

COG Minutes August 23, 2018

Vice President Ferd Prehn called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: Boroughs: Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, and Fairfield. Townships: Berwick, Butler, Conewago, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Oxford and Straban. School Districts: Conewago Valley, Gettysburg, and Littlestown Schools. Adams County: Randy Phiel, Jim Martin and Marty Qually.

Others Present were: Rep. Dan Moul, Chris Kimple, (Moul), Vanessa Pellechio (Times), Bev Fey (Sen. Alloway), Chris Kimple (Rep Moul), Lt. Nickey (PSP), and Andrew Markel (ACOPD), Coleen Reamer

On a motion made by Mouser, Straban, 2nd by Bolton, Abbottstown, the minutes from the July 26, 2018 meeting were approved. Motion carried.

On a motion made by Gordon, Hamiltonban, 2nd by Mouser, Straban, the Treasurers report was approved. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Speaker: Bob Reilly – Government Relations Officer for Wellspan

Mr. Reilly is the direct point of contact to Wellspan for government employees. Wellspan is involved with many community organizations, such as the opioid task force, Healthy Adams County, Family First Health, the Get Outdoors Program and they partner with the YWCA. Brad Hunt asked what Wellspan is doing to help with regards to the cost of services. Mr. Reilly stated this is a big initiative. Wellspan is trying to make things much more transparent and easier. George Mauser asked about electronic records. There is a gap between different medial areas/systems. Mr. Reilly stated that this is known and they continue to work towards a solution. Mary Qually wants to know if Wellspan would be interested in a Countywide Wellspan insurance system. Coleen agrees it would be wonderful to have a group policy. Wellspan is one of 2 in the County that is certified to do the CDL physicals. Jim Martin asked if they provide coaching so that people can take the best path.

Bob Gordon - County Bridge Program: Are the municipalities interested in joining with the County, COG or a group of municipalities when sending out bid documents? The municipalities need to review the maps and the documents from the presentation. This is tabled until next meeting.

Comcast Cable Franchise Fee: There are 5 municipalities in negotiations now. Would there be interest in doing a County wide negotiation? Discussion was made by Dave regarding having the municipalities to give 2% of the franchise fee to Community media, resulting in \$340,000.00. George asked if these negotiations will include areas that currently do not have cable service. A suggestion was made to have a sub- committee to provide all the facts to present to Comcast. Bob Gordon and Dave Bolton volunteered to be on this committee.

Commissioners: Randy Phiel talked about the Tuesday night Community Forum where discussion was on Community Media. The next forum will cover truancy and the courts in the fall. He mentioned it is Community Block Grant time. September 21 is the application deadline. Solicitor John Hartzel will be leaving the county to take a job with the Elections and Right to Know Office. Molly Mudd will be staying on.

Jim Martin suggests that we visit the Community Media Facility. They need our help to keep moving ahead. Mentioned that County Controller Steve Renner uses CAFR reports. CAFR stands for Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports.

Mary Qually mentioned that the budget season is upon us and the early reports for the county look good. No tax increase predicted. The Health Care line item is a big issue.

Legislative Representatives:

Dan Moul mentioned Ag Progress days. Secretary Redding lets us know that the spotted lantern fly is no joke. 13 counties have spotted this fly. If you see one of these flies please contact Dan Moul or Secretary

Redding. The small dairy farms are struggling and we lose more and more each year. They are competing with Soy and Almond milk. Dan attended the Energy Summit. 3 mile island is scheduled to shut down with the possibility of 7 more. Once these are shut down they will most likely never be started back up. Cheaper energy sources are in competition. Should there be a mandate to keep coal & nuclear power? This is something that we need to talk about in the future.

Bev Frey (Senator Alloway) mentioned the West Nile Virus and spraying for mosquitos will start soon for York and Adams County. Penn Dot will also be spraying for the poison hemlock.

ACOPD: Andy discussed the Zoning Hearing Board Training. Once the Zoning Board hears and passes it to the Planning Commission means the zoning has been approved. Andy urges Municipal officials attend this training.

PSP: Nothing to report

Township Officials Association: Urge people to attend the zoning training.

Boroughs Association: September 17, 6:15 at the Pike. Cost \$10.00. Looking for nominations for the Ron Harris Award.

ACTCC: Nothing to Report

School Districts: October Forum. Brad Hunt thanked the police departments for their services on the first day of school. Gettysburg is inviting all officers to come to the schools, have lunch etc.

AEA: Nothing to Report (Jonathan Cox will be speaking at the September meeting)

AC Collaboration: State working on pilot program to fix SWM issues. Asking Municipalities for ideas and help. Legislative Committee: EIT, UCC Inspection bills. Recommending that the Legislative Forum in November be held in the evening.

Public Works: Nothing to report

Emergency Services: Randy Phiel commented on the recent flooding. The EOC opened for the 3rd time this summer. The Roof on the 911 center has issues.

Other Business:

- The By-Laws need to be reviewed and the committee will be activated in September.
- **A motion was made by Mauser, Straban, 2nd by Hunt, Gettysburg School District to have members attend the COG Conference. Motion carried.**
- Next year will be year 10 for the ACOG, the president is asking for ideas on how to celebrate.
- Mayor Dave, Arendtsville, mentioned that they are getting the paving project in Arendtsville underway.
- Dave Bolton: mentioned the Fireworks Ordinance, Solved problem with consumer permitting.

On a motion made by Gordon, Hamiltonban, 2nd by Commissioner Qually and with no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Helwig
ACCOG, Secretary