



## Adams County Association of Township Officials

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Hello Members,

November 19, 2015

This edition is several weeks later than usual because I decided to hold the newsletter until after our 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Dinner:

### **ACATO Convention – Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

This year there were no submissions for the **PSATS Youth Award** from our area and there were also no **Resolutions** submitted from Adams County townships.

As your young people participate in the improvement of your community, please notify them of the Youth Award. These groups are always looking for additional funding to put towards their projects.

Also, as your township deals with varying issues throughout the year, please remember that if there is a legislative answer or improvement to be made it just may be that we would all benefit by a Resolution to PSATS to address the issue!

**CONGRATULATIONS to Beverly Shriver of Oxford Township as our new Association Secretary.** She will do a great job. Beverly will serve for the next two years after which time the Secretary from Mount Joy Township will serve as determined by our ByLaws.

Our speakers for the convention, Sergeant Ben Jones, Admiral Joe Sestak and Ginni Linn did an excellent job of entertaining us as well as imparting a great amount of wisdom upon us..... Thank you to our speakers.

### **FREE Pictometry workshops available through Adams County, December 1, 2015**

The **introductory** course is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, or 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (you only need to attend one of these sessions.) This course is recommended for everyone to attend whether you have any experience with Pictometry, or not. If you are currently using Pictometry, there are several changes/updates that will benefit you to hear about.

The **advanced** course being offered on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon is recommended for those with prior Pictometry experience. If you are inexperienced with Pictometry and will be attending one of the introductory sessions on Tuesday, it is recommended that you wait until a future date to attend the advanced course. You will be receiving a lot of information in the introductory course and may find it easier to become familiar with those tasks before taking the advanced course.

Details on future offerings of these courses will be provided as the dates/times are set up. Both classes will be held at the Adams Emergency Services Center on Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.

NOTE – SPACE IS LIMITED, BE SURE TO SIGN UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ASSURE YOU CAN ATTEND THE SESSION YOU PREFER! Contact Cindy Sanderson [csanderson@adamscounty.us](mailto:csanderson@adamscounty.us).

### **Update for Secretaries concerning your Luncheon request**

PSATS Legislative Analyst Melissa Morgan offered at our luncheon to try to secure a copy for each township of the Personnel Policy booklet that was presented by Eckert & Seamans at a PSATS workshop. Due to ownership rights, Melissa was unable to make that happen..... but has sent ACATO a Sample Personnel Policy developed by PSATS for your reference and use. Because it is a large document, I am sending it under a *separate email*. We hope that this will assist you in updating your policy.

### **ACTPO – Adams County Transportation Planning Organization**

The last meeting of 2015 for this noteworthy organization was held **October 28 from 1:00-3:00 PM at the Adams County Emergency Center**. Several items were addressed:

- Latimore Township expressed concerns about the Route US 15 improvements in their area.
- PennDot presented the 2014-2015 Annual LTAP Report showing the courses that were made available to Adams County municipalities, attendance at each workshop and annual Expenditure on LTAP classes. Also included in the report was the number of Technical Assistance Requests made by municipalities. The 2014-2015 fiscal year showed and increase in requests over all previous years.
- A listing of 2017 Adams County Bridge Projects was distributed as well as the Pennsylvania 2017 General and Procedural Guidance document for the 2017 Transportation Program.
- The next scheduled meeting is April 22, 2016 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Adams County Emergency Services Facility, 230 Greenamyer Lane, Gettysburg, PA.

\*\*\*\*\*Additional Info about ACTPO, minutes and distributed documents can be found at [www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning](http://www.adamscounty.us/Dept/Planning).

### **Adams County Conservation District (ACCD) – Meeting the 4th Thursday of each month**

*Just a reminder* that the Association's delegate on this Board is Barbara Underwood (Cumberland Twp.). Townships should now be receiving notices of their agenda items for each month and a summary of their meeting decisions after each monthly meeting. If you are not receiving these briefs to share with your officials, please notify Coleen Reamer of Hamiltonban Township. This effort is to improve communications between ACCD and our Township officials. The communications can assist in alerting you to important decisions that affect your operations.

### **ACATO Legislative Committee**

It is important that our legislators and even our Governor hear from our townships regarding legislative actions (good OR bad) that will affect not just us but also our citizens and the organizations that serve them. WE hope that when our Legislative Chair requests your emails and letters on any Bill that could be harmful to us, that you will respond to your local, State and Federal legislators on the item under their vote control.

If you have any legislative concern(s) that ACATO should support, notify Robert Gordon of Hamiltonban Township who still heads our Legislative Committee.

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

**Our next Executive Board meeting is required to be held within 30 days from the date of our Annual Convention at which officers are elected. Stay posted for that date. Any member is welcome to attend.**

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