

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of the December 7, 2011 Workshop**

Chairman Waybright called the workshop to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were all Supervisors; Solicitor Sam Wisner, Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Assistant Secretary Carol Merryman, Zoning Officer Bill Naugle, Engineer Tim Knoebel and Police Chief Don Boehs. Visitors present were: Dale Molina, Carolyn Greeney, Al Ferranto, Don Sangirardi, Steve Toddes, Speros Marinos, Jim Paddock, Mark Walters from The Gettysburg Times and Tim Prudente from The Evening Sun. The meeting was recorded.

Engineer:

Mr. Knoebel reported that the Marty Tipton Final Plan, which proposes three lots on Marsh Creek Road, is waiting for DEP's approval of the Sewage Planning Module and should be ready for approval at the meeting if that is received. He will also check with the Township's Traffic Engineer to see if a Traffic Impact Fee is required.

Mr. Knoebel also reported that the Gettysburg Airport has submitted a Land Development Plan for some additional hangars and they are working on addressing some comments and are requesting a 90-day extension. The Board requested that the request be for 180 days and staff will ask them to revise their request.

The Cannon Ridge, Phase III, Final Plan will also need an extension. Mr. Knoebel reported that they are waiting on the Old Mill Road Pump Station to serve this phase of the development. The Township has not received a written request yet.

Marlin and Joan Wherley, 414 Ridge Road, have made a written request to amend their testing agreement for their Individual Residential Spray Irrigation System. The request is to test annually rather than quarterly. Mr. Thomas reported that the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer, Gil Picarelli, has reviewed the request and has no problem with it and he recommended that if there is a violation that the testing revert back to quarterly. He added that all of their tests have been negative so far. The Board also requested that their year be from the date of the last test and asked when the best time of the year is to test.

Public Comment:

Mr. Speros Marinos, 912 Baltimore Pike, thanked Mr. Waybright and his wife for their presentation at the Cumberland Township Historical Society meeting. He also reported that he passed the barn preservation information that he received from Mrs. Golden on to Historic Gettysburg Adams County and he thanked Mrs. Golden for her service to the Township.

Mr. Jim Paddock, 1777 Fairfield Road, asked how the Agricultural Zoning was established, if everyone in the zone was aware that they were being put in the zone and if it was done legally. He also asked if people could go in and out of the zone at will. Solicitor Wisner stated both going into and being taken out of the Agricultural Zoning District would require a Zoning Map change.

Mr. Al Ferranto, 501 Knight Road, stated that he is very troubled by the proposed Fire Tax and feels that it is a tax increase because \$60,000.00 is earmarked in the budget for donations to Gettysburg and Barlow Fire Departments. Mr. Ferranto suggested that a Fire Department Appreciation Day be held next year to help with the volunteers' fund raising efforts.

Manager:

Mr. Thomas reported that the Supervisors' Mission Statement, "Preserve our heritage, Provide quality services, Plan for our future," will be on the meeting agenda for approval.

Mr. Thomas also reported that regretfully, Mr. Phiel has submitted his resignation from the Authority Board, effective December 31, 2011, and this will also be on the meeting agenda.

Mr. Thomas stated that the Township is having a cautiously stable year and he will be analyzing the possibility of making an additional principle payment on the General Fund loan before the end of the year.

Mr. Thomas reported that Mr. Shealer, Superintendent of Roads, has prepared a Winter Operation Maintenance Plan and after review and approval, the plan will be placed on the website and will be sent out as a news release.

Mr. Thomas affirmed the date of Tuesday, January 3, 2012 for the Re-organizational meeting to be held at 4:00 p.m. and this too will be on the meeting agenda.

Mr. Thomas reported that in accordance with Section 2310(A) of the Township Code, the authorization designating the Road Superintendent to be authorized to make temporary, maintenance road closures will be on the meeting agenda. Solicitor Wisner affirmed that this is a proper designation of the Board's authority.

Mr. Thomas stated that he feels that the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Cumberland Township Police Union will be ready for adoption at the regular meeting.

Mr. Thomas reported that the Township received a letter from the Board President of the SPCA which states that they no longer have a humane officer on staff and they will be working on finding a replacement, but there will be no need for the agreement for that service and the contribution for that service will be removed from the budget.

Mr. Thomas reported that we will be asking the for Board's approval to distribute the budgeted funds to the Gettysburg Senior Center, Rescue Mission and YWCA at the regular meeting. He asked the Board to also consider a budgeted contribution of \$2,000.00 to the Greenmount Fire Company to be restricted for the use to pay legal costs for the merger discussions. Mr. Thomas also clarified that Greenmount would have to supply the Township with a financial report showing that the money was spent for that purpose.

Solicitor:

Solicitor Wisner requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation and contractual information.

Committee Reports:

Planning/Zoning – Chairman Waybright reported that the Zoning Amendment Review Committee will hold their next meeting on December 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Safety – Executive Session.

Finance Committee – No report.

Park and Rec – Chairman Waybright reported that a meeting will be scheduled in January.

Personnel – No report.

CTA – Mr. Phiel reported that a budget meeting was held and the finances of the Authority are in good shape.

COG – Mrs. Underwood reported that the next meeting is December 15th and Jody Walker, Director of the Adams County Children's Advocacy Center will be speaking and Rob Thaeler from Adams County Office of Planning and Development and Adam McClain from Adams County Conservation District will be present to speak to the municipalities regarding a new well drilling ordinance that will be coming up.

ACTPO – No report.

CT411 – Mr. Thomas reported that he will be attending an Adams County Tax Collection Committee meeting this evening and the By-Laws and Articles of Agreement will be on the table for final review and approval. He added that Al Timko, York Adams Tax Bureau's Executive Director, held two seminars at the Township

Building last week and they were well attended and very informative. Mr. Thomas then asked the Board to enter into a discussion regarding the proposed Fire Tax. He stated that the Budget Notice did not include the Fire Tax in the 2012 Budget. Mr. Thomas stated that he is happy with the discussions that are occurring in the community because if we lose our volunteers, it is very expensive to have paid firefighters and everyone would have to pay for that service. He asked the Board to stand down on the proposed Fire Tax but, to continue discussions and the Board was in agreement to do that.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m. for an Executive Session with no report to follow.

Carol A. Merryman, Asst. Secretary

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