



Adam County Council of Government

Meeting Minutes September 26, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Secretary, Pat Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

Members Present: Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Liberty, Oxford, Straban, Gettysburg School District, and County of Adams

Others Present: Robin Fitzpatrick, (AEA), Catherine Wallen, (Rep. Ecker), Chad Reichard, (Cong. Joyce), Bev Frey, (Sen. Mastriano), Kathy Gaskin, (Healthy Adams County), Eric Zaney (Adams Regional E.M.S.), Sherri Clayton-Williams (ACOPD), LT. Nickey (PSP), Bicky Redman (ACOPD) & Carrie Nace (Novak Strategic Associates)

On a motion made by Bolton (Abbottstown), 2nd by Vasquez (Biglerville), the minutes from the August 2019 meeting are approved. Motion carried.

On a motion made by Gordon (Hamiltonban), 2nd by Underwood (Cumberland), the Treasurer's Report is approved. Motion carried.

Bolton (Abbottstown) made a motion to advertise the October meeting location to be changed to the New Oxford High School, 2nd by Gordon (Hamiltonban). Motion carried.

Speakers:

Carrie Nace from Novak Strategic Associates (Government relations consultants) spoke on Marcy's Law. Marcy's Law, seeks to amend the Pennsylvania constitution by adding rights for victims of crime. This law passed unanimously in the Pa House and Senate during the 2017-18 legislative session. Rep. Ecker and Moul are co-sponsors and it is supported by the Governor. This law would keep the victims aware of what is happening with defendant, such as bail, parole etc. This will be a question on the November election ballots and are encouraged to support and vote yes.

Kathy Gaskin (Healthy Adams County) and Eric Zaney (Adams Regional E.M.S.) & Bicky Redman (ACOPD) spoke on the used needle disposal machine. All funds were received through donations and grants. Bonneauville will host the machine. There will be an external kiosk available. It will be 4-6 weeks until delivery and training is set to begin the 1st of the year. PR materials will be coming to us. There will be a maintenance cost each year. Adams is the 1st county in the state to use this program and DEP considers this a pilot program.

Ron Harris (Collaboration Committee) The committee is addressing education and training to be available here in Adams County for municipalities. He provided a list of what type of trainings are available and who should have it. Please review the list and let him know what we feel would like to see come to Adams County. The ACOPD is also working on county wide training and will be working with our committee.

Business:

ACC: Commissioner Phiel discussed the Budget and is happy to report that it is balanced. The firing range is now open and being utilized. Commissioner Qually mentioned that it is tax appeal season. The Mercy house has received the 1st set

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of Bids. These bids have been denied and a 2nd RFP will be geared towards local contractors. Still hopeful that renovations will begin spring 2020.

Legislative Representatives: Cathy Wallen (Rep. Eckor) is back in session and focusing on the is firefighter bill which looks like it will pass. Other items he is working on are the Strangulation Bill (HB 854) Sen. Ward has taken this on and will push it. There will be a Sr. Affair at the Brethren Home on Oct. 4. He is working on a plan for property taxes and there will be a Town Hall meeting at the Hampton Fire Department on Oct. 9.

Bev Frey (Sen. Mastriano) Sen. Mastriano is also back in session. The grant work shop went well. Focusing on property tax and the heartbeat bill. The drug take back will be held on October 26 and he visited the New Oxford Tech Center.

Chad Reichart (Cong. Joyce) mentioned that the impeachment proceedings will take up a lot of time from other issues. Please contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

ACOPD: Sherri Clayton-Williams mentioned that the office is working on having all plans being presented electronically. They will be speaking with all municipalities.

PSP: Lt. Nickey mentioned Act 79 took affect in April of this year and is a weapons relinquishing order. Many hurdles to be overcome because is a bit confusing. Encourages us to speak with our police. An official lease with Lobar Associates for new stations. The location will be across from the entrance of the EMS. Bob Gordon thanked Lt. Nickey and his department.

Twp Officials: The convention is November 13th at SAVES.

Boroughs Association: The next meeting is November 18.

ACTCC: No update

School Districts: No update

AEA: Robin Fitzpatrick mentioned that the booklet with a list of all state programs related to loans and grants is available from their office. They will be visiting municipalities to talk about the workforce housing study.

Legislative Committee: Bob Gordon mentioned the list of COG priorities, such as the prevailing wage, RTK and Local Radar. Feels that Sen. Mastriano's workshop was a great tool. HB 1822 an amendment to the capital loan program and is being fast tracked according to PSATS. See Bob if you do not know about the Capital Loan Program. His township utilized this program.

Emergency Services: No update.

Public Comment (General): Arendtsville Borough mentioned that the 2-day training for new supervisors or council members is an excellent training for the money.

The Nominating Committee is now activated. Jack Ketterman and Barb Underwood are looking for volunteers to be on the committee. Presentations will be made at the November meeting.

Pat Smith will have the draft Budget for the November meeting

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Bob Gordon mentioned that during this budget season please consider his favorite subjects: the AEA support and the Fire Tax.

Dave Bolton mentioned that community media is working on a plan to solve the rural broad ban issue.

Bob Gordon mention that he was so disappointed he was unable to attend our Anniversary Meeting. BUT he was happy to be able to view the entire meeting on Community Media. He thanked all who participated.

The next meeting will be held at the New Oxford High School with a tour of the new Tech Center.

With no further business a motion to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. was made by Qually (ACC) and 2nd by Bolton (Hamiltonban). Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig, Butler Township

Secretary