

**Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2024**

1. **President** Harris called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Pledge
3. **Members present:** Arendtsville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Highland, Liberty, Mt. Joy, Oxford, Straban, Bermudian Springs, Conewago Valley, Littlestown Area, Upper Adams, & Count of Adams
Others present: Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker), Vanessa Sanders (Gettysburg Times), Lt. Jason Haines (PSP), Stacy Rice (@ Home), Kark Pietrzak (Gettysburg Destination) & Nancy Bull (Cong Joyce)
4. **January Minutes:** A motion was made by Arendt (Conewago), seconded by Mauser (Straban) to approve the January minutes as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Treasurer Report:** The balance in the checkbook is \$11,391.19. A motion was made by Mauser (Straban), seconded by Commissioner Phiel to accept the minutes. Motion carried.
6. **Speaker: Warren Bladen, Director of the Adams County Emergency Services Department**
Mr. Bladen spoke about the responsibilities of the Adams County Emergency Services Department and what the Commonwealth of Pa expects from the Municipalities. Title 35: Directs and authorizes every political subdivision to have an emergency management program that includes a trained Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), and emergency operations plan. The County will help your municipality create one. Elected Officials (Supervisors & Council members) are required to take training: the 4 required classes are IS 100, 200, 700 and 800. Recommended classes are G 402 and G 191. The required classes are needed to be eligible for Federal Money.
7. **New Business:**
Support Letter for @homeadamscounty: Stacy Rice from @home is apply for a grant for the Community Foundation for the "Adams County Smart Growth Project". Mrs. Rice addressed the group and asked if COG would provide a letter of support for the grant application. There were no objections from the members. Letter of Support was signed.
8. **Regular Business:**
 - a. *Adams County Commissioners:*
 - Commissioner Phiel mentioned the County approved 2 LERTA's (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance) Conewago and Berwick Townships. He also provided and Oaklawn update. Cumberland Township and Adams County working on a new structure to house documents and office space. Glass recycling is going well. The Elections Office has hired two-part timers to help with mail in ballots.
 - Steve Nevada: Updated the group on the Broadband. The task force presented to the Adams County Commissioners yesterday. A letter of Support was approved for the Multipurpose Community Facilities Grant.
 - b. *Legislative Representatives:*
 - Nancy Bull (Congressman Joyce): February is National Career Vo Tech Month. Joyce visiting local Vo Tech Schools. FEMA update: The Assistance to Fire Fighter grants are due March. Congratulations to Gettysburg High School Graduate who will be attending the US Military Academy.
 - Catherine Wallen (Representative Ecker): Mentioned the budget proposals. Rep. Ecker sits on the appropriations committee. The Shippensburg office has a new staffer. Megan. There office can help with Rent Rebate Assistance by appointment.

- c. *ACOPD*: Andy Merkel introduced their new Community Planner, Madison Rosenberry. The Environmental Planning position is pending. Still in need of a Transportation Planner. Reminder: Make sure all ordinances are up to date with the AC Planning Office.
- d. *Township Association*: Meeting March 20, in Cumberland Township 1:00 p.m. All are welcome.
- e. *Borough's Association*: No Report
- f. *PSP*: Mentioned that Coffee with Cops was a success
- g. *Destination Gettysburg*: Karl Pietrzak mentioned annual meeting March 19 at Liberty. Jim Getty Award will be awarded. Speaker will be the president of the PA restaurant lodges (?) association. Provided some statistics on the Visitor Survey. New visitor guides are available. It is available digitally on the website.
- h. *ACTCC*: No Report
- i. *School Districts*:
 - Matt Muller (Conewago Valley): mentioned they have completed they are kicking off their comprehensive plan. The renovations to the K-3 Elementary buildings are moving forward. The Budget process is underway
 - Wesley Dull (Upper Adams): mentioned that today was Drive Your Tractor to School Day. Celebrating Vocational Education this week. The outline of the state of PA at the Farm show was created by students and teachers from Upper Adams. The Budget process is also underway.
 - Justin Peart (Bermudian Springs): Mentioned their comprehensive plan has been approved. The Budget process is in full swing. Mentioned the Spring musical "Fiddler on the Roof".
 - Don Bell (Littlestown School): They are still working on their strategic and comprehensive plans. The Budget is going well.
- J. *AEA*: No Report
- K. *@ Home*: Reported above under new business

9. **Committee Reports:**

- a. *AC Collaboration*: Will be getting info out about Cyber Security Survey soon.
- b. *Legislative*: David Laughman mentioned the committee is working with the Representatives to find a way to revitalize the committee.
- c. *Emergency Services*: No Report
- d. *PA COG*: David Laughman reported that PA COG no longer exists as a website.
- e. *Broad Band Task Force*: Steve Nevada reported under ACC.

10. **Public Comment:**

Judi Butterfield mentioned 110 couples renewed their vows on the square on Valentines. The library would like to move to the Seminary and they are getting negativity. Mentioned the new miniature golf course going in where the Hardees used to be.

11. **Announcements: *The July meeting will be changed from July 25 will be moved to July 18.***

12. **With no further business the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,
 Danielle Helwig
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 Butler Township