

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors  
October 17, 2013 Workshop Minutes**

Chairperson Underwood called the workshop to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Shealer, Toddes and Ferranto; Township Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Solicitor Sam Wiser, Assistant Secretary Carol Merryman, Zoning Officer Bill Naugle and Lieutenant Tim Guise. Others present were: Dale Molina, Pat Abell, Speros Marinos and Elizabeth Magner. The workshop was recorded.

**Engineer/Plans:**

Mr. Thomas reported that the Township received a Request for Extension for the William Scott Final Plan. He also explained that Mr. Scott will need a text change for panhandle lots before his plan can proceed and therefore he is granting the Board a one-year time extension until October 31, 2014 for approval of the plan.

**Public comment:**

Speros Marinos, 912 Baltimore Pike, stated that he is glad to see that the battlefield has reopened; believes the fire tax is needed and asked the Board to update the zoning.

**Manager:** Mr. Thomas reported the following:

The budget presentation was held until the last item on the agenda.

The Board must schedule a public hearing for a zoning text change amendment to add Planned Unit Development to the Township's Mixed-Use Zoning district and due to the time constraints in both the Municipalities Planning Code and Township Ordinance the hearing must be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. The Board scheduled the public hearing for November 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and the workshop will follow. This workshop is usually held at 8:30 a.m. and will be held in the evening following the hearing instead and will require advertisement of the change.

The bids for the Municipal Waste Contract have been reviewed and staff has met with Straban Township and Abbottstown Borough (the South Central Group). He added that the Township had chosen Option #2 in the last contract and the group is also considering Option #2 this year which includes optional recycling. The lowest bidder for Option #2 appears to be Advanced Disposal with headquarters located in Shippensburg. The annual rate will be \$137.28, the current annual rate is \$200.28, a savings of \$63.00 per year. The rate for the optional recycling is \$44.28 per year. He added that Straban Township has already acted to approve Advanced Disposal and Abbottstown is waiting for Cumberland Township to act. Solicitor Wiser reviewed a legal matter brought up by one of the other bidders and he agreed with the County's Solicitor in feeling that it had no merit.

A letter has been received from a resident, Carol Courtney, requesting that a "Caution... limited sight distance ahead, reduce speed" sign be placed west of the Herr's Ridge Road and Woodhaven Drive intersection; the area that was repaved last year. He added that staff disagrees with the signage because the intersection does meet engineering standards. He added that staff does agree with Ms. Courtney regarding the speed in the area and he stated that this is the Township's growth area, there has been discussion about reducing the speed limit to 25 MPH and some preliminary work has been done. The Board agreed to have Solicitor Wiser look into the legal process of reducing the speed limit in that area.

The YWCA has submitted a Special Event permit and could only get a \$2 million liability insurance policy due to the size of their event and the Township's Ordinance requires a \$5 million liability insurance policy. The event was held on October 12, 2013 and the staff did not deny the event. **Mr. Ferranto made a motion to ratify the staff's action of accepting a reduced liability insurance policy of \$2 million from the YWCA for their Encore Breast Cancer Awareness 5K seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.** Chair Underwood stated that this is on the list to look at for amending in 2014. **Mr. Ferranto made a motion to authorize Solicitor**

**Wiser to move forward with changing the Special Events Ordinance to address the liability insurance requirements seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.**

The Board affirmed Mr. Thomas' testifying at a PA Senate Veteran's and Emergency Preparedness Committee hearing on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Emergency Services Building regarding the challenges of recruitment and retention of volunteers in the volunteer fire service. Mr. Thomas encouraged the citizens to attend this important hearing and the information will be placed on the Township's website. Mr. Ferranto stated that Senator Alloway brought the hearing to Adams County and that is very unique.

There will be an addition on the meeting agenda regarding the speed reduction request submitted to PennDOT for Fairfield Road. The Township has received a letter back from PennDOT and they have determined that a speed reduction is not warranted.

**Solicitor:**

Solicitor Wiser stated that the Township has received numerous inquiries regarding the status of the Keller Conditional Use and the Township is aware of the current status and is taking appropriate steps to address the matter with the remedies provided within the Municipalities Planning Code.

**Committee Reports:**

**Planning/Zoning** – Chair Underwood announced that the first meeting for the Joint Comprehensive Plan will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Charlie Sterner Building at 3:00 P.M.

**Public Safety** – Chair Underwood reported that the committee is trying to find a date that is good for everyone to hold a public meeting to fully vet the Police Study on regionalization and answer questions. Mr. Thomas asked the Board if November 12<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> would work for them and they are definitely tentative dates. The Board indicated that those dates would work for them.

**Finance Committee** – 1. **Mr. Shealer made a motion to deem the 1996 Ford pick-up truck and plow as surplus seconded by Mr. Ferranto and carried. Mr. Ferranto made a motion to advertise the surplus 1996 Ford pick-up truck and plow for sale by sealed bids seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.** 2. **Mr. Shealer made a motion to approve the purchase of the Western snow plow at the COSTARS price of \$5,703.00; for the 2008 pick-up not previously equipped with a plow, seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.** 3. **Mr. Ferranto made a motion to approve the purchase of a replacement laptop computer for use in the Maintenance Dept. for the tracking of all Township vehicle maintenance and software to be used for road inventory seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.**

**Park and Rec** – Mr. Toddes reported that the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA) has been busy and having a lot of meetings, they have a bank account set up and got their first donation of \$1,000.00 from the Sons of American Legion.

**Personnel** – Mr. Shealer reported that Michael Redding has been hired and is learning his way around.

**CTA** – Mr. Shealer reported on the pump station project. The start-up for Willoughby Run pump station is tentatively scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. The final restoration of Old Mill Road is still in negotiations. The sewer plants handled the recent large amounts of rain. The normal flows average around 200,000 gallons per day and they peaked at approximately 1.5 million gallons during the rain event. Mr. Thomas added that using Liquid Fuels funds to complete the restoration of Old Mill Road has been taken off of the table for this year and may be re-visited next year.

**COG** – Mr. Shealer asked if the COG will be bidding road materials and Chair Underwood stated that they will. Mr. Shealer asked that they also bid plastic drain pipe.

**ACTPO** - No report.

**Economic Development** – Chair Underwood reported that she and Mr. Thomas attended a Chamber of Commerce Breakfast regarding services that they can provide and there is an Economic Development Breakfast on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Eisenhower Inn.

**150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration** – Chair Underwood stated that they will be meeting on Monday and there are events coming up on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ferranto stated that the plans are still moving forward for the President to be in attendance.

**CT411** – No report.

Mr. Thomas presented his 2014 Budget Discussion Paper via a Power Point presentation. The presentation included approximately 32 projects and did not include any dollar amounts.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m. for an Executive Session with no report to follow.

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Carol A. Merryman, Asst. Secretary

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