA.

DEPARTMENTS

Administration

A) NorthPoint Development request for LERTA

Ms. Johnston explained Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA). Mark Militzer presented the NorthPoint Development plan verbally to the Board. He introduced NorthPoint Development as one of the leading industrial warehouse developers in the country. The proposed plan is to build a 650,000 ft.² pre-cast warehouse off SR 10. There are no specific tenants slated to occupy this warehouse due to the speculative nature of the plan. He explained that this property is currently taxed at \$19,585 per year and the first year under LERTA would be taxed at approximately \$127,000. Once the LERTA is finished, this property could generate over \$1 million in taxes per year.

Mr. Setley asked if NorthPoint had met with the Governor Mifflin School District about the LERTA. Mr. Militzer replied that they had met once and they also had another meeting scheduled for January 10, 2022. He stated that the school district seemed in favor of a LERTA for this property, but not necessarily an entire area. Mr. Militzer stated he hoped that the school

district would be voting on the LERTA on January 24, 2022. Mr. Militzer explained that an existing cell tower would have to be relocated before the warehouse could be built.

Mr. Setley stated the next step would be to form a committee for this LERTA and invite representatives from the school district and the county. Mrs. O'Leary said the Board should wait until the meeting scheduled for January 18. 2022 to discuss this further. Ms. Johnston explained who was on the committee for the last LERTA request. Mrs. O'Leary asked Ms. Johnston to invite the Planning Commission members from the previous committee to join this one.

B) 2022 Refuse Calendar

Ms. Johnston reported that the 2022 refuse calendars are in progress and should be available by the end of January. They were delayed due to paper supply shortages.

CORRESPONDENCE

A) Organization meeting advertised on 12/29/2021.

COMMISSIONERS

- A) Reminders:
 - 1) Planning Commission meeting rescheduled to Tuesday, 1/04/2022 at 6:00 p.m.
 - 2) Municipal Authority Meeting on Thursday, 1/13/2022, at 8:30 a.m.
- B) Executive Session
 Executive Session was not needed.

Mrs. O'Leary appointed Ms. Rowe to fill the vacancy for the Fire Department Liaison.

ADJOURNMENT ON MOTION OF MR. BATDORF, SECOND OF MS. ROWE, A UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Manager/Secretary