

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of the January 19, 2012 Workshop**

Chairperson Underwood called the workshop to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were all Supervisors; Solicitor Sam Wisner, Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Assistant Secretary Carol Merryman, Zoning Officer Bill Naugle and Engineer Tim Knoebel. Visitors present were: Bernie Yannetti, Marty Hill, Speros Marinos, Dale Molina, Mark Walters from The Gettysburg Times and Tim Prudente from The Evening Sun. The meeting was recorded.

Visitors:

Attorney Bernie Yannetti, on behalf of St. Francis Xavier, reported that they are still in the process of trying to obtain their Highway Occupancy Permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) for the improvements to the intersection of Table Rock Road and Boyd's School Road and it is going very slowly. He added that Mr. Knoebel has recommended that a meeting be held with PennDOT regarding the drainage problems at the intersection, but he feels that this will delay their process several more months and they are obligated to have the project finished before school opens in September. Mr. Yannetti requested that their revised plan be submitted and simultaneously attempt to address the stormwater issues. Mr. Knoebel stated that the fix for the drainage issue is likely to slow down the permitting process for St. Francis and that is why they went along with the revised plan, but he is concerned about it and feels that it will contribute to the drainage problem. Solicitor Wisner stated that he feels that this could be done simultaneously by submitting a letter with the revised plan requesting a scoping meeting specific to the drainage issues and asking PennDOT to continue to review the rest of the plan. Solicitor Wisner added that he will contact some PennDOT people that he knows to let them know what the Township wants to do and the importance of getting this right. The Board was in consensus regarding the resubmission of the plan along with a letter requesting the scoping meeting regarding the drainage problem.

Public Comment:

Mr. Speros Marinos, 912 Baltimore Pike, congratulated Mr. Ferranto and Mr. Toddes on their election to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Marinos also stated that he has zoning issues with his property at 900 Baltimore Pike and there is a Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) meeting this afternoon at 1:00 p. m.

Manager:

Mr. Thomas reported that the Township received a letter from Community Media (formerly Adams County Television - ACTV) requesting that they donate 6% of the money received from the cable franchise fee tax (approximately \$4,200.00) to them so they can expand and give the best quality service to the community. He added that the Township also received a letter in August 2010 that stated that they will not be asking for any funding from the municipalities, rather all funding will come from the cable provider and unfortunately that must not have happened. He added that no money was budgeted for a donation in 2012. The Supervisors asked how many Township residents have cable TV and asked to see a copy Community Media's budget.

Mr. Thomas explained that, as a result of the latest Police negotiations for their three year contract, an "Opt Out/Continuation Policy" is recommended for non-uniformed employees who waive health care insurance coverage as follows: a single employee waiving insurance would receive \$500.00 per calendar quarter, \$2000.00 per year; an employee waiving a family plan would receive \$1,000.00 per quarter, \$4,000.00 a year and an employee changing from a family plan to a single plan would receive \$600.00 per quarter, \$2,400.00 per year. He added that this policy will save the Township money.

Mr. Martin Hill presented a letter requesting a zoning map amendment for the property (former Gettysburg Country Club) that he purchased in March, 2010. The property, located at 730 Chambersburg Road, consists of 15 acres, an old and new clubhouse, two swimming pools and four tennis courts and is currently zoned R -

Residential. The request is to change the zoning to MX – Mixed Use because the current uses of the property are not residential and they have a serious local restaurateur and spa operator very interested in a portion of the property as well as medical groups and a hospital. He also reported that he has a timeline on his liquor license and needs this to move forward as quickly as possible. Mr. Hill stated that he will pay all fees associated with the zoning map change procedures. Solicitor Wisner will review the request to ensure that it meets legal muster and will have a report for Tuesday's meeting.

Mr. Thomas reported that the staff would like to come up with a business registration form so that we can help businesses in the Township understand the various agencies and entities that they need to contact and also understand the various tax bases.

Mr. Thomas also reported that the next item is the Resolution proposed at the Reorganization Meeting eliminating employee contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2012. Solicitor Wisner suggested that the Resolution be changed to reflect the contribution that was agreed upon in the new Police Collective Bargaining Agreement and there will be new language for Tuesday night.

Mr. Thomas reported that the April 24, 2012 meeting falls on the Primary Election and the meeting room will be unavailable for the Township meeting. He recommended that the meeting be held on Tuesday, April 17th and it has been advertised, but there is an option of another night if the Board so desires. Solicitor Wisner stated that he is available on the 17th or the 25th.

Mr. Thomas reported that he appreciates working with the Zoning Review Committee and they have reviewed the proposed text change amendments and have forwarded them to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendations based on the committee's edits. A public hearing will be required and then the amendments will go before the Board of Supervisors. He added that the committee has begun reviewing the citizens' request regarding concentrated animal operations in the A/R Agricultural/Residential districts of the Township. The staff has been gathering information to take back to the next committee meeting and the county has assisted with producing maps that will be placed on the wall for everyone to view.

Mr. Thomas requested an Executive Session for a personnel matter.

Solicitor:

Solicitor Wisner also requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation.

Committee Reports:

Planning/Zoning – Chairman Waybright reported that the Zoning Amendment Review Committee will hold their next meeting on February 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Safety – Mrs. Underwood reported that the majority of the Police officers are recertifying today and tomorrow. There will be information regarding the Adams County radio project in the papers and the County Commissioners need to take action on the 25th.

Finance Committee – A meeting of the committee is being scheduled for performance review purposes.

Park and Rec – Mr. Thomas reported that a meeting of the committee is scheduled for January 25th at 4:30 p.m.

Personnel – Executive Session.

CTA – Mr. Shealer reported that he is getting himself caught back up with the Township Authority and they currently have a vacuum truck cleaning out the wet wells and pump stations and the Township maintenance crew is assisting CTA personnel.

COG – Mrs. Underwood reported that the next meeting is January 26th and she will be the representative and Mr. Thomas and Mr. Ferranto will be the alternates.

ACTPO – No report.

CT411 – Mrs. Underwood asked that the staff contact Freedom Township to request to be kept in the loop on the permitting of Mason Dixon Utilities for withdrawing water from Marsh Creek for the proposed development. Mr. Ferranto reported that Main Street Gettysburg is the facilitator of the 150th Commemoration Committee and he has let them know that he is representing the Township and he will keep everyone up to date and they will meet every other month. He added that he will be attending the GMA meeting in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. for an Executive Session with no report to follow.

Carol A. Merryman, Asst. Secretary

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