

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors**  
**1370 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325**  
**September 12, 2023**  
**Special Meeting – 4:00 P.M.**

Chairman Phiel called the special meeting to order at 4:00 P.M. Present were Supervisors: Phiel, Toddes, Brauning, Ramsburg and Biggins. Also present were Cumberland Township Sewer Authority Members: Redding, Shealer, Williams, Niebler and Toddes, Sewer Authority Manager, Ben Thomas; Sewer Authority Secretary Tracey Barrick, Township Solicitor Sam Wiser, Engineer Tim Knoebel, Township Manager David Blocher, Treasurer/Finance Director Camie Stouck-Phiel, and Township Secretary Michele Long.

Chairman Phiel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public comment:**

N/A

**Future Sewer System Planning (Joint session with the Cumberland Township Sewer Authority:**

Chairman Rich Redding with the Sewer Authority stated that they wanted to have this meeting for community planning for the Greenmount area and for information to be given to the Supervisors to keep everyone up to date on the direction the Greenmount Sewer system planning is heading. Mr. Tim Knoebel with KPI Engineering gave a background on the Greenmount area and the needed sewer in the area. Mr. Knoebel also gave information on the grant that was received by the Sewer Authority for the Greenmount Area in regards to sewer. Mr. Knoebel also spoke of businesses' that are now in the area who have packaged wastewater treatment plants and a developer who now owns multiple properties in the area who has submitted a sewage planning module to the Department of Environmental Protection for sewer service in the Greenmount area. This developer has submitted a plan which is phased with this submitted sewage planning module which will cover the sewage in the entire Greenmount area. Mr. Knoebel stated that there isn't enough grant money for the Township to build the plant so they are now not sure which direction to go with this grant money, especially with the now developer proposing to build a plant. There are a lot of projects in the pipeline that need to be worked on by the Authority, but the need for sewer is still there in the Greenmount area. The question is if there is a desire to have public sewer in the Greenmount area at some point. Mr. Knoebel gave a timeline of how the process will work if the developer builds the treatment plant. The Board and the Authority had open discussions regarding the proposed plant if it is completed and then what will happen with it. Mr. Shealer with the Sewer Authority stated that the Authority would like to see a new district started for the Greenmount area and the question is when is the best time to do this. Mr. Knoebel stated that it would have to be identified through DEP and what the financial plan will be so the rates would be sustainable, which is part of the Act 537 planning. Mr. Wiser stated that we want to keep in mind that the developer's original plan submitted with the Sewage Planning Module is now not consistent with our most upgraded zoning ordinance. There is a chance the module will need to go back to the Planning Commission due to this. The questions are, 1. If the Township and the Sewer Authority would like to have a joint agreement with the developer in regards to the treatment plant; 2. If the Township and Authority would like to go for more money to try and build the plant themselves and 3. The Authority would like to know what the Township wants the Boyds/Greenmount area to look like, what is the desire for that area? It was recommended that a collaboration be worked on with the developer and the Township to try and mitigate the issues with the need of public sewer in the Greenmount area. If the developer is not willing, then at least there was a try. Without any agreement there will be no road map.

Nancy Paine; 2724 Emmitsburg Road; spoke of the current businesses in the Greenmount area and the terrible septic conditions, she agrees with DEP.

It was decided that Tim and Sam need to coordinate a meeting with Mr. Smith, the developer, to discuss the planning module and the upcoming plans. Also, for Sam to proceed with an agreement with Mr. Smith, CTA and the Supervisor's in regard to collaborating on a future plant.

Recess for 10 minutes. CTA adjourned their portion of the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

**Discussion regarding future building renovation and RACP grant:**

Manager Blocher discussed the current grants received and the updated costs between remodeling the current building, remodeling the current building and building just a new administrative building or demolishing the existing building and building a completely new building. Mr. Blocher stated the Township may be looking for other grants and avenues for additional funding.

Mr. Wisner spoke of the Adams County Historical Society and their RACP agreement which was obtained through Adams County Commissioners. The Historical facility is now complete, and it is time for the Historical Society to draw down the funds from the RACP grant. The County has now decided that they do not want to be the sole governing body to do this, so the Historical Society is asking the Township to be responsible for them to go through this process. Sam stated there would be an indemnification agreement with the Township and the Historical Society. GMS added that the Township would be the municipal sponsor and responsible for the funds to be dispersed for payment of items that were at a cost to the Historical Society in accordance with their new building/museum. Mr. Blocher asked for an update to be provided to the Board in writing for review before the September 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

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Michele Long, Township Secretary

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