

Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors
1370 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325
Minutes of the November 7, 2019 Workshop

Chair Barbara Underwood called the workshop to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were all Supervisors Underwood, Waybright, Toddes, Phiel and Paddock; Township Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Police Chief Don Boehs and Secretary Carol Merryman. There were also six residents present.

Public Comment: None

PRESENTATION OF THE 2020 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Mr. Thomas stated that the presentation tonight is inter-active, and he welcomed questions. He stated that the budget is not complete, and the hold-up is the cost for health care. He added that at the November 21st workshop the smaller fund budgets will be presented.

Mr. Thomas talked about the economy, the status of several commercial buildings in the Township and the loss of taxable properties to the National Park Service. He also reported that the budget is written with a 1.9 mill tax rate (the lowest tax rate of any Adams County municipality that provides full-time police services) and a .25 mill tax rate for the dedicated Fire Tax. No tax increase is proposed. He stated that 12.6 % of a taxpayer's dollar comes to Cumberland Township.

Mr. Thomas presented a Power Point presentation of the proposed revenues for 2020 that included the 2018 and 2019 adopted budgets, 2019 estimated year-end and 2020 proposed budget. Mr. Thomas pointed out some one-time windfalls that the Township received mostly from the Real Estate Transfer Tax and a public donation for equipment for the Police Department. He added that 2019 is turning out to be a good revenue year.

Mr. Thomas then went over the expenditures which also included the same 2018 and 2019 information. A few things that he pointed out was that the Finance Committee recommended paying the quarterly charge for the fire hydrants from the Fire Tax, the Police Department had requested a civilian employee and that was removed from the proposed budget. The Personnel Committee is recommending splitting the Secretary / Treasurer position, hiring a new employee, and there will be a freeze on vehicle / equipment purchases until later in 2020 until more of the costs are known.

Police Chief Boehs reviewed the Police Department expenditures.

A Conditional Use Hearing for Artillery Ridge Campground for a proposed eighty-room hotel was scheduled for 6:00 P.M. on December 19, 2019.

There being no further business, the workshop was adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Carol A. Merryman, Secretary

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