

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors  
Minutes of the December 18, 2014 Meeting**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Underwood. Present were Supervisors: Underwood, Paddock, Toddes, Waybright and Ferranto; Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Solicitor Sam Wiser, Police Chief Don Boehs, Zoning Officer Bill Naugle and Secretary Carol Merryman. Others present were: Dale Molina, Carolyn Greaney, Jean Stone and Speros Marinos. The meeting was recorded.

Chair Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mr. Ferranto made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 20, 2014 workshop seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried. Mr. Ferranto also made a motion to approve the Minutes of the November 25, 2014 meeting seconded by Mr. Paddock and carried.**

Mr. Thomas reported that General Fund expenses include the payment to C. E. Williams Sons, Inc. for Old Mill Road, in the amount of \$88,787.39. **Mr. Waybright made a motion to pay the bills, in the amount of \$168,205.58 from the General Fund, \$74,078.46 from the State Fund, \$418.75 from the Escrow Fund, \$22,221.52 from the Fire Tax Fund and \$51,000.00 from the Park and Rec Fund seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.**

**Engineer/Plans:**

Mr. Thomas reported that the Township has received a Sewage Planning Exemption from the Gettysburg Foundation for a Restroom Addition to the Spangler Farmhouse and the application has been reviewed and signed by the Township's Sewage Enforcement Officer. **Mr. Waybright made a motion to approve the Sewage Planning Exemption for the Gettysburg Foundation seconded by Mr. Paddock and carried.**

Mr. Thomas also reported that the Township has received a Sewage Planning Exemption from Sommers Farm LLC, located at 580 Red Rock Road, for a single-family detached residential dwelling and the application has been reviewed and signed by the Sewage Enforcement Officer. **Mr. Toddes made a motion to approve the Sewage Planning Exemption for Sommers Farm, LLC seconded by Mr. Paddock and carried.**

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Speros Marinos, 912 Baltimore Pike, congratulated the Board on a Township resident being appointed to the Gettysburg Municipal Authority Board. He also thanked Police Chief Boehs for speaking at the Historical Society meeting and asked that the Joint Comprehensive Planning be moved along faster so the Township's zoning can be updated.

**Police Report:**

Police Chief Don Boehs presented a written and oral report of police activities for the month of November including; 341 complaints, 93 traffic stops, 74 combined arrests, 17 traffic accidents, 8 targeted enforcements and 10,314 patrol miles. He added that they assisted other agencies 15 times and they were assisted three times. Police Chief Boehs thanked the Historical Society for their donation to the Police Department.

**Active Business:**

Mr. Thomas reported that the 2015 budgets were publicly advertised and placed on the Township's website. He added that there are the standard Tax Resolutions to be adopted. He reported that in the General Fund Budget the Real Estate Tax millage remains at 1.5 with an additional .25 mil dedicated Fire Tax. He added that the budget includes .5% Earned Income Tax, \$47.00 Local Services Tax and the new Amusement Tax. Mr. Thomas reported that the Final Budget does reserve an additional \$1,000.00 for the Rabbitransit Authority and an additional amount of \$12,800.00 for the additional security camera system subject to approval sometime in 2015. Mr. Thomas reported that the total expenditures are projected to be \$3,022,140.00; the total revenues are projected to be \$3,103,307.00 and include transferring \$70,000.00 to the Capital Reserve Fund. The budget includes an estimated year-end excess of \$81,167.00 plus the fund balance that is carried from year to year. Mr. Ferranto stated that he does not feel that the Township should be in the business of subsidizing public transportation in regards to the contribution to Rabbitransit and he will be working to raise more money from the local businesses. **Mr. Ferranto made a motion to adopt the 2015 Budgets seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried.**

**Mr. Toddles made a motion seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried to adopt the 2015 Tax Resolutions as follows:**

**2015 TAX RESOLUTIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Tax Millage for 2015 is set at 1.5 mills Real Estate for General Fund purposes and an additional .25 mills for restricted Fire Department funding purposes (Fire Tax).

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Per Capita Resolution of 1953 is re-enacted for 2015 without change. The tax rate is \$5.00; two percent (2%) discount; and ten percent (10%) penalty.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Earned Income and Profits Tax Ordinance of 2011 is re-enacted for 2015 without change.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Local Services Tax Ordinance of 2007 is re-enacted for 2015 without change.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Amusement Tax Ordinance of 2014 continues without change in 2015. The rate of 10% (5% which is payable to the Gettysburg Area School District in accordance with its Resolution and the Local Tax Enabling Act) of the admission price to each and every amusement within the Township of Cumberland for which the individual price of admission is \$1.00 or more; **or** the rate of 2% (1% which is payable to the Gettysburg Area School District in accordance with its Resolution and the Local Tax Enabling Act) of the participation price to each and every amusement within the Township of Cumberland for which the individual price of participation is \$1.00 or more.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Realty Transfer Tax Ordinance of 2008 is re-enacted for 2015 without change. The tax rate is one percent with Cumberland Township receiving .5% and Gettysburg Area School District receiving .5%.

**ENACTED AND ORDAINED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.

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Mr. Thomas asked that the review / approval of security system upgrades be tabled while the quote is being further reviewed.

**Mr. Paddock made a motion seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried to schedule the Reorganization Meeting for Monday, January 5, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.**

Mr. Thomas requested that the Board authorize the advertisement of an ordinance for the PA State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Unemployment Compensation Group Trust that needs to be adopted in January. Mr. Thomas explained that the UC Group Trust made many administrative and organizational updates to the agreement and this requires an inter-governmental cooperation agreement ordinance pursuant to the PA Inter-governmental Cooperation Law. **Mr. Waybright made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the ordinance for “Updated Trust Agreement for PSATS Unemployment Group Trust” seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.**

**Solicitor: No report – Executive Session regarding personnel issue**

**Committee Reports and comments from Board Members: No reports**

**Staff Reports:**

Mr. Thomas reported that Fire Tax funds were approved earlier to go to Barlow and Greenmount Fire Departments and he affirmed the Board’s wishes for a letter to accompany the checks going to these departments requesting that they go back to the table to continue their discussions regarding a merger. **Mr. Waybright made a motion seconded by Mr. Paddock and carried authorizing staff to author a letter to Barlow and Greenmount Fire Departments requesting that they resume their merger discussions.**

The Zoning Officer and Assistant Secretary’s reports were reviewed.

Executive Session from 7:38 P.M. to 8:26 P.M.

Regular meeting re-convened at 8:26 P.M.

A Ferranto – Toddes motion appointed Ronald L. Hankey to fill the unexpired vacancy on the Cumberland Township Authority. 5-0 vote

Unless otherwise noted, all votes were unanimous. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

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Carol A. Merryman, Secretary

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