

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors  
1370 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325  
Minutes of the November 3, 2016 Budget Workshop**

Chair Barbara Underwood called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were all Supervisors Underwood, Waybright, Toddes, Shealer and Paddock; Township Manager Ben Thomas, Jr.; Police Chief Don Boehs and Secretary Carol Merryman.

Public comment: Mr. Al Ferranto, 501 Knight Road, stated that he would be against the possible implementation of a proposed Adams County \$5.00 vehicle registration fee that would be used to grant funds to municipalities for transportation projects because the money paid by Cumberland Township residents may not come back to Cumberland Township and Adams County will be making the decision where the money goes. He added that every community should address their own transportation needs.

Manager Thomas presented an oral and power-point, inter-active preliminary 2017 presentation of the General Fund Budget responding to questions from Supervisors and citizens in attendance. Police Chief Boehs also presented a power-point program reviewing proposed line items in the Police (.410) budget section of the General Fund and also responded to questions. The preliminary General Fund Budget is a "Maintenance Only" budget presented at 1.5 Real Estate tax millage that can be balanced with limited capital replacement funding and no non-uniformed staffing level increases. Manager Thomas and the Finance Committee are recommending a ¼ (.25) mill tax increase in 2017 to fund increased staffing levels and vehicle / equipment replacement. Manager Thomas stated that the last tax increase was in 2010. Manager Thomas reported that the preliminary budgets for the other funds will be presented at the next workshop on November 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Chair Underwood reported that the Adams County Commissioners are requesting the Township's opinion on a \$5.00 vehicle registration fee to be distributed through a grant program to assist with transportation projects. Chair Underwood asked the Board to consider this and it will be discussed at the next workshop.

Supervisor Shealer, on behalf of the Finance Committee, reported that the Road Department is requesting approval to purchase a mechanized plasma system for cutting and gouging metal. Mr. Shealer added that Mr. Holbrook (Road Foreman) is a professional welder by trade and can make needed repairs. The price is \$2,550.00 and is in the budget. **Mr. Shealer made a motion to approve the purchase of the plasma system, seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.** Mr. Shealer also reported that Mr. Walter is requesting approval of an engineering project proposal (drainage design in Twin Lakes I) estimate from KPI \$3,600.00 (work to be performed by Township Maintenance Dept.) The cost of the project is approximately \$12,000.00. **Mr. Shealer made a motion seconded by Mr. Paddock and carried to approve the Township Engineer to do the drainage design in Twin Lakes I, in the amount of \$3,600.00.**

Supervisors adjourned the workshop at 9:15 p.m.

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Carol A. Merryman, Secretary

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