

**CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**730 CHAMBERSBURG ROAD, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325**  
**NOVEMBER 25, 2025**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Phiel called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were all Supervisors: Phiel, Biggins, Ramsburg, and Sheppard. Also, present were Solicitor Sam Wiser, Township Manager David Blocher, Police Chief Matt Trostel, Road Superintendent Chris Walter, Township Secretary Michele Long and Treasurer Camie Stouck-Phiel. Supervisor Brauning Absent.

Chairman Phiel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Approval**

Mr. Phiel asked for approval of the agenda as written.

**Mrs. Biggins made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Mr. Sheppard, and carried. 4-0 (Brauning Absent)**

**Public Comment:**

None

**Visitor: Alan Moyer; Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA)**

Al Moyer with GARA gave a PowerPoint presentation that focused on how the community is giving back to GARA. Mr. Moyer elaborated on the fireworks display they had for the 4<sup>th</sup>, the new lights that were installed, donations from Gettysburg College of new/used furniture, updated signage in the dog park, ACTI students helping with building a new playground, Gettysburg College students and the Gettysburg School Wrestling team helping with work at the park, CJ's take out provides food at the window now when there are events along with Ms. Dolittle a chef working in the kitchen helping with desserts, Front Runner Construction who donated labor and materials to refurbish the little league press box and storage, donation of lumber from school district for shelving, asking more of youth organizations had training on how to take care of the youth sports fields, Mike Carter who has helped out with the electrical system with donation of time, Church of the Brethren volunteers on a monthly basis to provide a community meal to those in need, community media recognized the park for Mr. Moyer wants everyone to know how much the park appreciates all the help from the community and residents along with the Township.

**Consent Agenda Approval**

**Mrs. Ramsburg made a motion to approve the consent agenda, items 6a – 6f, noting that the reorganization meeting is scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 4p.m.; seconded by Mr. Sheppard, and carried. 4-0 (Brauning Absent)**

- 6a. Action on Minutes – October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes & November 18<sup>th</sup> Budget Workshop Minutes.
- 6b. Approval of Bills for the month of November; General Fund - \$ 306,615.09; Escrow Fund - \$ 5,586.60; Building Fund - \$ 10,896.07; Fire Tax Fund - \$91,921.95; RACP Loan Fund - \$ 61,556.19.
- 6c. Engineering Items
  1. Approval of extension request #1 of 90 days for the Redding Family Properties subdivision plan originally submitted on July 23, 2025.
  2. Approval of Futurestake, Inc – Final Subdivision Plan as per KPI comment letter dated November 11, 2025.
  3. Approval of the Gettysburg Readiness Center Facility Renovations land development plan as per KPI comment letter dated November 20, 2025.

- 6d. Finance Committee Items
  1. Authorize 2025 funding as budgeted for Adams County Office of Aging (\$6,000.00); Adams County Rescue Mission (\$6,000.00); and York Adams Transit Authority (\$1,000.00).
  2. Approve payment to the Gettysburg Fire Department, as budgeted from the fire tax fund, in the amount of \$40,660.94.
  3. Approve payment to the Barlow Fire Department, as budgeted from the fire tax fund, in the amount of \$51,261.01.
  4. Approval of Change Order Number 5 from Hull Electric in the amount of \$4,958.00 for updated HDMI equipment and stereo audio recording equipment for board room in the building renovation project.
  5. Acknowledge Change Order Number 7 from Hull Electric in the amount of \$3,260.00 in regard to wiring in bollards and additional card reader/keypad at rear gate for the building renovation project.
  6. Approval of Change Order Number 1 from Mann Plumbing and Heating for fire damper needed in duct work in the amount of \$319.00.
- 6e. Set 2026 Supervisor's reorganization meeting for January 5, 2026, at 4:00p.m.
- 6f. Approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Historic Architectural Review Board for Table Rock Terrace.

**Active Business:**

**A. Review of the 2026 Preliminary Budgets and Reference Guide**

Mr. Phiel thanked all of the staff for all their work on the budget so far this year. Mr. Phiel announced that the first tax increase in 8 years is approaching us this year. This increase has not been taken lightly. Mr. Phiel stated with the wage increases, especially law enforcement market wages, insurance increases and overall equipment and material increases due to tariffs and inflation, the expenditures outweighed the revenues to maintain the high quality of service for the Administration, Highway and Police Departments that Cumberland Township residents know. The 2026 draft budget includes a 0.5 mill increase. Mr. Phiel stated this increase still puts the Township under the general millage of other surrounding municipalities with full-time Police Departments. Manager David Blocher had an open discussion with the Board regarding the preliminary budgets reviewing the income and expenditures in the general budget with the Supervisors in a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Blocher also reviewed the other budgets, capital reserve, the state budget (liquid fuels), park & rec, and the fire tax budget.

**Mrs. Biggins made a motion to approve the 2026 preliminary budgets. Second by Mr. Sheppard and carried. Vote 4-0 (Brauning Absent).**

**Manager Report:**

Mr. Blocher reported the following:

- Thank you to the Supervisors and staff for all the efforts, data collection, research, and planning that was put into the 2026 Budget.
- The Township has completed the submission of a Local Share Authority grant requesting \$607,221.00 to provide new portable radios for the Townships Police, Maintenance, and EMA personnel. In addition, this would also provide Barlow and Gettysburg Fire Department portables for their use.
- The Township has been working with GMS and RACP personnel to continue with the Grant funding that was provided to Cumberland Township. Senator Mastriano and Representative Moul have been instrumental in helping with obtaining those two RACP grants for Cumberland Township. Cumberland Township received the Grant Agreement for the Cumberland Township Municipal Campus and Police Department Building RACP project (ME 300-3387) for signature.

- The Cumberland Township Website has been updated, and a copy of the Budget and reference materials will be available on November 26, 2025.
- The building renovation project continues to move forward. Roofing is on, walls are up, and the meetings continue to make sure focus and planning will deliver a building that will serve the residents of Cumberland Township for years to come.
- The Parks and Recreation Committee will be meeting December 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am. This will kick off planning for the grant funding received to assemble a comprehensive plan for the Township
- The 2024 PennDOT MTF has yet to be announced. The Township submitted a PennDOT MTF 2025 request of \$1,147,256.00.
- The Township continues to meet with the uniform and non-uniform unions in current negotiations.
- The Township conducted first and second round interviews for the Admin Assistant / Receptionist and are extending an offer on November 25, 2025.
- Mr. Blocher read a letter from Wellspan thanking Chief Trostle and the department for helping with the active shooter training that was held at the Gettysburg Hospital.

### **Police Report:**

Chief Trostel presented an oral and written report of police activities for the month of November including: 207 calls for service, 204 traffic stops, 9 criminal incidents and 5,646 patrol miles. Some highlights of the report were:

- Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8 pm was Trick or Treat in Cumberland Township. Mr. Trostle was happy to report that there were no trick or treat related incidents and
- Congressman Joyce visited and toured the Township Complex Renovation Project During his visit he discussed and praised Township Officers in our efforts and
- advanced training related to mental health calls.
- Officers of the Pentagon Force Protection Agency invited the Adams County Chiefs of Police Association to hold its monthly meeting at the Raven Rock Mountain Complex.
- Officer Yost completed CIT Training. The Department has now trained 9 out of 11 of our full-time officers in CIT.
- Officer Eiker was recently recertified as the department Drug Recognition Expert.
- Sgt Rosenberger was recertified as the department Taser instructor.
- Golden Living Center dropped off goodies and the attached thank you card for National 1st Responders Day which is held on Oct 28th.
- Officer Keefer and Sgt Rosenberger attended the Trunk or Treat at St Francis School in the Township.

### **Maintenance Department Report:**

Mr. Walter read the report for November, and some highlights were:

- Mr. Walter stated Jordan and I attended the Mid-Atlantic Roadway Management Conference at the end of October. This is an annual event that a different Mid-Atlantic state host each year. It provides numerous opportunities to attend different seminars and interact with various vendors and agencies throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.
- The crew has been actively preparing for the winter season with washing and waxing the trucks and equipment.
- The Department assisted the Adams County Conservation District unloading another load of tree stakes. These stakes are used in their tree dispersal held semiannually in the spring and fall.
- Mr. Walter added with the recent windstorms and leaves falling the guys have been making rounds cleaning storm grates and removing downed trees.
- The Department assisted the Adams County Conservation District in unloading tree stakes for their annual tree distribution event.

- Mr. Walter has been working through a “soft” audit by the FMCSA, which is the federal entity that oversees Commercial Driver Training, this ensures certified trainers (myself and Jordan), along with materials and facilities meet the requirements of the administration. Mr. Walter met with the Preserves of Cumberland Villages HOA, along with a sub-contractor for Brightspeed to discuss and help the HOA navigate the installation of fiber optics within that community.

**Committee Reports and comments from Board Members:**

**Economic Development:** No items

**Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority:** Mr. Sheppard reiterated Mr. Moyers comments and presentation.

**CTA:** There are reports in the packets.

**COG:** Mr. Phiel stated the meeting was last week and they had presentation from Safe House that helps with families in need with housing.

Unless otherwise noted, all votes were unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. for an executive session to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation with no action.

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Michele Long, Township Secretary

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