

Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors
1370 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325
Minutes of the October 11, 2022 Workshop

Chairman Toddes called the workshop to order at 4:00 P.M. Present were all Supervisors: Toddes, Phiel, Ramsburg, Biggins and Brauning. Also present were Township Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Solicitor Sam Wisner and Secretary Carol Merryman.

Public Comment: None

Mr. Thomas explained the Adams Response and Recovery Fund (ARRF) grant program guidelines. Mr. Thomas reported that Cumberland Township Authority took action to go for \$1,000,000.00 for a shovel ready project that they have. He added that the minimum award is \$250,000.00, there is a match required for review purposes, the County will begin accepting applications on October 24, 2022 and applications must be submitted by November 21, 2022. Mr. Thomas also reported that eligible projects include water, sewer, stormwater infrastructure and broadband infrastructure. Mr. Thomas added that the money would have to be expended by mid-year 2026. Mr. Thomas suggested that the MS4 stream bank restoration projects be what the Township applies for since they are shovel-ready projects and the ARPA funds could be used for other purposes. **Mrs. Biggins made a motion to apply for the ARRF grant funding, in the amount of \$500,000.00, for the MS4 stream bank restoration projects, seconded by Mrs. Ramsburg and carried.**

Mr. Thomas gave the Board information about the Adams County Agricultural Land Preservation Program to take home to review. Mr. Thomas explained how a Township contribution towards the ag land preservation accelerates the point system used to determine what land gets preserved through the program. He added that the preservation process is a partnership between the Township, County and State. Mr. Thomas reported that the Board also has information about the Adams County Land Conservancy that is another option. Solicitor Wisner also provided the Board with a memo that he produced regarding the Open Space Lands Acquisition and Preservation Act that explains the methods by which local governments in Pa. may preserve land. Solicitor Wisner went over the different purposes the preserved land may be used for and how the preservation can be funded.

The workshop was adjourned at 4:45 P.M. for an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters with possible action following.

The meeting was reconvened at 5:10 P.M.

Mr. Phiel made a motion to authorize the Manager to hire a part-time receptionist in accordance with the job description. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Ramsburg and carried.

The workshop was adjourned at 5:15 P.M. to continue the Executive Session to discuss personnel matters with no action to follow.

Carol A. Merryman, Secretary

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