

CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
730 CHAMBERSBURG ROAD, GETTYSBURG, PA 17325
OCTOBER 15, 2024 – 4:00 P.M.
BUDGET WORKSHOP

Chairman Phiel called the budget workshop to order at 4:05 P.M. Present were Supervisors: Phiel, Biggins, Brauning, Ramsburg and Sheppard. Also present were Township Manager David Blocher, Treasurer/Finance Director Camie Stouck-Phiel, Chief of Police Matt Trostel, Road Superintendent Chris Walter and Township Secretary Michele Long.

Chairman Phiel led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public comment: *“Citizens may individually address the Board of Supervisors for a maximum of five minutes. Prior to addressing the Supervisors, please state your name, address, and, if applicable, the organization that you represent.”*

None

2025 Preliminary Budget Overview

Manager David Blocher had an open discussion with the Board regarding the preliminary budgets. Mr. Blocher stated the good news is that year to date and looking toward the end of this year originally, they budgeted approximately \$500,00.00 to use as surplus funds to balance the budget last year. Mr. Blocher continued to say that it appears with the great interest we received, the health insurance refund check we will be receiving, and an end of the year large real estate tax transfer that this transfer will not be needed. Mr. Blocher stated this will have our budget ending this year in the positive without having to use any surplus funding. The Board reviewed the revenues to see what may be down from what was expected. Mr. Blocher reviewed the expenditures with the Board. Chief Trostle discussed police overtime and staffing salaries with the Board. Mr. Blocher stated that there is a \$499,057.76 deficit that would need to be transferred from reserve to balance the budget. Mr. Blocher stated there is no tax increase slated at this time but with the continuing need to dip into reserves the taxes are going to need to be raised at some point. Mr. Blocher stated we do have two safety net accounts which we hold in case we have an emergency we can pull from those.

Mr. Blocher gave the board an outline of all the different funding sources the Township is attempting to get with grant funding. The Board had an open discussion regarding the fire tax and the distributions for the 2025 Budget. Mr. Phiel felt that we should give the same amount as this past year and then have a discussion regarding raising the fire tax in the future along with the fire departments giving justification as to what those funds are being used for. There was open discussion regarding the park and recreation budget distributions to the Gettysburg Area Rec Park.

No motions were made.

The Workshop was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Michele Long, Secretary

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