

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors  
1370 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325  
August 25, 2020 Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Waybright. Present were Supervisors: Toddes, Phiel, Ramsburg and Brauning. Also present were: Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Solicitor Sam Wisner, Police Chief Don Boehs, Engineer Tim Knoebel and Secretary Carol Merryman. There were five residents present and reporter Jim Hale from The Gettysburg Times.

Chairman Waybright led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mr. Phiel made a motion seconded by Mrs. Ramsburg and carried to approve the Minutes of the July 23, 2020 Special Meeting and July 28, 2020 Regular Meeting.**

**Mr. Brauning made a motion seconded by Mr. Phiel and carried to approve the bills and transfer as stated by the Chairman: \$129,744.30 from the General Fund, \$68,417.10 from the Fire Tax Fund, \$4,088.50 from the Escrow Fund and a transfer of \$10,000.00 from the General Fund to the Health Insurance Account for FSA funding.**

**Public comment: None**

**Engineer/Plans:**

**Mrs. Ramsburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Phiel and carried to approve a Request for Extension for the American Battlefield Trust Final Plan until December 22, 2020, as recommended by Mr. Knoebel.**

**Mr. Phiel made a motion to approve a Request for Extension for Old Mill Overlook until November 30, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brauning and carried.** Mr. Knoebel also recommended approval of the extension.

Mr. Knoebel reported that the Township was unsuccessful with its' application for a Pa. Small Water / Sewer Grant. He added that the other grant (Act 13 WRPP) is still pending and will not be decided on until Spring 2021.

**Police Report:** Police Chief Don Boehs presented a written and oral report of police activities for the month of July, 2020 including: 283 complaints, 19 traffic stops, 3 traffic accidents, 10 targeted enforcements, 9,786 patrol miles and 38 walk-in complaints. He added that they assisted other agencies 15 times and they were assisted four times. There were three assists to Pa. State Police. Chief Boehs reported on the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and several other incidents that they have had. He also reported that Sergeant Biggins, through the Center for Traffic Safety, will be holding a Child Seat Safety Event on September 26, 2020 and the department received a \$4,000.00 grant for traffic safety enforcement.

**Active Business:**

Mr. Thomas reported that the Township has received a request from Philip Shebest, 400 Barlow Road, for PennDOT to conduct a speed limit study for SR2001 (Barlow Road) to see if a reduction in the posted speed limit of 45 is warranted. He reported that the request must come from the Board of Supervisors for a letter to be sent to PennDOT. **Mr. Brauning made a motion to authorize that a letter be sent to PennDOT requesting a speed limit study on Barlow Road seconded by Mrs. Ramsburg and carried.**

**Mrs. Ramsburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Phiel and carried to accept a three-year quote from SEK CPAs and Advisors for auditing services for 2020 - \$7,725.00, 2021 - \$7,875.00 and 2022 - \$8,025.00**

Mr. Thomas reported that the Township has two requests from Rusty Ryan. The first regarding the Township's Weed Ordinance and Stormwater Design and the second regarding buffers around wetlands. Mr. Thomas stated that he feels that Mr. Ryan's requests make sense especially in light of MS4. He requested that Township staff, engineer and solicitor work on this and bring recommendations back to the Board. The Board indicated their approval to move forward.

Mr. Thomas reported that he received notice from Barlow Fire Chief Eric Hubbard that he has lifted the burn ban in the Barlow response area of the Township.

Mr. Thomas also reported that the 2020 Census is in progress until October 31, 2020 and it is a benefit for everyone to be counted. He encouraged our residents to respond.

Mr. Thomas gave a report on the Adams County Tax Collection Committee meeting and that they have a hard time getting a quorum for the meeting even though every municipality and school district are members. Mr. Thomas also reported on the great job that York Adams Tax Bureau does for the Township.

Mr. Thomas informed the Board that the Township is receiving letters of concern from residents living in the area of the proposed Old Mill Overlook Land Development Plan located on Old Mill Road and he will provide a copy of all of the letters to the Board before the September meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mrs. Ramsburg reported that the Township has received 64% of their revenues and expended 44% through the end of July so we are doing pretty well. She reported that the Township will be receiving less State Liquid Fuels funds next year since people are not traveling as much during the COVID-19 restrictions. She also reported that the Deatrick Drive streetlights that were dedicated to the Township need upgrading and that will have to be included in the 2021 budget. She added that health care quotes will be received in the near future and the Township is submitting for CARES funding for COVID-19 expenses through Adams County Office of Planning. Mr. Phiel reported that Mr. Thomas is looking into applying for a Municipal Planning Grant and we have started the 2021 Budget Writing timeline. Mr. Phiel also reported that Gettysburg Fire Department has requested \$68,417.10 for expense reimbursement from the Fire Tax Fund and this will be their only request for 2020. He added that they have lost significant money due to the COVID-19 virus and not being able to hold their fundraisers. **Mr. Brauning made a motion seconded by Mrs. Ramsburg and carried to approve the request from Gettysburg Fire Department for reimbursement in the amount of \$68,417.10.**

**Solicitor:** Solicitor Wisner reported that Martin Farm, LLC and Woodhaven Building and Development, Inc. wish to assign their obligations under the Developer's Agreement (Agreement) for Cumberland Village, Phase 2A to Joseph A. Myers. Solicitor Wisner added that the current Agreement contains a provision that they are not permitted to do this without the express consent of the Board, and they are requesting this consent. He added that Joseph A. Myers (Assignee) will be responsible for maintaining the appropriate financial security, that all administrative requirements of the Agreement are met and will be held to the exact same standards as the Martin Farm organization. Solicitor Wisner added that he feels that Joseph A. Myers is a large enough organization to do this and as long as the Township has financial security it is covered. He stated that they are looking for Board action to authorize the written approval of the Assignment to be transmitted to J. A. Myers so that they can proceed with their real estate transaction.

Solicitor Wisner confirmed that nothing changes on the approved plan. **Mr. Phiel made a motion seconded by Mr. Brauning and carried to approve the Assignment and Assumption of Developer's Agreement for Cumberland Village Phase 2A.** Solicitor Wisner added that he will indicate, in writing, that the Board has approved the Assignment.

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

**HIGHWAYS** – Mr. Thomas reported that the Road Department's 2020 projects are about 80% complete and the goal was to have them completed prior to school starting.

**PARKS AND RECREATION** – Mr. Toddes reported that GARA is holding its' own. There was a \$200.00 donation made to the Skate Park and lots of kids helped with re-painting it. He also reported that they had a grand opening of their pump track and there were many kids enjoying it. There were three Little League tournaments held and many more programs that had to be held outside because of the COVID-19 restrictions that were held at the park. Lastly, they are applying for grants for bathroom renovations.

**CTA** – Mr. Toddes reported that the Long-Range Planning Committee has been meeting and there should be more on that at the next meeting. He added that the south plant now serves 1,540 EDUs and with projected residential growth in the area that may double that amount, so for now they are making some upgrades to the plant. The existing "south plant" is 18 years old.

**Public Safety, Personnel, Planning and Zoning, Building and Grounds, COG and Economic Development – No reports**

Mr. Thomas reported that the Council of Governments Legislative Forum has been canceled for this year. Some items being discussed were: broadband at the state and federal level; school funding; health insurance at the federal level, prevailing wage rates; infrastructure specific to MS4 funding; local police radar, minimum wage at the federal level; Right-to-Know requests at the commercial level and waters of the US.

Mr. Brauning asked about the Municipal Assistance Planning Grant that the Township applied for. Mr. Thomas reported that the Dept. of Community and Economic Development (DCEC) has put all grants on hold due to budget challenges and COVID-19. Mr. Brauning also asked if the new Zoning maps are complete? Mr. Thomas reported that the new Zoning map is part of the Comprehensive Zoning Review Committee that had begun to meet but, had to stop meeting for a while due to COVID-19. He added that the committee has started meeting again and it is going to take a while to complete this project. Lastly, Mr. Brauning asked if a security study had been done on the Township building? Mr. Thomas reported that an extensive study was done.

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

Unless otherwise noted, all votes were unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P. M.

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Carol A. Merryman, Secretary

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