

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors
1370 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325
November 24, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Vice-Chairman Toddes. 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, Treasurer/ Finance Director Camie Stouck-Phiel and Secretary Carol Merryman. Bob Sharrah was present on behalf of the Old Mill Overlook Final Plan. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom and no others were present. Four residents and Jim Hale, reporter from the Gettysburg Times, joined in the meeting via Zoom.

Vice-Chairman Toddes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Solicitor Wisner reported that information regarding how to participate in tonight's meeting (via Zoom) has been provided to every citizen or taxpayer that has requested participation information and all of those who requested to participate have joined the meeting. He asked those taking part in the meeting to keep their audio feed on mute to minimize background noise and interference. Solicitor Wisner asked everyone to act with respect and decorum and he explained how to comment outside of the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

Mr. Brauning made a motion seconded by Mr. Phiel and carried to approve the Minutes of the October 27, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Mr. Phiel made a motion seconded by Mr. Brauning and carried to approve the bills in the amounts as stated by the Vice-Chairman: \$81,378.58 from the General Fund and \$ 4,449.50 from the Escrow Fund.

Public comment:

Mrs. Barbara Underwood, 95 Round Top Lane, thanked all of the Cumberland Township staff for the professional work that they have continued to do through the most trying of times. She thanked the Manager and Department Heads for their work on the 2021 budget given that there are so many unknowns going forward. Lastly, she wished everyone and their families well during the upcoming holiday season.

Engineer/Plans:

Mr. Knoebel reported that the Township has the Old Mill Overlook Final Land Development Plan (112 single-family attached units located on Old Mill Road) that is basically the same plan as the preliminary plan. Mr. Knoebel also stated that the Board spent a lot of time on the conditional approval of the preliminary plan and he has prepared a memo dated November 24, 2020 outlining outstanding items with the plan. He also has produced a letter recommending financial security in the amount of \$2,715,462.20. Mr. Knoebel reported that 70 of the parking spaces have been changed to spaces that will not be paved, but will be held in reserve in case they are needed in the future and this will be addressed in the Developer's Agreement. Mr. Knoebel reported that the other main issue that was discussed was the need for a recreational area in the development. He added that the project proposes a fairly extensive walking path. He added that they have added roughly 1/3 of an acre that is centrally located for active recreation and the owner will meet with the residents in the future to see what they would like to see done on this land. He added that this can also be addressed in the Developer's Agreement. Mr. Knoebel read over all of the remaining comments from his memo, many of which were administrative. Mr. Knoebel did point out that the final plan had to be submitted to Adams County Office of Planning and Development for their review and their comments have not been received yet. Solicitor Wisner advised that the Township should have the comments before acting on the plan. No action was taken on the plan.

Police Report: Police Chief Don Boehs presented a written and oral report of police activities for the month of October 2020 including: 268 complaints, 35 traffic stops, 15 traffic accidents, 8 targeted enforcements, 7,240 patrol miles and 43 walk-in complaints. He added that they assisted other agencies 12 times and they were assisted three times. There were four assists to Pa. State Police. Police Chief Boehs stated that he feels that the domestic and psych/suicide calls will continue to be on the rise next year.

Active Business:

Mr. Thomas reported that the first item is approval of the Capital Reserve Fund, State Fund, Park and Rec Fund and Fire Tax Fund budgets for 2021. Mr. Thomas added that he feels that all of the budgets are ready for approval with the exception of the Capital Reserve Fund since information is missing regarding the purchase of police vehicles. Mr. Thomas asked the Board to review the information that has been provided by the Police Chief for leasing the vehicles verses buying the vehicles. The Board agreed to wait on approval of the Capital Reserve Fund until all of the information on the purchase of the vehicles is received. **Mr. Phiel made a motion seconded by Mrs. Ramsburg and carried to approve the Preliminary State Fund, Park and Rec Fund and Fire Tax Fund budgets.**

Mr. Thomas also reported that the staff and Finance Committee is proposing health insurance coverage for 2021 through Pa. Municipal Health Insurance Cooperative (PMHIC), a pool of municipalities that was formed in 2006. He explained that PMHIC prices out a host of different coverages and the best coverage for the Township is Capital Blue Cross. Mr. Thomas added that he spoke to Mr. Ed Thompson from the Teamsters regarding changing from Highmark Blue Shield to Capital Blue Cross and he does not have any concern with the change because the coverage is identical to what we currently have. Mr. Thomas added that the Township will save approximately \$46,000.00 in 2021 and this would be a three-year commitment so there will be no need to shop around for the next two years. He added that you can get a rebate when you have a good claim year and when you have a bad claim year the increase is usually less because it is shared with the other municipalities in the pool. **Mr. Phiel made a motion seconded by Mrs. Ramsburg and carried to approve the 2021 health care coverage with PMHIC – Capital Blue Cross.**

Mrs. Ramsburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Brauning and carried to appoint Carol Merryman Assistant Treasurer.

Mr. Thomas affirmed that he signed a contract for the Township's electrical agreement with New Wave Energy. He added that the new rate is .053 per KWh and the renewal rate with Constellation Energy was going to be .0612 per KWh (plus a tax that everyone has to pay). Mr. Thomas added that the bid was done through an auction and is good for the next 24 months.

Mr. Thomas also reported that the Board authorized Pa. Dept. of Transportation (PennDOT) to do a speed study on Barlow Road (SR2001). The posted speed limit is 45 mph and PennDOT did respond that 45 mph is an appropriate speed limit. Mr. Thomas reported that the resident that requested the speed limit reduction has already been notified of PennDOT's decision.

Mr. Thomas reported that there is a new Corporate Authorization Resolution for ACNB Bank that needs to be signed by everyone to add the new Treasurer/Finance Director as a signatory for the Township. **Mrs. Ramsburg made a motion seconded by Mr. Brauning and carried to authorize the new Corporate Authorization Resolution for ACNB adding Camie Stouck-Phiel, Treasurer/Finance Director, as signatory for the Township.**

Solicitor: Solicitor Wisner reported that the Grass and Weed Ordinance has been amended to address the comments from the Adams County Conservation District regarding best management practices that may be used for stormwater management control. He added that the Ordinance has been duly advertised per authorization of the Board and is ready for adoption. **Mr. Brauning made a motion seconded by Mrs. Ramsburg and carried to adopt Ordinance 2020-182 as follows:**

ORDINANCE 2020-184

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CUMBERLAND, ADAMS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING CHAPTER 10, PART 1 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CUMBERLAND ENTITLED CUTTING OF GRASS, WEEDS AND OTHER VEGETATION

Solicitor Wisner updated the Board on the Police Mutual Aid Agreement with Gettysburg Borough that has been in place since the early 1980's. He added that the update was initiated by Police Chief Glenny and Police Chief Boehs and was definitely needed. Solicitor Wisner added that the Agreement must be adopted by Resolution. **Mr. Phiel made a motion seconded by Mrs. Ramsburg and carried to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the Board to execute the Intermunicipal Police Mutual Aid Agreement between the Township and Gettysburg Borough.** Solicitor Wisner did clarify that it is optional for the Township to provide mutual aid but, it is something that the department does want to do if possible. Solicitor Wisner also stated that other municipalities could join in on this agreement without it coming back to the Board for another approval.

Committee Reports and comments from Board Members:

Park and Recreation – Mr. Toddes reported that they are winterizing things at the park, the bathrooms are being shut down except at the main building and they are having the equipment serviced.
CTA – Mr. Toddes reported that the budget has not been finalized but, he feels that things are going good and there will not be a rate increase for next year.

Finance, Personnel, Highways, Public Safety, Planning and Zoning, COG, Economic Development and CT411 – No reports

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

Unless otherwise noted, all votes were unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 P. M. for an Executive Session regarding personnel with no action to follow.

Carol A. Merryman, Secretary

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