

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors
October 8, 2015 Workshop Minutes**

Chair Underwood called the workshop to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were all Supervisors: Underwood, Paddock, Toddes, Waybright and Ferranto; Township Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Solicitor Sam Wiser, Zoning Officer Bill Naugle, Road Superintendent Chris Walter, Secretary Carol Merryman and Police Chief Don Boehs. Others present were Dale Molina, Carolyn Greaney, Jean Stone, Steve Tallman, Martin Hill, Jim Piet, Bob Sharrah and Alex Hayes from The Gettysburg Times. The workshop was recorded.

Visitor: Mr. Martin Hill, developer of Cumberland Village, gave a brief history of the project which they have been working on since around the year 2000. Mr. Paddock reported that he worked on the plan at that time in his profession as a landscape architect. Mr. Hill explained the problems that they ran into with the Unified Planned Community Act and the reason they have multiple Homeowners' Associations (HOA.) The recreational area that they are offering to the Township is located in Phase II of the project and is roughly 30 acres. Mr. Hill also explained that if the Township took the land, it would be open to the entire community. If the property remains in the HOA then its use is limited to those residents in that HOA. Mr. Hill mentioned that there would be a water tank in Phase II and that was discussed at length. Traffic, parking and sidewalks were also briefly discussed and Solicitor Wiser suggested that the Township's Park and Rec Committee review this.

Public comment: None

Manager:

Mr. Thomas reported that the Township has a request from the YWCA to reduce the insurance requirements to \$1 million each for three of their Special Event permits; 2015 Encore Breast Cancer Awareness 5K, 2016 Spirit of Gettysburg 5K and 2016 Race Against Racism. **Mr. Toddes made a motion to approve the YWCA's request for insurance reduction to \$1 million seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried.**

Mr. Thomas reported that the Township has received the Firefighter's Relief Association disbursement from the Pa Auditor General's office, for the Barlow Fire Company Relief Association, in the amount of \$48,882.13. **Mr. Ferranto made a motion seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried to authorize the disbursement to Barlow Fire Company Relief Association, in the amount of \$48,882.13.**

Solicitor Wiser reported that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Police Officer's Association has been finalized. He explained that the MOU is an understanding between the Township and the Association of what the prior health insurance plan was and what the new plan is for the 2015/2016 year. Mr. Wiser noted that there were some small changes made to the plan, some in compliance with the Affordable Care Act, and some were cost saving measures for the Township. The new plan eliminates the HRA reimbursement and if the officer's utilize an out-of-network provider, they will notify the Township so an attempt can be made to negotiate with the provider. **Mr. Ferranto made a motion seconded by Mr. Paddock and carried to approve the MOU with Police Officer's Association (Teamster's Local 776.)**

Township Manager Mr. Ben Thomas, Road Superintendent Chris Walter and Police Chief Don Boehs presented an overview of the 2016 budgets. Mr. Thomas stated that there will also be a line-by-line presentation of the budgets at a future time. Mr. Thomas spoke about the Township's growth, staffing, road projects, equipment purchase or lease (dump truck and backhoe), grant and/or community funding and goals for 2016 and beyond. The work needed to Herr's Ridge Road (from Mummasburg Road to Biglerville Road) was discussed at length. Mr. Thomas recommended a .25 mill tax increase in 2017 and 2019 to help fund capital needs. Mr. Walter reported that his department has an obligation to maintain the Township's infrastructure and it is failing due to lack of funding. He added that the Maintenance Department is re-active rather than pro-active and fall behind more each year. Police Chief Don Boehs reported that Cumberland Township is not immune to the problems that are going on across the nation including: immigration, drugs, increase in crime, police controversies and misinformation that is being reported. Police Chief Boehs reported that Cumberland Township is unique and

can't be compared to other Township's with Police Departments because of the growing population, 1.9 million visitors to the National Park, 20 million more in transient traffic 200,000 plus campers per year and this all affects the Police Department and they are barely keeping pace with the growth. He added that the population growth increases their call volume and they are having more internet and sexual crime. Chief Boehs reported that they are having trouble finding part-time officers and he also went over several necessary purchases that are included in their 2016 budget. Merging or contracting police services was discussed.

Mr. Thomas reported that the Township has a request from the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA) for funding in 2016, in the amount of \$66,164.00 and the estimated 2016 Liquid Fuels Fund allocation is an estimated \$242,957.28, a slight increase from last year's allocation.

Mr. Thomas reported that the annual Adams County Association of Township Supervisors fall convention is being held on November 18, 2015 at SAVES Social Hall all are invited and please let the secretary know if you are planning to attend.

Solicitor: Nothing further to report.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee – Chair Underwood reported that it is a busy time with the budgets and there is a meeting next Tuesday.

Public Safety – Chair Underwood reported that the new radios are coming online and the Police Department will be the first to get them.

Planning/Zoning - Joint Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Waybright reported that they met on Tuesday and they went over the surveys. The next regular meeting falls on Election Day and so it will have to be rescheduled.

Highway – No report.

Park and Rec – No report.

Personnel – Chair Underwood reported that they met regarding the procedure for naming a foreman for the Road Department and will have a recommendation prior to the regular meeting.

CTA - No report.

COG – Chair Underwood reported that the legislative meeting is being held this month on the fourth Thursday.

GMA – No report.

Economic Development – Chair Underwood reported that Adams County will be buying the Herff Jones property and moving the Human Services divisions there along with the Mental Health services. Mr. Paddock added that they are planning another extension to the transit line to go there and will pass the proposed Gettys Point Assisted Living project.

Unless otherwise noted, all votes were unanimous. There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Carol A. Merryman, Secretary

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