

**CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
730 CHAMBERSBURG ROAD, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

5:30 HEARING 35 HERR'S RIDGE ROAD

35 Herr's Ridge Road Hearing - The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony related to an on lot sewage disposal system and the revocation of Permit #010275-25-009 in accordance with the standards and regulations of 25 Pa.Code, Chapters 72 and 73, for property located at 35 Herrs Ridge Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, which is owned by Silar Enterprises, LLC.

Mr. Phiel called the hearing to order at 5:30 and turned it over to Attorney Wisner. Attorney Wisner gave a background of the information for the hearing and an explanation of how the hearing would be conducted. Mr. Gil Picarelli, Township Sewage Enforcement Officer, gave a background of the timeline on how the septic permit was originally issued. Mr. Picarelli stated that when he was notified regarding a well being located within 100 ft of the septic he went to the site to measure. Mr. Picarelli stated the well was 75 ft. from the septic which did not meet the requirement of 100 ft.. At this point Mr. Picarelli issued a stop work order on the already issued permit. Mr. Wisner asked what the options are for the applicant outside of this waiver. Mr. Picarelli stated a holding tank or connect to the public sewer would be other options. More detailed information from this hearing can be read in the transcript from the stenographer.

6:00 CONDITIONAL USE HEARING ON 1042 BALTIMORE PIKE

1042 Baltimore Pike Conditional Use Hearing - Applicant, Rural Home Rentals, is seeking a conditional use to remodel a property into a "Bed and Breakfast", in the Village Mixed Use (VMX) zoning district which requires conditional use approval as per Cumberland Township ordinance Section 27-602. The property is located at 1042 Baltimore Pike.

Mr. Phiel called the hearing to order at 6:35 and turned it over to Attorney Wisner. Attorney Wisner gave an explanation on how the hearing would be conducted. John Murhphy explained the reason for their request. Mr. Brooks Grim owner of Rural Home Rentals was sworn in and gave testimony of the property and his plans for the property. Mr. Murphy questioned Mr. Grim on the required questions from the ordinance. Hearing ended at 6:50p.m. More detailed information from this hearing can be read in the transcript from the stenographer.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Chairman Phiel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval

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

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

Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda Approval

Mr. Sheppard made a motion to approve the consent agenda, items 5a – 5f, seconded by Mr. Brauning, and carried. 4-0 Biggins Absent

- 5a. Action on Minutes – January 27, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes and the February 3, 2026 Workshop Minutes.
- 5b. Approval of Bills for the month of February as per check detail report dated January 28th – February 24th, 2026.
- 5c. Engineering Items
 1. Approval of Redding Self Storage Land Development Plan – Request to Release Financial Security as per KPI comment letter dated February 19, 2026.
 2. Approval of Meadowview Townhomes Land Development Plan – Request to release the 18-month Maintenance Security as per KPI comment letter dated February 19, 2026.
 3. Approval of Beveled Edge Land Development Plan as per KPI comment letter dated February 19, 2026.
 4. Approval of extension request #2 for the Redding Family Property final subdivision plan and sewage planning exemption which was originally submitted on July 23, 2025.
 5. Approval of extension request #1 for Liberty RV land development plan which was originally submitted on November 13, 2025.
- 5d. Approval of waiver request from RunRhinoRun for Gettysburg Festival of Races who is asking to waive the bond of indemnity, which is required for special events permit since their insurance names the Township as an additional insured and the conditions of the permit application should sufficiently safeguard the Township of any liability.
- 5e. Approval of the Historical Architectural Review Committee certificate of appropriateness for the property located at 1311 Biglerville Road for a building addition to the current building.
- 5f. Acknowledgement and approval of signatures on the Health Savings Account paperwork for the new health insurance plan effective April 1, 2026.

Manager Report:

Mr. Blocher reported the following:

- The Township has completed payment reimbursement requests for the 2024 LSA grant of \$100,000.00 and the first joint RACP request of up to \$1,836,958.00. Both reimbursements are for money spent on the Township building renovation project. Also included in your packet is a copy of the fully executed Grant Agreement for the Cumberland Township Municipal Campus and Police Department Building project (ME 300-3387).
- The PennDOT MTF application was submitted February 13th requesting \$1,118,921.00 in funding toward the replacement of the Herra Ridge Bridge by the Woerner Farm at a total estimated cost of \$1,456,921.00. We appreciate Senator Mastriano and Representative Moul for their continued support for this project.
- The Township Municipal Building Renovation is nearing its final month. The Township staff have initiated planning for relocating into the renovated facilities, which is scheduled to begin in April.
- On April 22nd, the Township will have our Tax collector present at 730 Chambersburg Road from 8-12 as a convenience for tax payments.
- The admin team continues to work with Benecon for the Healthcare updates that take effect April 1st. This will include educational items available for all participants.
- I attended the first Gateway Community Program with the NPS and other local municipal agencies. These meetings will be held quarterly and are valuable to understand projects that are occurring within Cumberland Township.

- Cumberland Township Wastewater Treatment Facilities have been added to the Adams County Hazard Mitigation plan.
- Meetings are planned with the Highway Department to layout and finalize our 2026 infrastructure improvements.
- The Township received draft copies of our 2025 audit from SEK. Financial statements – Clean audit opinion. Best you can get. Management letter – No findings or suggestions. The Township should expect its final copies shortly. Thank you to Camie and the Finance Committee for the work not only during the Audit but all for the accurate reporting and accounting all year to make this happen.
- The 2026 Administrative office schedule has been posted on the Township Website. In addition, some additional items are also getting updated on the website.
- Staff and some Supervisors will be attending PSATS April 19-22, 2026. This event continues to deliver the Best Educational opportunities for Township officials in one place.
- Items have been received from Verizon for the installation of Verizon connect. Leadership will be working together for the installation and rollout of that program.

Police Report:

Chief Trostel presented an oral and written report of police activities for the month of February including: 270 calls for service, 173 traffic stops, 11 criminal incidents and 6,307 patrol miles. Some highlights of the report were:

- Mr. Trostle reported the GETAC Tough Tablets have been ordered, and they are expecting an 8–10-week lead time for equipment to arrive.
- Safe Home is providing onsite training for the officers this coming month reference domestic violence services and updates on protocols.
- Officer Eiker completed an interview and interrogation class hosted at the Franklin County public safety center.
- Officer Yost completed his MCSAP 2026 mandatory updates for our department commercial vehicle efforts.
- Officer Keefer and Sgt Rosenberger assisted 7th Day Adventist church with a security assessment.
- We are working with Chief Bivens and GASD Police with a Collaborative Response Graphic for the GASD schools in our immediate patrol response area.

Maintenance Department Report:

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

- Mr. Walter reported the maintenance department has been consumed with cleaning up from the snowstorm at the end of last month. This includes cleaning bridges, intersections, opening all the catch basins and drains up to allow water to flow during the snow melt.
- Mr. Walter added our salt supply is doing good, and we are currently fully stocked. We have used approximately 180 tons of salt, which when mixed with anti-skid equals approximately 360 tons of applied mixed material for the winter so far
- The crew has been working on repairs to the overhang on the garage that belongs to the rental property. The post and header boards were rotting and had been compromised from the weight of the snow load with this past storm.
- Mr. Walter met with Manager Blocher and Supervisor Wampler to discuss the role and practices of the Maintenance Department. They are planning a project tour at the beginning of March with the Highway Committee.
- Mr. Walter attended a pavement management conference at State College, discussing various pavement preservations, techniques, intervals and typical application processes

Committee Reports and comments from Board Members:

Economic Development: No Items

Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority: Mr. Sheppard stated things have been slow but are beginning to pick up. The crews are working hard to keep the snow cleaned up. Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Moyer attended the Keystone athletic field conference in Lancaster. They got some great information from that. They have some renovations to baseball and soccer fields scheduled for the spring.

CTA: Mr. Wampler spoke of their biosolids and plant enhancements.

COG: Mr. Phiel stated the meeting will be this Thursday.

Unless otherwise noted, all votes were unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. for an executive session to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation with no action.

Michele Long, Township Secretary

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