

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors  
March 21, 2013 Workshop Minutes**

Chairperson Underwood called the workshop to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were all Supervisors; Township Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Solicitor Bradley Betack (for Sam Wiser), Police Chief Don Boehs, Assistant Secretary Carol Merryman, and Zoning Officer Bill Naugle. Others present were: Dale Molina, Carolyn Greaney, Elizabeth Magner, Tommy Riggs from The Gettysburg Times and Amy Stansbury from the Evening Sun. The workshop was recorded.

**Public comment: None**

**Manager:**

Mr. Thomas reported that a letter has been received from Charles and Lynn Skopic, who developed property off of Foxfield Lane approximately twelve (12) years ago. Mr. Thomas added that the Skopic's are asking for Foxfield Lane, a private lane, to be publically dedicated to the Township and have previously attempted to have the road dedicated. Mr. Thomas also reported that Solicitor Wiser reviewed this matter back in 2010 and there is a dispute on how the road is to be dedicated to the Township. Mr. Thomas recommended that the Township take a look at this legally and get back to the Skopic's in writing. Mr. Shealer verified that it is still the Township's opinion that the road was not constructed to the Township's specifications. Mr. Ferranto suggested that the Skopic's attend a Township meeting so that the Board can talk to them about the situation. Mr. Thomas will notify them that it is on the agenda of Tuesday night's meeting.

Mr. Shealer reported that he has been working on a grant for improvements to SENTZ ROAD, the Township's only gravel road. He added that the road has been identified as a contributor of dust and erosion entering a small feeder stream. He added that he has applied for, and was successful in receiving, a grant from the state for a driving surface aggregate that is approved by PennDOT. He added that the amount of the grant is just under \$20,000.00 and he is working with our PennDOT representative to be able to use Liquid Fuels funds to pay for any costs that exceed the amount of the grant. Mr. Shealer added that the County is only approving the section of the road that affects the stream and they are considering improvements to the entire road. Mr. Thomas added that there is a DIRT AND GRAVEL ROAD MAINTENANCE PROJECT AGREEMENT between Adams County Conservation District and the Township that will need action on Tuesday night.

Mr. Shealer also reported that the new mower is being installed on the mowing tractor and the old mower can now be deemed surplus and either advertised for sale at Marion Auction or sold for surplus scrap metal.

**Solicitor:**

Solicitor Betack reported that he had been briefed on the draft ordinance that repeals the Admission Tax Ordinance of 1977, as amended, and enacts a new ordinance providing for an Amusement Tax. He explained several of the sections and Mr. Ferranto asked for some of the sections to be clarified. The proposed ordinance was discussed at length and some clarifications will be made prior to the advertising of the Board's intention to adopt the ordinance and taking public comments.

Solicitor Betack also reported that Solicitor Wiser has reviewed the agreement from J. P. Harris Associates, LLC for the collection of the Township's delinquent Per Capita taxes and finds that the agreement complies with the Local Tax Enabling Act. The agreement will be on Tuesday night's agenda for action.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning/Zoning** – Mr. Naugle reported that he has received two requests for changes to the zoning map and a change to the zoning text. He added that the zoning map change requests were submitted by PA Interfaith Community Programs for 1990 and 2000 Biglerville Road to be changed from R Residential to MX Mixed Use

and Rupa Engineer for property located on Chambersburg Road and Kinsey Drive to be changed to RMH Residential Medium High. He explained that Sharrah Design Group, Inc., on behalf of Graphcom, has requested a change to §27-605.4 to eliminate the maximum permitted building dimension in the MX Zone. Mr. Naugle stated that this restriction is killing any commercial growth in the Township and is in conflict with the Building Code. Mr. Thomas reported that these requests are nothing new and the Township had reviewed many of these requests last year. He added that he does not feel that the Township can wait on these changes until after the Comprehensive Plan has been updated because this is harming our businesses and tax base. Mr. Shealer recommended that these changes that have already been reviewed by the Zoning Review Committee be placed back on the table and advertise for a public hearing. Mr. Ferranto stated that he will comment later because he has heard from citizens that are concerned about changes and their quality of life.

**Public Safety** – Chair Underwood reported that they are working on private funding through a grant for renovations to the Police Station beyond the walls that are currently under construction. She added that at Tuesday night’s meeting they will be acknowledging the Police Officer recently promoted to Sergeant.

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Thomas reported that the committee is pleased with the revenues and expenditures for the first two months of the year. He added that they are working on prices to replace the HVAC unit in the Police Department because we have spent a lot on maintenance of the unit in the last year and are unsure if the air conditioner will work. He stated that the committee will have a recommendation for the Board at their April meeting.

**Park and Rec** – Mr. Toddes reported that the joint public hearing for the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority needs to be rescheduled and he suggested Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Gettysburg Rec Park. He added that the Dept. of Community and Natural Resources (DCNR) attended their last meeting and is in favor of what they are doing and there may be some grant money available.

**Personnel** – No report.

**CTA** – Mr. Shealer reported that the footers are going in for the lift stations. He added that there was damage to Old Mill Road from the construction and they will be meeting with the contractor to analyze the road and formulate a plan to make the repairs.

**COG** – Chair Underwood reported that the meeting is next Thursday and they will be opening the Joint Purchasing bids at 8:45 a.m.

**ACTPO** - No report.

**Economic Development** – Chair Underwood asked for a meeting of this committee to discuss possible membership with the Chamber of Commerce and/or Adams County Economic Development Corporation.

**150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration** – Mr. Ferranto handed out a listing of premier events scheduled from June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**CT411** – Mr. Ferranto reported that he attended the GMA meeting and there was no discussion on the expansion of their Board and he will keep bringing it up. He also reported that they discussed The Seventh Day Adventist Church connecting to their system due to an issue with their well.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m. for an Executive Session with no report to follow.

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Carol A. Merryman, Asst. Secretary

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