

Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors
1370 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325
Minutes of the August 17, 2017 Workshop

Chair Barbara Underwood called the workshop to order at 8:30 a.m. Present were all Supervisors: Underwood, Waybright, Toddles, Paddock and Shealer; Township Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Zoning Officer Bill Naugle and Secretary Carol Merryman. Others present were Nathan Hockley, Rich Redding, Jean Stone and several employees.

Visitors:

Nathan Hockley – Mr. Hockley reported that the renewal rates for the health insurance policy are a 10% increase for Cumberland Township Authority and a 14% increase for Cumberland Township. He added that the Township can do a shortened contract to get the effective date of the policy to January 1st and the renewal rate for January 1st should be in the single digits (5-6%). He also reported that the Township would pay the same premium for a private plan that would not have benefits that are as good as what we currently have. The reserve was discussed and Mr. Hockley recommended that the money stay in the health insurance account to offset future rate increases. Mr. Thomas stated that action on the renewal will be on Tuesday night’s agenda and the Board will have the final numbers on the cost. He added that the option will be to renew for a four month contract to go to a January 1st renewal date or for a twelve month contract to remain at a September 1st renewal date. Mr. Hockley mentioned that if our claims for next year stay “in line” with our claims for this year then the Township could have additional reserve and may have to look at using the reserve to pay some of the premium in 2019. Mr. Redding thanked the Board for allowing the Authority to piggy-back on the health insurance coverage keeping their cost down as well.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Jean Stone, 1745 Mummasburg Road, asked why the Special Events Ordinance modifications and Gettysburg Municipal Authority’s Fire Hydrant Fees were not on the agenda. Mr. Thomas stated that they will be on the regular meeting agenda on Tuesday night.

Mr. Waybright reported that the roads in the southern end of the Township that were tarred and chipped really look good. Superintendent of Roads, Chris Walter, reported that Swetland Road was damaged when a piece of construction equipment that was being moved by a trucking company slid off of the trailer. He added that the trucking company is going to pay for the road to be repaired. The Cumberland Crossing development was discussed and the Township engineer will be monitoring their progress.

The workshop was adjourned at 9:20 a.m. for a brief Executive Session on a property matter with no action to follow.

Carol A. Merryman, Secretary

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