

President Bob Gordon called the June 27, 2013 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and introduced the guests.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, and York Springs. **School Districts:** Gettysburg, Littlestown. **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Liberty, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Reading, Straban and Tyrone.

Others present were: Barry Cockley; Berwick Township (non-member); Mark Walters, The Evening Sun; Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension; Chris Kimple, Representative Moul; Adam McClain, Adams County Conservation District; Nick Colonna and Lori Lencheski, Adams County Planning and Development; John Eline, Adams County Emergency Services; Al Timko, YATB.

**MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWALES (YORK SPRINGS BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) TO ADOPT THE MAY 23, 2013 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Emma Seibert presented the May Treasurer's report which showed a balance as of 6/11/2013 of \$7,226.99.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA):** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nick Colonna from Adams County Planning and Development announced the surveys regarding Economic Development in the county were sent out via email to municipalities, residents and businesses. They will to gather data from these surveys so they can get a better perspective regarding the needs and interests for Economic Development throughout the county.

Also, Colonna thanked the participants of the survey regarding the Act 13, Parks and Recreation Study that will assist the county in distribution of funds. He announced the new county website and took recommendations from the municipalities that had difficulty opening their web pages.

Adam McClain from Adams County Conservation District (ACCD) was present to announce that the County Well Ordinance was finalized and approved by ACCD. More education of the public and municipalities will follow and he thanked the AC Collaboration Committee and Tyrone Township for their assistance. He will be making a presentation at the next COG meeting on this subject. President Gordon underlined the importance of this work since our state does not have standards. Chris Kimple from Representative Moul's office stated that he has been working on an amendment to H.B. 343 which will require the state to have standards on the construction and decommission of wells.

President Gordon announced that Al Timko from YATB has expressed an interest in their bureau becoming a member of the COG. However, Gordon will check this request with the COG solicitor. Timko will provide the COG with more information at an upcoming meeting on delinquent tax collection.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Adams County Collaboration – Hamm (STRABAN) announced the items currently being worked on are a new website and fire services. She thanked the committee members and the county for their involvement in this committee.

**OLD BUSINESS (CONTINUED):**

- Adams County Connected – Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) stated that the Public Works Committee has joined with their effort and Emma Seibert will discuss this information further. Judy Chambers (PENN STATE) explained that HACCC is assisting with another public information session on July 11, 2013. Chambers hopes to include schools in their information sessions. Community involvement is important to this effort and has helped to make this successful for all ages.
- Legislative – Bob Gordon (HAMILTONBAN) reported that the committee has been meeting at Senator Alloway's office. The legislators have been sending representatives to their committee meetings. Chris Kimple (REP MOUL's office) provided information to the members on the following items: (1) Conveyance Bill (2) Transportation Bill (3) H.B. 797, Amends Section 108 and 301 of Worker's Compensation Act designation of cancer as an occupational disease for firefighters, which was passed in 2011. Hunt (GETTYSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT) requested that Kimple review what the legislature is doing on outlawing competitive bids on roofs. Kimple will get back to the COG on that request.
- Public Works – Emma Seibert (TYRONE) announced that she will be checking with the committee members if they wish to continue to serve in this group. Adams County Connected and Public Works will be working on a Local Government EXPO regarding sharing computer information. This will be held at HACCC on October 29, 2013 at 9 a.m. The purpose of this EXPO is to share information. Also, Public Works will hold a Buy your own breakfast (BYOB) on October 29 at 8a.m. at Rosie's Restaurant with Judy Chambers providing a presentation called Dealing with Difficult People. Public Works has met with Joint Purchasing to assist in this effort. Lastly, Seibert will be following up with more information on holding an educational meeting on Highway Occupancy Permitting procedure in Adams County. The upcoming committee meetings are to be held at 9am on the following dates October 15, November 12 and January 14 (a reorganizational meeting). The meetings will be held at Tyrone Township.
- Joint Purchasing – Gus Fridenvalds (HUNTINGTON) announced that this committee is in need of additional committee members. They hope to increase the participants in joint purchasing and commodities for the next bid in 2014.
- Emergency Services – Sharon Hamm (STRABAN) and Underwood (CUMBERLAND) gave an update on the Fire Services Study. They asked for the municipalities and fire companies to consider have more communication with each other. No assumptions should be made when it comes to protection of life and property within our municipalities. It is now a law that municipalities "shall" be responsible for fire and emergency services. Discussions continued on the costs of volunteer vs. paid fire personal and the need for accountability and Memo of Understanding between both entities. The study is available on the COG Website at [accog.us](http://accog.us) and President Gordon announced that the May 6th meeting on the Fire Study can be found on Adams County TV. Various members provided their personal views on the installation of a fire tax vs. donations from the General Fund. A further suggestion was made to have a straw poll taken to find out what municipalities intend to adopt the fire tax.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

- Penn State Extension – Judy Chambers reported that she will be in attendance of the Tyrone Township meeting on sewer. This can be offered to other municipalities for supportive services.

**OPEN DISCUSSION (CONTINUED):**

- ACBA – Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY) announced that their next meeting will be held in September. Carroll Valley Borough provides a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration with fireworks and Army Corp Band and Choir on the 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome.
- ACATO – Nothing to report.
- School Districts – Nothing to report.
- York Adams Tax Bureau Committee - President Gordon announced the next meeting of the ACTCC is July 29, 2013 at the Emergency Services building at 5:30 and the Joint YATB meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on the same date and location.
- Adams County Conservation District – Adam McClain thanked everyone for the support from all municipalities and the COG regarding the budget for FY2013/14. President Gordon announced that Rusty Ryan will be at the August meeting to update the COG on the Act 167 ordinances. They would like to get feedback on the ordinance.
- President Gordon announced that the COG will be looking into information on the affordable healthcare laws that have been enacted by the federal government.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY) requested that educational items be listed on one web site (other than the COG web site) in the county that would provide all educational trainings being offered.
- President Gordon announced that the PA COG newsletter was sent to all members via email.
- Seibert (TYRONE) announced that they are meeting with Cohen Law Offices regarding the initiation of a consortium for cable franchises in the county. Anyone interested should contact her at [tyrone.township@comcast.net](mailto:tyrone.township@comcast.net)

**A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE) AND SECONDED BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:07 A.M.**

***Next meeting – July 25 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenamyre Lane, Gettysburg.***

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez  
Secretary

**June 27, 2013 Adams County Council of Government Meeting**  
**Now that we have the Financing Fire Services report:**

The fire funding study, sponsored by COG and ACVESA, was a joint effort to provide Adams County municipalities the information needed for each entity to determine how they would provide equitable funding to their respective fire companies. This tool provided the background information needed for each municipality to determine the method they might use to reach this level.

It is important to remember that the scope of this study was equitable funding. To this end, keep in mind, that on their fundraising drives, our local fire departments only receive donations from approximately 25% of their residents. Therefore, the majority of residents are receiving "a free ride".

The recommendation of the study was an across the board .25 mill tax. That method would mean that all property owners would pay the same rate, based on their assessed value determined by Adams County. If one were to adopt a fire tax, the money generated would by law be dedicated only for the fire companies, and proportionate based on the primary due area into the respective municipality.

Disbursement of tax dollars must be accountable.

That takes us to the next point. A small group is currently meeting, to determine forms that would work for both municipalities and fire companies. This group includes fire department administrators, as well as municipal officials. This will provide information regarding accepted operational costs, time lines for disbursement, and suggestions. Recommendations will come out of this group.

What has become evident to those of us who have worked on this project is the need for the municipalities to sit down with their respective fire companies, and work out a MOU. We have the legal responsibility to provide for the health and safety of our residents, and the fire company is the delivery mechanism for that. We must work together to that end. Be it a resolution or an ordinance, each municipality should work with their solicitor

Talking with residents it becomes apparent that although no one likes to hear of tax increase, however, once they understand that a fire tax would be dedicated to fire service, and would appear on their tax bill independently, they are in favor as long as there is accountability. They too want to retain their volunteers and respect their service. If we all work together on the administrative disbursements of .25 mill dollar amounts we will be much stronger in bringing about the intent of equitable funding.

We would encourage you to set up meetings with your respective fire departments at your workshops to begin discussions.

The position of this COG has always been, we will provide information. How each member handles this information, is entirely up to each individual body.

Informational forms are being handled out to assist you in the contacts for setting up meetings.

Thank you.

Barb Underwood  
*Cumberland Township Supervisor*

**→ IMPORTANT STEP ←**  
**TO HELP FACILITATE COMMUNICATION AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND THE MUNICIPALITIES THEY SERVE.**

Historically, Fire Departments and Municipalities have had varying levels of communication and collaboration. This may have worked in the past, but the future requires even stronger partnerships.

In 2008, the Borough and Township Code had a significant change. The law changed to say that municipalities “shall” be responsible for fire and emergency medical services. We cannot assume that the people and property within our municipalities are protected. We have to know that we are doing everything we can to ensure that the volunteer departments remain solvent and able to provide emergency services within our municipalities.

We are very fortunate to have the services of our departments and volunteers, but they need our financial help. Please make the effort to communicate and collaborate with each other.

**→ Message to Fire Departments:**

Please go to your municipal officials and request to have an informational workshop with the elected officials to discuss the Financing Fire Services study. It is important that the municipalities and the fire departments communicate and have the opportunity to hear the same questions and answers.

You will find attached the contact information including the phone number and address for all the municipalities. Also the typical time a monthly meeting is held so you can work it into your schedule.

**→ Message to Boroughs and Townships:**

Please contact your first due departments and request they come and meet with your elected officials. The benefit of having both the municipality and department(s) in the same room is the opportunity to discuss common concerns, ask and answer questions so everyone is hearing the same thing. If you have never met with your Departments, an agenda for this informal workshop could be:

- Introductions
- Fire Department(s) – Overview of services
- Fire Department(s) – Sources of funding
- Discussion about the Fire Funding Study
- Concerns from the Muncipal Perspective
- Concerns from a Fire Dept. Perspective

Find attached the contact information for the departments within your municipal boundary first due call area.

Any questions you may have should be directed to: Sharon Hamm, [sharon.hamm@strabantownship.com](mailto:sharon.hamm@strabantownship.com) *Thank you*

Attached are two documents. One gives municipal meeting information and the second gives department contact information.

## Municipality Contact and Meeting Times

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Meeting Times for each month</b>	<b>Primary Due Fire Department(s) Per Municipality</b>
Abbottstown Boro.	259-0965	7 pm, 1st & 3rd Thu.	United Hook & Ladder FD #33
Arendtsville Boro.	677-6009	6:30 pm, 3rd Thu.	Arendtsville FD #5
Bendersville Boro.	677-8112	7 pm, last Tue.	Bendersville FD #7
Berwick Twp.	632-1829	6 pm, 2nd & 4th Mon.	United Hook & Ladder FD #33
Biglerville Boro.	677-9488	7 pm, 1st Tue.	Biglerville FD #6
Bonneauville Boro.	334-2662	7 pm, 3rd Tue.	Bonneauville FD #19
Butler Twp.	677-6712	7 pm, 2nd Mon.	Arendtsville FD #5, Biglerville FD #6, Gettysburg FD #1, Heidlersburg FD #25
Carroll Valley Boro.	642-8269	7 pm, 2nd Tue after 1st Mon	Fairfield FD #2, Fountaindale FD #3
Conewago Twp.	637-0411	7 pm, 3rd Mon.	SAVES FD #29
Cumberland Twp.	334-6485	7 pm, 4th Tue.	Barlow FD #22, Gettysburg FD #1, Greenmount FD #23
East Berlin Boro.	259-9224	7 pm, 1st Wed. & last Tue.	East Berlin FD #11
Fairfield Boro.	642-5640	7 pm, 4th Tue.	Fairfield FD #2
Franklin Twp.	334-4901	7 pm, 1st Thu. after 1st Wed.	Arendtsville FD #5, Buchanan FD #27, Cashtown FD #4
Freedom Twp.	337-2926	8 pm, 2nd Wed.	Greenmount FD #23
Germany Twp.	359-7537	6 pm, 2nd Mon.	Littlestown FD #20
Gettysburg Boro.	334-1160	7 pm, 2nd Mon.	Gettysburg FD #1
Hamilton Twp.	259-7237	7 pm, 1st Mon.	East Berlin FD #11, Hampton FD #10, United Hook & Ladder FD #33
Hamiltonban Twp.	642-8509	7 pm, 1st Tue.	Cashtown FD #4, Fairfield FD #2, Fountaindale FD #3, South Mountain FD #16
Highland Twp.	642-8410	7:30 pm, 2nd Tue.	Cashtown FD #4, Fairfield FD #2, Gettysburg FD #1
Huntington Twp.	528-4027	7:30 pm, 2nd Thu.	Bendersville FD #7, Heidlersburg FD #25, York Springs FD #9
Latimore Twp.	528-4614	6 pm, 2nd Mon.	Lake Meade FD #26, York Springs FD #9
Liberty Twp.	642-3780	7:30 pm, 1st Tue.	Fairfield FD #2, Fountaindale FD #3
Littlestown Boro.	359-5101	7 pm, 4th Tue.	Littlestown FD #20
McSherrystown Boro.	637-1838	7 pm, 2nd & 4th Wed.	SAVES FD #29
Menallen Twp.	677-6635	7:30 pm, 2nd Thu.	Arendtsville FD #5, Bendersville #7
Mount Joy Twp.	359-4500	7 pm, 3rd Thu.	Barlow FD #22, Bonneauville FD #19, Gettysburg FD #1, Littlestown FD #20
Mount Pleasant Twp.	624-8049	7 pm, 4th Thu.	Bonneauville FD #19, Gettysburg FD #1, Littlestown FD #20, SAVES FD #29, United Hook & Ladder FD #33
New Oxford Boro.	624-2188	7 pm, 1st Mon.	United Hook & Ladder FD #33
Oxford Twp.	624-4544	6:30 pm, 3rd Tue.	Iristown FD #14, United Hook & Ladder FD #33
Reading Twp.	624-4222	6 pm, 3rd Mon.	East Berlin FD #11, Hampton FD #10, Lake Meade FD #26, York Springs FD #9
Straban Twp.	334-4833	7 pm, 1st Mon.	Biglerville FD #6, Bonneauville FD #19, Gettysburg FD #1, Heidlersburg FD #25, United Hook & Ladder FD #33
Tyrone Township	528-4012	7 pm 2nd & 4th Wed.	Bendersville FD #7, Hampton FD #10, Heidlersburg FD #25
Union Township	359-7811	7 pm 1st & 3rd Tue.	Littlestown FD #20, SAVES FD #29
York Springs	528-4032	7 pm 3rd Tue.	York Springs FD #9

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## 2013 FIRE DEPARTMENT CONTACT INFORMATION

ID	Emergency Service Department	Address Street / P.O. Box	Town	Zip	Contact Phone	Contact Name	Contact Email
1	Gettysburg Fire Department	35 North Stratton St/P.O. Box 3575	Gettysburg	17325	717-334-7548	Ken Kime, President Hurshel Shank, Acting Chief	<a href="mailto:kckime@embarqmail.com">kckime@embarqmail.com</a>
2	Fairfield Fire & EMS	106 Steelman St/P.O. Box 587	Fairfield	17320	717-642-8842	Bob Fitez, President Kevin Koons, Chief	<a href="mailto:dbfitez@embarqmail.com">dbfitez@embarqmail.com</a>
3	Fountaindale Volunteer Fire Dept.	1340 Old Waynesboro Rd	Fairfield	17320	717-794-2841	Steve Fitz, President Dave Martin, Chief	<a href="mailto:dpmartin@embarqmail.com">dpmartin@embarqmail.com</a>
4	Cashtown Fire Department	1111 Old Route 30, P.O. Box 172	Cashtown	17310	717-334-3838	Bill Mooney, President Jeff Bowling, Chief	<a href="mailto:jbowling65@embarqmail.com">jbowling65@embarqmail.com</a>
5	Arentsville Fire Company	48 Pearl Street, P.O. Box 482	Arentsville	17303	717-677-6200	Bob Hollabaugh, President Steve Schlosser, Chief	<a href="mailto:president5@comcast.net">president5@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:narrowsvalleyranch@yahoo.com">narrowsvalleyranch@yahoo.com</a>
6	Biglerville Hose & Truck Co. #1	111 South Main St/P.O. Box 391	Biglerville	17307	717-677-7532	Buddy Redden, President Eric Bowmaster, Chief	<a href="mailto:buddy_redden@yahoo.com">buddy_redden@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:biglervillefirechief@hotmail.com">biglervillefirechief@hotmail.com</a>
7	Bendersville Community Fire Co.	119 Park Street, P.O. Box 254	Bendersville	17306	717-677-8000	Dave Taylor, President Shawn Melhorn, Chief	<a href="mailto:dtaylor@gettysburg.edu">dtaylor@gettysburg.edu</a> <a href="mailto:rasheed@centurylink.net">rasheed@centurylink.net</a>
9	York Springs Fire Company	312 Main Street, P.O. Box 315	York Springs	17372	717-528-4728	Bob Funt, President Jamie Griffie, Chief	<a href="mailto:griffiejamie@yahoo.com">griffiejamie@yahoo.com</a>
10	Hampton Fire Company	5371 Carlisle Pk	New Oxford	17350	717-624-2323	Don Sheman, President Randy Wolf, Chief	<a href="mailto:dsheman1@comcast.net">dsheman1@comcast.net</a>
11	Liberty Fire Co. #1 (East Berlin)	101 E. Locust St., P.O. Box 670	East Berlin	17316	717-259-7125	John Jacobs, President Lee Byers, Chief	<a href="mailto:chief11lb@aol.com">chief11lb@aol.com</a>
14	Irishtown Fire Company Inc.	934 Irishtown Rd	New Oxford	17350	717-624-4141	Maurice Miller, President Jay Livingston, Chief	<a href="mailto:irishtownfire@gmail.com">irishtownfire@gmail.com</a> <a href="http://jlivingston@ifc14.org">jlivingston@ifc14.org</a>
19	Bonneauville Fire Department	10 Elm Ave	Gettysburg	17325	717-334-5636	Ted Petry, President Jerry Poland, Chief	<a href="mailto:lawncare9393@aol.com">lawncare9393@aol.com</a> <a href="mailto:chief19bfd@gmail.com">chief19bfd@gmail.com</a>
20	Alpha Fire Co. (Littlestown)	40 East King St/P.O. Box 475	Littlestown	17340	717-359-4212	Elwood Abin, President Scott Small, Chief	<a href="mailto:alpha20chiefsmall@yahoo.com">alpha20chiefsmall@yahoo.com</a>
22	Barlow Fire Department	2005 Taneytown Rd	Gettysburg	17325	717-334-1717	Jim Brown, President David A Maring, Chief	<a href="mailto:j4648brown@embarqmail.com">j4648brown@embarqmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:maringconst@gmail.com">maringconst@gmail.com</a>
23	Greenmount Community Fire Co.	3095 Emmitsburg Rd	Gettysburg	17325	717-334-5151	Jeff Hardman, President Brad Poland, Chief	<a href="mailto:poland@pa.net">poland@pa.net</a>
25	Heidlersburg Fire Company	2720 Heidlersburg Rd	Gettysburg	17325	717-528-8867	Tom Eyler, President Jim Lady, Chief	<a href="mailto:mteco9@yahoo.com">mteco9@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:jladychf@gmail.com">jladychf@gmail.com</a>
26	Lake Meade Fire & Rescue	492 Lake Meade Dr	East Berlin	17316	717-259-8338	Brian Brandt, President Tom Kittinger, Chief	<a href="mailto:abad742@comcast.net">abad742@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:chief26tk@gmail.com">chief26tk@gmail.com</a>
27	Buchannon Valley Fire Co. #27	1180 Buchanan Valley Rd	Orrtanna	17353	717-677-9234	Tim Baldwin, President Michael Spielman, Chief	<a href="mailto:dce3fd@yahoo.com">dce3fd@yahoo.com</a>
29	SAVES	5865 Hanover Rd	Hanover	17331	717-637-9171	Andrew Weaver, President Craig Hagerman, Chief	<a href="mailto:president@company29.org">president@company29.org</a> <a href="mailto:chief@company29.org">chief@company29.org</a>
33	United Hook & Ladder Co. #33	21 North Bolton St	New Oxford	17350	717-624-7456	Joe Byrne, President Steve Rabine, Chief	<a href="mailto:JByrne@remcopa.com">JByrne@remcopa.com</a> <a href="mailto:chief13@pa.net">chief13@pa.net</a>

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