

## **Minutes of the March 28, 2006 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Gregor. Present were Supervisors: George Weikert, Dave Waybright and Barbara Underwood; Carol Merryman, Sgt. Molloy, Mike Galassi and Scot Pitzer from the Gettysburg Times. Mr. Shealer was on vacation and Ms. McLeish was at a seminar. The meeting was tape-recorded.

**Mr. Weikert made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 14, 2006 meeting as presented, seconded by Mrs. Underwood and carried.**

**Mr. Weikert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried to approve the bills list in the amount of \$39,741.36 from the General Fund.**

Mr. Jerry Walmer, a resident of Biglerville, expressed his dismay over the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax that was enacted for 2006. He stated that he understands from his research that the money is to be used for roads and police. He added that there are only five municipalities in Adams County that collect the tax and only two municipalities that collect the entire \$52.00. He asked how much revenue would be brought in from the tax and why the tax was not incremented instead of going right to \$52.00. He also asked what the people who work in Cumberland Township would see for their money. Mr. Weikert explained that he has been a Supervisor since 1994 and no tax had been increased in any way during that time, but the budget has been dramatically increasing. He added that the township's revenues and reserves have been decreasing and the Board saw this new tax as a way to bring the revenues back in line with the expenses. He added that cost cutting was considered, but after many years without any tax increases it was necessary to create more revenues. Mr. Gregor added that the residents of Cumberland Township filled the meeting room in support of 24/7 police coverage and there are roads in the township that need immediate attention and these are two of the most expensive things in the township's budget and they are both needed and wanted. Mr. Walmer stated that he feels that this is taxation without representation because he does not have the opportunity to vote for Cumberland Township Supervisors since he does not live in the township. He also thanked the Board for hearing him out. Mr. Gregor reiterated that Mrs. Merryman would get any information regarding the budget and income from the tax that Mr. Walmer may want.

**Mr. Weikert made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Underwood and carried to deny a request from Glenn A. Myers for bond reduction for his land development based on Mr. Knoebel's report dated March 23, 2006 citing five items that have not been completed.**

**Mrs. Underwood made a motion to approve a Special Event application for the Gettysburg YWCA for a 5K Race to be held on July 8, 2006. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried.** It was noted that the race does not go on any township roads.

**Mr. Waybright made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Underwood and carried to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for Joan Hammel for a metal carport.** HARB has approved the application.

Chairman Gregor reported that the Board received copies of bids on Friday for a new computer for the Manager and a new server for the building, in the amount of \$9,588.39. There was a third bid, in the amount of \$3002.00, to upgrade the existing server to accommodate the new

Accounting software. Mr. Weikert asked if Computer Works would be willing to do the installation and configuration as part of the package, but the answer to that was not known. **Mr. Weikert made a motion to table the bids for the new computer and server, seconded by Mrs. Underwood and carried.**

Sgt. Molloy reported that a county-wide burn ban was enacted this morning by Glenn Herring, Fire Marshall. He added that the ban does permit burning in a barrel with certain provisions.

**Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. by motion of Mr. Weikert, seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried.**

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Carol A. Merryman, Asst. Secretary

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