



Adams County Association of Township Officials
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Hello Members,

July 5, 2016

May Mid-Year Conference

We had an excellent speaker on an excellent topic and STILL we had a (quite frankly.....) lousy turn-out on **Wednesday May 25, 2016** at the Adams County EMS Center. There was also a **TIME CHANGE.....9:00 AM to 12:00 PM** that was designed to fit what our members had asked for! **HELPPPPP!!!**. The Executive Committee does not know what you are looking for or what time frame so we are asking you to give us some much needed feedback. PLEASE let President Stephanie know so we can prepare for next year.

Penn Dot Mandated Flagger Training

Both a morning and an afternoon class will be held again this year on July 14, 2016. Both classes are full but we have always been flexible if you missed the sign-up notice, call Beverly Shriver in Oxford Township immediately.

We were informed that some municipalities had a scheduling problem and could not attend since we had a rather short announcement and sign-up for the training this year. If that applies to your Township, please let President Stephanie at Hamilton Township know that you have an interest for a Fall follow-up course. **IF we have at least 15 attendees, we can set another class later in the year.**

Secretaries Luncheon and Roundtable:

Wednesday July 27, 2016 at the Adams County Emergency Services Center from **11:00AM – 2:00 PM**. This has become one of our most successful trainings to date and continues to help renew the knowledge of Township office staff. Bring a fellow admin staffer or encourage a Township that has never attended to “try it out”! **This is the FIFTH ANNUAL Luncheon, so let’s celebrate!** Judy Chambers, Adams County Penn State Extension Office and Melissa Morgan, PSATS Legislative Analyst will bring us updated news and movements in the legislature. These two ladies have been regulars with our Roundtable since its inception and continue to help us bring the most timely topics to the table for discussion. We certainly appreciate their time and dedication to this event.

The sign-up sheet for this event is attached to the newsletter. Registration deadline is July 18, 2016.

November ACATO Convention:

We ask you to mark the date of Wednesday, November 9, 2016 for our convention dinner. The committee has been working hard on the preparations and program. It will again be held at the SAVES Social Hall, 5865 Hanover Road, Hanover, PA 17331. “Communications Through the Years” is this year’s theme. As we all know internal and external communications are so very important to our success with our residents and one another. And boy has that changed since the Association formed in 1917 (99 years ago).

ACTPO – Adams County Transportation Planning Organization

The Public Comment Period for the 2017-2020 TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) ended on June 22, 2016. That planning document lays out the expected transportation projects for Adams County over the next three years. Getting any transportation improvements that YOUR municipality sees as an important need can be addressed with YOUR involvement in the process. ANY municipality may send a representative to the quarterly meetings as they are public meetings. The ACTPO Committee will vote to adopt the Plan at our October 26, 2016 meeting at the Adams County Emergency Services Building, held from 1:00 PM until 3:00PM.

An electronic copy of the full TIP package is available on the Adams County website. The direct link to that page is: <http://www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning/Pages/TIP.aspx>

One of the most pressing and important news to our residents are the bridges that are on the Penn Dot list for scheduled closure for badly needed repairs or replacement all around the County. You can get updated information on which bridges and when by checking out ACTPO minutes and distributed documents that can be found at www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning.

Legislative News and Municipal Survey

Robert Gordon, Hamiltonban Township Supervisor, serves as our Association Legislative Chair. He has requested that a survey be circulated to better serve you. Please read the attachment from Mr. Gordon and respond directly to him. We need to keep our legislative priorities updated to keep them moving forward!

NEW Training Topics:

We continue to ask YOU for suggested topics for training issues and seminars. If you have a topic that you are interested in, please notify Stephanie Egger at Hamilton Township.

The next Executive Meeting will be held at Mount Pleasant Township on August 2, 2016 at 12:00 PM. Distribution List: Please distribute this newsletter to all of the Township Officials that are listed in this letterhead. If there is anyone that wishes to be added to or deleted from the direct mailing please contact Coleen Reamer!

Thank you very much for your participation and support,
Stephanie and the Executive Committee

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TO- ADAMS COUNTY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

JULY 5, 2016

SUBJECT- LEGISLATION

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

THE LEGISLATURE OPERATES IN TWO YEAR SESSIONS. THE CURRENT SESSION IS 2015-2016. THAT MEANS ANY LEGISLATION PENDING ON 12-31-16 WILL DIE AND HAVE TO BE RE-INTRODUCED IN 2017 TO BE CONSIDERED.

WE HAVE NUMEROUS BILLS PENDING THAT IMPACT TOWNSHIPS. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR REGARDING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING BILLS-

PREVAILING WAGE -HB63-HB1234-HB1639 SUNSHINE LAW-EXEC. SESSIONS – HB340

WELL CONST. STANDARDS- HB48 ELECTRONIC RECYCLING- ACT 108

MUNICIPAL PENSION REFORM-HB414 BIDDING- HB902

RIGHT TO KNOW- SB411 RADAR-LOCAL POLICE- SB535-SB559-AND HB71

THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST, JUST A SAMPLE OF SOME PENDING. YOU MAY FIND INFORMATION ABOUT BILLS ON THE FOLLOWING WEB SITES - WWW.PAHOUSEGOP.COM WWW.PASENATEGOP.COM

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PLEASE ADVISE ME YOUR NUMBER ONE BILL FOR THE REMAINING SESSION THIS YEAR. ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ME. THANKS.

BOB GORDON, CHAIR

ACATO LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

** Please Contact Bob Gordon at BGordon1162@comcast.net with your number one Legislative Concern so that he can assist us and PSATS in bringing these concerns to the forefront in their voting.



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May 4, 2016

Well, another PSATS Conference has come and gone! Speaking for this writer, I once again walked my legs off and wore out my arm waving that VOTE card BUT took away some valuable information as I do every year. If you have not been to a conference lately or have never attended, please put it on your calendar for next April. You will enjoy the experience!

We regretfully announce the resignation of Barbara Underwood, Supervisor from Cumberland Township, as a committee member of ACATO serving on the Publicity Committee with Coleen Reamer from Hamiltonban Township. Barbara has been a distinguished member who has also served in the past as an ACATO delegate to the ACTPO committee. As she moves on to serving her Community and Township in other capacities, we hope that some new faces will take this opportunity to join our ACATO team.

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Our Speaker will be Mr. Paul Barr, Reading Township Supervisor and Professor at Penn State Mont Alto. The Topic is "Computer Security Fundamentals for Local Government". The meeting will be divided into two speaking segments with our short ACATO business meeting just after the break and then wrap up with Paul's final points, questions and a boxed lunch from Ragged Edge. Please send in your registration and preference of lunch *before* Monday, May 16, 2016.

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We have a new Vice President! Welcome Supervisor Harry McKean from Oxford Township. Harry will be a great asset to our Executive Committee and to the Association as a whole. We know he will do a great job for our Association! We have accepted the resignation of Coleen Reamer with regret. Coleen will be serving as Vice President of the Adams County Council of Governments going forward but still plans to remain on the ACATO Publicity Committee.

******March Training*******

Our first Training session of the year will be held on Tuesday March 29, 2016 at the Adams County Emergency Services Center from 9:00 AM until Noon. The registration form (due 03/24/2016) is attached to this newsletter. We will cover two topics: Banking Internet Security for our office personnel and Adams County Transportation Planning Organization for all municipal officials. Check-in will begin at 8:30 AM with coffee and light breakfast items.

****** April Training *******

The Dirt and Gravel Road Program as well as the Low Volume Road Program Training (ESM Training) will be held here in Adams County at the Hotel Gettysburg, One Lincoln Square, Gettysburg on April 13 & 14 (Wednesday and Thursday), 2016. The training is required in order to apply for these two grant programs. We have succeeded in bringing this training to Adams County this year so please take advantage of this opportunity. The Adams Conservation District needs our participation to keep our grant funding flowing and to keep this training local! Register with your local Adams County Conservation Office at 717-334-0636 (Deb Musselman). The course is a FREE two day course running from 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM each day and lunch is served at no cost to registrants. ***Parking is available for free but you must register online so see the attached schedule of classes for the Gettysburg location link.***

PSATS News

Don't forget to register early for the conference and trade show and don't forget to check out the donation list for our Military gift box. We hope you will gather some items either individually or as a Township and drop them off at the Conference. The box is always located in the lobby. And a reminder that the Association has agreed once again to supply a gift basket of Adams County items as a door prize at the **April 17-20, 2016 PSATS 94th Annual Conference and Trade Show**. Let's fill this year's basket with even more items. So, please choose (one) business in *your township* and its product for inclusion in the basket. Your product or gift certificate from the business must be received at one of the ACATO officers' township offices or brought to a COG meeting no later than **Thursday March 24, 2016**. You have plenty of time to make this year's basket a

GREAT sampling of Adams County! There is no better way to show someone from another County just what we have to offer.

Elected Auditor Survey

Bob Gordon, Legislative chairman, initiated a survey of Townships to find out which townships use their elected auditors to audit their financials and which townships only utilize them to set the working supervisor wage. The Executive Committee will take this information and decide if a Resolution to PSATS should be presented that will offer an alternative to townships that employ a CPA to audit their financials. Many townships are experiencing difficulty getting people to run for this elected seat. If a Resolution is formulated it will be proposed to the members at the May Mid-year ACATO Conference.

Current results of the survey are:

*** 14 of 19 members responded; 8 of the 14 perform the Audit with elected Auditors; 8 of the 14 said yes to a resolution to grant townships an option; 3 of the 14 were not sure; 2 said no to an option and 1 is still discussing the matter.

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