

Adams County Council of Government

September 28, 2023

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by President Scholle at 8:34 A.M.
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call:
Members Present: Biglerville, Bonneauville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamiltonban, Mt. Joy, Straban, Conewago Valley Schools, Upper Adams Schools, and County of Adams.
Others Present: Lt. Jason Haines (PSP), Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker), Vanessa Sanders (Gettysburg Times), Stacey Rice (@Home in Adams County), Carl Whitehill (Destination Gettysburg), & Andy Merkel (ACOPD)
4. August Minutes: A motion was made by Wagner (Biglerville) and seconded by Baker (Bonneauville) to approve the August minutes as presented. Motion carried.
5. Treasurers Report: Two checks cleared since last month. Balance of the checking account is \$10,029.92. No action. Carried over until next month.
6. Speaker: Steve Bonacci, Account Manager, General Code. Steve gave a presentation on codification – a way of arranging municipal laws, rules, ordinances into a structured and cohesive document. His company works with 20 customers in Adams County. He showed everyone how Code General can create an actual binder and/or a searchable website, freeing up time for municipal employees. Link to his presentation:
<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:US:cca95bcc-94c3-4757-acd6-13142030b45a>
7. New Business: NONE
8. Regular Business:
 - a. ACC: Randy Phiel mentioned two polling places – in McSherrystown and Bonneauville - are changing. There are not that many appeals this year. They were done with them in two days. The 911 system is funded generally by a fee on your cell phone. The \$1.60 fee will be increasing to \$2.10 if the legislature votes in favor of this bill. If it doesn't come from them, it'll come from real estate taxes. It is critical for counties to have that funding. He noted the entire fee goes to the county for 911 system. The broadband study revealed no big surprises and validated what we already know. There is quite a bit of funding available for broadband.

Marty Qually mentioned the broadband task force presented to the Chamber of Commerce, particularly to small businesses and those who work from home. When it comes to business you have to be able to work from home. The task force will give a full presentation here next month.
 - b. Legislative Representatives: Catherine Wallen, Rep Ecker: House is back in session. Don't expect much movement. Changing the primary to March 19 is before the Senate.

Upcoming dates: Oct. 27, 9-11 am, Cross Keys; Dec. 7 Abbottstown Christmas open house.

- c. ACOPD: Andy mentioned the website for submitting subdivision plans and ordinances was down for about two weeks. He expected it up and running soon.
 - d. Township Association: Bob Gordon mentioned the secretaries' luncheon was Wednesday. Nov. 15 is the Township Association's conference. Volunteers are need for the association! Especially vice president and committee chairs.
 - e. Boroughs Association: Next meeting Nov. 20.
 - f. PSP: Lt. Jason Hains introduced himself. He is the new barracks commander. He encourages everyone to contact him with any concerns.
 - g. Destination Gettysburg: Carl Whitehill mentioned they'd be paying attention to a government shutdown and communicating via social media. October last year saw the largest numbers of tourists beating out even July. Working on strategic plan to bolster the non-peak season (Nov.-March). Group visits continue to improve.
 - h. ACTCC: Next meeting Nov. 20.
 - i. School Districts: Matt Muller, Conewago Valley, mentioned they're close to launching their greenhouse. They just made two offers for two school officers. Renovations on two buildings are in the works. They're excited to work with community partners.
 - j. AEA: NONE
 - k. @HomeAdamsCounty: Stacey Rice mentioned the Gettysburg-Hanover Connector will continue for another year. Next Coalition meeting is Nov. 20.
9. Committee Reports:
- a. AC Collaboration: Ron Harris mentioned they are working on cyber security. In the process of developing a survey. Info on deploying the survey to come soon.
 - b. Legislative: NONE
 - c. Emergency Services: NONE
 - d. PA COG: NONE
 - e. Broad Band Task Force: George Mauser mentioned the task force will present to ACCoG. The report is available online through the County planning office's website.
10. Public Comment: NONE
11. Announcements: Terry Scholle recognized Sandi Vazquez, secretary, and treasurer for Biglerville Borough, for her 31 years of dedication for her service to ACCoC and the community.
12. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Rice