Minutes of the August 24, 2004 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Waybright. Present were all Supervisors, Flo McLeish, Carol Merryman, Henry Heiser, Mike Galassi, Eugenia Czeck and reporters from the GETTYSBURG TIMES and EVENING SUN. The meeting was tape recorded.

Mr. Shealer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Weikert and carried to approve the Minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Gregor abstained.

Ms. Czeck stated that she has purchased a lot in Cannon Ridge, Phase I, is building a home there, and is at the meeting tonight to get some answers. She reported that S & A Homes indicated that the pumping station was to go in her front yard, but she has now been told that the pumping station is being moved to the back section of the development. Ms. McLeish stated that the new location for the pumping station is 750 ft. from Route 30. She also asked if she is going to be allowed to occupy her home once it is built. Mr. Shealer recommended that Ms. Czeck contact Kathy Gammell, Director of Public Works for Gettysburg Borough, who has been appointed as the contact person on this issue. Chairman Waybright stated that the design for the pumping station has to be approved before occupancy certificates are issued to the five houses that currently have building permits. Mr. Heiser stated that he feels that S & A will see to it that this is addressed so that they have “happy” homeowners and it is everyone’s desire to get this resolved. Mr. Heiser also suggested that they contact Mr. Bower to see if the permit for their house has been issued.

Chairman Waybright reported that the authorization for the Manager to start working on an Open Space Plan has been left on the agenda for future action. Ms. McLeish reported that she looked at the results of the Land Use Survey and the results were 2 to 1 in favor of preserving open space and farmland and the results were very close in the questions regarding how the preservation would be funded. Ms. McLeish asked if the Park and Rec Committee could start working on this so that a cost could be determined and then possibly a second survey could be sent out making the residents aware of the cost. Mr. Galassi asked that the township also include the cost for development and that will also be done. She added that the township will not get any grant funding without an Open Space Plan in place. Mr. Gregor pointed out that the survey got good results at about 22% responding, but it does not represent everyone in the township, and the township has to be mindful of that. Mr. Weikert made a motion to authorize the Manager to begin work on an Open Space Plan, seconded by Mr. Shealer and carried. Mr. Bowling voted no.

Chairman Waybright also reported that a request from William F. Hill and Associates, on behalf of the Greenmount Creamery for a waiver to Section 504.3.C.2.a.1 & 2 regarding stormwater flow rates was tabled at the last meeting for clarification from the township’s engineer. He added that this issue was discussed at the Friday workshop and Mr. Knoebel has no problem with this waiver being granted. Mr. Shealer made a motion to grant the waiver to the Greenmount Creamery, as requested by their representative in their June 1, 2004 letter, seconded by Mr. Weikert and carried.

Chairman Waybright also reported that the Greenmount Creamery Land Development Plan is on the agenda for discussion, but Mr. Knoebel reported at the workshop that they still have a couple of outstanding issues with the plans that need to be addressed. The plan will stay on the agenda and needs approval by October 2, 2004.

The Adams County Crime Stoppers’ request for signs will also stay on the agenda until a recommendation is received from Chief Sease regarding the number of signs and where they will be placed.

Chairman Waybright reported that the township has received a request from Tina Havens for a ninety-day
extension for approval of the Ernest Havens Preliminary Plan on Ridge Road. **Mr. Weikert made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Gregor and carried.** Approval will now be needed by December 7, 2004.

**A Certificate of Appropriateness for Darlene Stoner for a storage shed was approved by motion of Mr. Gregor, seconded by Mr. Weikert and carried.**

Chairman Waybright reported that the township has received a letter from PaDEP regarding the clean up efforts at the Gettysburg Foundry. He stated that bids were taken in the spring and the work has been awarded to Penn E & R from Hatfield, PA., and they anticipate that excavation of the pits and demolition of the buildings will begin the week of September 6.

Chairman Waybright reported that as part of the Uniform Construction Code that has gone into effect, the township is required to have an Appeals Board so the homeowner or builder can appeal the decision of the inspector. He added that there is an effort underway to establish a countywide shared UCC Appeals Board, and if the township wishes to use this Board, it has to adopt a Resolution agreeing that the township will utilize the Board and authorize the Adams County Building Officials Association to oversee the Shared Adams County UCC Board of Appeals as their agent. Mr. Weikert asked for clarification on what the oversight entails. Mr. Heiser stated that he feels that it would make sense to make this an inter-municipal effort because there will probably be very few appeals. He added that he is signed up for a seminar on August 30 and he will get more information and he suggested that the Supervisors wait to make their decision until he gets that information back to them.

**A Final Plan for Carol Weir and Peter Mentasti was next on the agenda. Chairman Waybright reported that the majority of the property is in Freedom Township, with a small strip in Cumberland on the other side of Marsh Creek. He added that they did not realize that they needed Cumberland’s approval until they got to the Courthouse and they would not record the plan. Mr. Weikert reported that William Kane had agreed to give the township an easement on the property in Cumberland, but it was never finalized. He stated that he did not feel that the township could force Mrs. Weir to grant the same easement. **Mr. Weikert made a motion to approve the Weir/Mentasti Final Plan, as submitted, seconded by Mr. Shealer and carried.**

Chairman Waybright reported that Franklin Township is asking for Cumberland’s consent for the Kerry Woerner Farm, 73.15 acres of which lies in Cumberland Township, to be included in Franklin Township’s ASA #2. **Mr. Weikert made a motion to approve the request from Franklin Township to include the Kerry Woerner farm in their ASA #2, seconded by Mr. Gregor and carried.**

A request for a joint meeting was received from the Cumberland Township Authority to discuss the new Visitor’s Center and Museum and the possible sewer needs for the facility and area. Ms. McLeish reported that September 31, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. is a possibility and that suited the Board.

Mr. Weikert reported that KPI has the preliminary site work done for the Sachs Bridge project and he and Ms. McLeish will meet with KPI, review the information, and then present the information to the Park and Rec Committee.

Mr. Shealer requested that a Road Assessment be held for 2005 road projects. Mr. Weikert stated that he would like to go along as a member of the Highway Committee. Chairman Waybright asked all Supervisors to come up with a list as they travel the township’s roads. The Road Assessment was scheduled for September 17 at 7:00 a.m.
Mr. Bowling reported that he thinks that the township did a wonderful job of the mowing this years and he has received some comments on it also. Mr. Shealer mentioned that the wet conditions have made it a little difficult this year.

The Zoning Officer’s report was reviewed.

Mrs. Merryman reported that HACC has invited the Supervisors to a ribbon-cutting ceremony for their new parking lot on Friday, August 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Ms. McLeish reported that she has been meeting a lot of people and working on a lot of different things including impact fees and addressing complaints.

The bills were paid. Expenditures for this meeting totaled $32,037.58 from the General Fund.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. by motion of Mr. Gregor, seconded by Mr. Shealer and carried.