

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors  
Minutes of the November 24, 2015 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Underwood. Present were all Supervisors: Underwood, Paddock, Toddes, and Waybright; Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Solicitor Sam Wiser, Police Chief Don Boehs, Sgt. Tim Biggins, and Planning Secretary, Michele Long. Others present were: Barry & Jean Stone, Zach Gulden, Sharon Martin, Brian Fitzgerald, Don Kauffman, Chris Walter, Speros Marinos and Ken Knox from The Gettysburg Times. The meeting was recorded.

Chair Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Interviews for Supervisor Position:**

Chair Underwood announced that the Board had a Workshop in November and discussed the process for interviewing the applicants for the vacant Board position. Mrs. Underwood stated that each board member would ask one question to each applicant and the questions would be the same for every applicant. Mrs. Underwood started the interviewing process for the appointment of the new supervisor. The first applicant was George Weikert from 2302 Emmitsburg Road who was interviewed over speaker phone as he could not attend the meeting due to being out of the state. The following applicants were present and called into the meeting room for a public interview:

Carl Athey, 958 Boyds School Road  
Michael Galassi, 121 Twin Lakes Drive  
Debra Golden, 145 Herr's Ridge Road  
Douglas Kahn, 98 Regiment Drive  
Tom Shealer, 39 Herr's Ridge Road  
Rod Simpson, 199 Plank Road  
Stephen Tallman, 29 Bittern Ct.  
Phillip Magaldi, Jr. 1515 Table Rock Road

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Speros Marinos from Baltimore Pike spoke of the highly qualified applicants and how blessed the Township was to have nine applicants for the Supervisor position. Mr. Marinos gave his feelings on each applicant and why he felt they should or should not serve on the Board.

**Nominations & Vote for Supervisor:**

Mr. Paddock made a nomination for Steve Tallman as Supervisor.  
Mr. Toddes made a nomination for Tom Shealer as Supervisor.

A vote was cast for Mr. Tallman as a Supervisor. The vote for Mr. Tallman received one (1) vote (Paddock)

A vote was cast for Mr. Shealer as a Supervisor. The vote for Mr. Shealer received three (3) votes (Waybright, Toddes & Underwood)

**Mr. Shealer was appointed the position as Supervisor to fill the vacant position for the next two years subject to receiving his oath of office.**

**Minutes:**

**Mr. Waybright made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 8, 2015 workshop seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.**

**Mr. Waybright made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2015 regular meeting seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.**

**Mr. Waybright made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 5, 2015 workshop seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.**

**Bills:**

Mrs. Underwood stated that Rabbit Transit has requested an additional \$1,000.00 from the Township for donation for this year. Mrs. Underwood explained that the Township has already contributed \$1,000.00 for this year and asked the Board's feelings on donating another \$1,000.00. Mrs. Underwood stated that Straban has already contributed \$500.00 to them for 2015 and has \$1,000.00 proposed for Rabbit Transit for 2016. Mrs. Underwood had hoped that Straban and Mt. Joy Township would help with the contributions for the riders since they also have residents in their Township partaking in this transit service. Mr. Paddock asked if anyone ever checked with the Eisenhower Inn and other businesses in that area for contributions. Mrs. Underwood was not sure if that had ever happened or not. Mr. Paddock felt that other businesses should be asked if they would like to donate to this service also not the Township footing the entire bill. Mr. Thomas stated that previously this year the Board received an invoice for \$2,000.00 from Rabbit Transit and had approved the donation of \$1,000.00. Now they have received the additional \$1000.00 request. Mr. Thomas explained that it is disappointing that Straban had never been asked in helping this service. Mr. Paddock stated he would be willing to go down to the Eisenhower and surrounding businesses and ask if they are interested in donating to Rabbit Transit. Mrs. Underwood stated this would be something to do for 2016. Mrs. Underwood asked the Township to write a letter to Rabbit Transit and explain what their plans are with the Eisenhower and surrounding businesses.

**Mr. Waybright made a motion to continue the donation at only \$1,000.00 for 2015 which already has been paid and have Mr. Thomas write a letter to Rabbit Transit requesting to know if they have contacted other businesses in the community.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Paddock**

**Vote 4-0 Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Waybright made a motion to pay the bills, in the amount of \$232,047.56 from the General Fund, excluding the Rabbit Transit invoice, and \$3,800.00 from the Park and Rec Fund, seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.**

**Engineer/Plans:**

Mr. Thomas stated that Mr. Knoebel, Township Engineer, was on vacation and he was going to give the engineering report on the current plans.

Mr. Thomas announced that there was a 90-day extension request from Sharrah Design Group for the Grand View Station Land Development plan which would extend the project until February 29, 2016.

**Mr. Toddes made a motion to approve the extension request for the Grandview Station Land Development plan for 90 days as per the request from the engineer, seconded by Mr. Paddock and carried.**

Mr. Thomas gave an update on the Lincoln Development land development plan. Mr. Thomas added that the Planning Commission has recommended approval to the Board on this plan subject to the engineering comments. Revised plans have been received as of this morning for this plan which will need to be reviewed by the engineer. As of the current time there is no action to be taken on this plan from the Board.

Mr. Thomas also gave an update on the Cumberland Village Phase 1A & 1B dedication. Mr. Thomas stated that all legal documents have been received and reviewed. At the current time we are waiting for confirmation from the engineer and the road master that they have met all of the other remaining requirements.

Mr. Thomas spoke of the Cannon Ridge development Phase 1 & 2 dedication. Mr. Thomas stated that this project for the most part is complete and we are waiting on some legal documents from their attorney.

**Visitor:**

Ms. Sharon Martin from Barlow Greenmount Road read a letter which she handed out to the Board and staff regarding what she receives with her right to know requests and spoke of the application received for a potential group home that is proposed close to her residence on Barlow Greenmount Road. Mrs. Martin asked for a time frame on the next steps with this application. Mr. Thomas gave an update on what the Township has actually been given. Mr. Wisner stated he just received the information tonight and he would be reviewing it against the zoning ordinance regulations in the near future.

Mr. Brian Fitzgerald with the Barlow Greenmount Group spoke of the proposed group home being located near his residence on Barlow Greenmount Road and how he does not feel it is going to help the community nor the tax base for the Township.

Nina Gross from 938 Barlow Greenmount Road asked if a land development plan is required before a building permit is issued. Mr. Wisner stated that it depends on what is being proposed if a land development plan is needed.

**Public Comment:**

Barry Stone, 1745 Mummasburg Road, Mr. Stone asked if the Township had received a land development plan and fees for the proposed group home on Barlow Greenmount Road. Mr. Stone was informed that no land development plan nor fees had been received for this project.

Speros Marinos, 912 Baltimore Pike, spoke of the Historical Society quarterly meeting on December 7, 2015. Mr. Marinos spoke of the zoning ordinance needing to be changed.

Mr. Steve Tallman, 29 Bittern Drive, gave the Board an after action report to review from his experience on running for Supervisor.

**Police Report:**

Police Chief Don Boehs presented a written and oral report of police activities for the month of October including; 577 complaints, 181 traffic stops, 101 traffic related arrests, 15 traffic accidents, 23 targeted enforcements, 290 field contacts, 21 criminal arrests, 22 criminal incidents, 709 business checks and 9,366 patrol miles. Chief Boehs added that they assisted other agencies 14 times and they were assisted 5 times.

Sgt. Biggins added that the Police Department received an additional \$1,200.00 for the Pennsylvania Buckle Up grant funding for over the holiday season so the department will have extra patrols out conducting seat belt checks and as well as the DUI portion through the DUI grant there will be extra patrols out over this holiday weekend being this is one of the most deadliest holiday seasons of the year.

**Active Business:**

Mrs. Underwood stated that they received a resignation letter from Jack Bream for the Gettysburg Recreation Authority. Mrs. Underwood asked Mr. Knox from the Gettysburg Times to let everyone know there is an opening on the Board and they can contact Supervisor Toddes or the Township if they are interested.

Mr. Thomas gave a brief overview of the preliminary budget as it was discussed fully at the Workshop held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Mr. Thomas reminded everyone that this is for all of the preliminary budgets not just for the general fund.

**Mr. Toddes made a motion to approve the preliminary budgets for the year 2016, seconded by Mr. Paddock, motion carried.**

**Solicitor:**

Mr. Wisner gave a reminder that the Board did discuss at the meeting last month the large lot zoning amendment that would address situations where there are properties located in certain zones that are two acres or greater the ability to utilize those properties without out central water or central sewer. Mr. Wisner explained that the Board decided to take no action at that meeting but stated they would address it at a future date and didn't want this to be forgotten.

Mr. Wisner also wanted to let the Board know that he provided Manager Thomas with a draft ordinance regarding the use of the Township Seal. This was previously discussed with the Police Chief where there are scams with entities that try to use the official governmental symbols for fraud. Mr. Wisner stated that we cannot trademark our seal but we can enact an ordinance where there is a summary penalty if someone uses it in an unauthorized manner. Mr. Wisner added that this will be ready for the Boards action at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board agreed this was a good idea.

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

Planning and Zoning (Joint Comprehensive Plan) – Meeting postponed until the first Tuesday of January, 2016.

Finance – They will be meeting before the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Economic Development – N/A

Public Safety – N/A

Highway Administration – N/A

CTA – N/A

Park and Recreation – Mr. Toddes stated there is a new interim manager, Steve Williams. Mr. Toddes added that the YWCA is helping with administrative items also. There is a committee created to search for a new director and hopefully at the beginning of the year they will have a new director.

Grand History Trail – N/A

COG – N/A

GMA – N/A

**Manager:**

Mr. Thomas stated that it speaks very highly of the community to have nine citizens to apply for the Board position and it would be great to have those applicants to serve on Boards and Committees in the future. Mr. Thomas told Mr. Tallman that he would love to sit down with him and discuss his after action plan.

The Zoning Officer and Secretary's reports were reviewed by the Board.

Unless otherwise noted, all votes were unanimous. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Michele Long, Planning Secretary

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