



Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023

1. President Scholle called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
2. Pledge
3. Members Present: Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville, Bonneauville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Mt. Joy, Oxford, Straban, Conewago Valley Schools, Upper Adams Schools & County of Adams.

Others Present: Vanessa Sanders (Times), Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker), Jason Haines (PSP), Rep. Torren Ecker, Stacey Rice (@ Home), Andy Merkel (ACOPD) & Karl Pietrzak (Destination Gettysburg)
4. A motion was made by Qually (Commissioner) and seconded by Boyer (Conewago) to approve the October minutes as presented. Motion carried
5. Treasurers Report: The balance in the checking account is \$10,02.92
6. Speaker: Commissioner Marty Qually was present to speak on Broadband.
7. New Business:
 - Please review the By-Laws for discussion and suggestions for changes at the December meeting.
 - Budget: A motion was made by Laughman (Arendtsville) and seconded by Baker (Bonneauville) to adopt the 2024 Budget as presented. Motion carried
 - Nominations for December Elections are as follows: Terry Scholle (President), Ron Harris (Vice President), Pat Smith (Treasurer) and Danielle Helwig (Secretary)
8. Regular Business:
 - a. ACC: Commissioner Phiel mentioned the Glass recycling is now open at the EMS Building 8-12 the first Saturday of the month. The Oaklawn community clean up was a success. Looking at early 2024 to transfer the property to new owners. The elections were a success with no issues and 23% turnout at the polls with 10% mail in ballots with the expectation this will increase next year. Budget was passed with no increase in taxes. 911 Funding may be a small increase on your cell phone instead of a tax increase. The Emergency Volunteer Responder tax credit was passed with a tax credit of \$250.00. the Roll of Honor for the Veterans that is currently in the old courthouse where the public cannot see it will be moved. It will eventually be updated as well. And finally mentioned that the Township Association needs volunteers to keep the organization going.

- b. Legislators: Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker) November 29, Business Tour of Big Hill Cider, Showers Tree Farm and Berlin Junction. November 30 Christmas with Critters at the SPCA. They will be having open house at the district offices. The State budget is on its way to being finalized. The 911 Bill passed the House and is now in the Senate.
 - c. ACOPD: Andy mentioned that the Public Participation Plan for ACTPO out for public comment beginning November 27 and running through January 12. ACTPO representatives are needed.
 - d. Township Association: Luane Boyer is president Shawn Phiel is Vice president. Attendance has dropped. Please consider being a part of a committee.
 - e. Boroughs Association: Next meeting November 20 7:00 pm EMS. This will be the last meeting for Ron Harris as president.
 - f. PSP: There is an influx of traffic for the Thanksgiving holiday and beware that scams are increasing.
 - g. Destination Gettysburg: Karl mentioned that October has been a good month. Hotels are at 80% occupancy. The Christmas festival the first week of December. The plans for the New Years festival are underway. Gave 75000.00 away for the giving spree.
 - h. ACTCC: The meeting is tonight by zoom. Elections for director will be held.
 - i. School Districts: Wesley Dull (Upper Adams) mentioned that parent/teacher conferences start next week. Winter sports are beginning. Thanked Marty Qually and the Broadband task force for their efforts.
Conewago Schools: Winter sports beginning also having parent teacher conferences. They celebrated American Education Week. Had a wear red day for children that are homeless. Looking to create professional learning to target homelessness, refugee families, language barriers and to assist students with incarcerated parents.
 - j. AEA: No report
 - k. @home: Broadband will be a presentation at the next meeting.
9. Committee Reports
- a. AC Collaboration: reviewing and finalizing the cyber security survey. A presentation will be made in January.
 - b. Legislation: David Laughman mentioned they are looking for members. They meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month. December will be a zoom meeting.
 - c. Emergency Services: No report
 - d. PA COG: No report
 - e. Broad band Task Force: Presented earlier
- 10 Public Comment: Judy Butterfield mentioned rain barrels. They have a few left. Please call.
11. Announcements: None
12. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig, Butler Township