

Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors
1370 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325
April 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Underwood. Present were all Supervisors: Underwood, Phiel, Waybright, Toddes and Paddock; Solicitor Sam Wiser, Police Chief Don Boehs and Secretary Carol Merryman. Also present were Jeff Brauning, Raymond Gouker from Community Media, several residents from the Grandview development and Harry Hartman and Mary Grace Keller from the Gettysburg Times.

Chair Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Toddes made a motion seconded by Mr. Phiel and carried to approve the Minutes of the March 27, 2018 regular meeting.

Mr. Waybright made a motion seconded by Mr. Paddock and carried to approve the bills in the amounts of \$41,024.84 from the General Fund; \$2,970.11 from the State Fund and \$5,844.52 from the Escrow Fund. Mr. Phiel made a motion seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried to approve the transfers of \$46,788.55 from the General Fund to the Health Insurance Account and \$8,265.38 from the Escrow Fund to the General Fund.

Public comment:

Mr. Raymond Gouker of Community Media of Southcentral Pennsylvania thanked the Board for the support that they have given over the last 30 years. He also told the Board that they will be losing their funding from Comcast in two months. He asked the Board for their support through franchise fees, pass-throughs and grants to make up for this loss.

Mr. Robert Yengst, 45 Maple Ave., spoke to the Board about a drainage problem that they have in his development. He stated that there really isn't a drainage system and they have an ongoing problem. He reported that when Westinghouse polluted the water, everyone was put on public water, but his well was never capped off. He added that his ground is swampy and he can't even have a garden.

Ms. Jody Cable, 40 Maple Ave. also spoke to the Board regarding the drainage problem. She stated that she bought her home five years ago, it has an addition and the main support beam under the addition is 100% rotted and the floor is sinking. She added that she has a pipe in front of her driveway that needs to be replaced and she feels that the Township is responsible for this pipe. She stated that the drainage problem is devaluing their homes and something needs to be done about it and they need stormwater management in their development.

Ms. Carol Coon, 19 Cedar Ave., explained to the Board that she has four sump-pumps in her basement, she is very afraid of losing her furnace and she was told by neighbors that her house is built over a spring.

The Board stated that they would look into their problem.

Engineer/Plans:

The Township has received a request to re-approve Cumberland Crossings for a re-signing since the 90 days for recording has expired. **Mr. Paddock made a motion to re-approve the Cumberland Crossings Plan contingent upon the comments in KPI's November 28, 2017 memo being addressed seconded by Mr. Phiel and carried.**

Police Report:

Police Chief Don Boehs presented a written and oral report of police activities for the month of March, 2018 including: 377 complaints - Psych/suicide-7, Disturbances-4, Assault/Harassment-3, Domestic-11, Criminal Mischief-0, Suspicious Activity-14, Thefts-0, Alarms-12 Medical Emergency-9, 911 Hang Up-4, Sexual assault-2, Burglary-0, Fraud-1, Wanted Person-1, Reported Drug Activity-1, Welfare checks-11, Shots Fired-0, Follow-up Investigation-34; 98 traffic stops, 103 combined arrests, 11 traffic accidents, 16 targeted enforcements, SRO Calls – 23 with 1 arrest for drugs and 10,358 patrol miles. He added that they assisted other agencies 20 times and they were assisted four times. Assists to Pa. State Police were in Straban, Mt. Pleasant and Freedom Townships. Police Chief Boehs reported that they had 74 walk-in complaints.

Active Business:

Chair Underwood reported that the Adams County Council of Governments (COG) Legislative Committee is working on SB251 (Radar use legislation for municipal police); Adams County Broadband; future funding for Adams County Television and new FEMA floodplain maps should be released in mid-May 2018.

Chair Underwood also reported that the Township is waiting for the Planning Commission to present their recommendations on the Central Adams Comprehensive Plan.

Chair Underwood also reminded everyone about the Tire Collection Event being held on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the Agricultural and Natural Resources Center on Old Harrisburg Road.

Solicitor: Mr. Toddes asked Solicitor Wisner if the funding for Community Media (ACTV) has been discussed during the Comcast franchise agreement negotiations. Solicitor Wisner stated that it has been part of the consortium's discussions, there is another meeting on Thursday and they will further discuss how to fund ACTV.

Committee Reports and comments from Board Members:

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Toddes reported that a letter of support was written for a DCNR Grant for playground renovations that was initiated by the Borough of Gettysburg. He added that the Township offered “in kind” support for installation. **Mr. Toddes made a motion seconded by Mr. Paddock and carried to ratify the letter of support that was sent on behalf of Cumberland Township for a DCNR Grant for playground renovations.**

Public Safety – Solicitor Wisner reported that he received updated contract language from the Gettysburg Area School District for the School Resource Officer, there were no substantive changes, it is in the school district's hands for action and then it will come to the Board for action. It is a four-year contract.

Personnel – Chair Underwood reported that an Administrative Assistant has been hired and should begin employment on May 14th and the vacancy in the Maintenance Department should be filled a week prior to that. She added that action is needed on an extension of Township Manager Ben Thomas, Jr.'s “Employment Agreement” for three additional years that was discussed during an executive session. Solicitor Wisner added that there was a change to one additional personal day in conformance with the Employee Handbook. **Mr. Paddock made a motion to approve the “Employment Agreement” extension for Township Manager Ben Thomas, Jr. for an additional three years seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried.**

Finance – Chair Underwood reported that we are where we should be budget-wise and taxes are starting to come in.

Planning and Zoning – Chair Underwood stated that the Board is waiting for the Planning Commission’s recommendations on the Comp Plan.

Building and Grounds – Chair Underwood reported that the working group met. Mr. Paddock stated that KPI did a map of the total property, they met with them and went over it and provided a list of things to be updated.

CTA – Mr. Toddes reported that they have their audit completed and everyone got a copy of it. There will be a Mad Hatter Tea Party this Saturday.

COG – meets Thursday morning.

Economic Development – Chair Underwood reported that there was a meeting regarding public sewer in the Greenmount Area.

The Zoning Officer and Secretary/Treasurer’s reports were reviewed.

Unless otherwise noted, all votes were unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Carol A. Merryman, Secretary

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