

Adams County Council of Government

August 24, 2023

Meeting Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order by President Scholle at 8:30 A.M.
2. Pledge
3. Roll Call:
Members Present: Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, McSherrystown, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamiltonban, Mt. Joy, Straban, Conewago Valley Schools, Gettysburg Schools, and County of Adams.
Others Present: Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker), Vanessa Sanders (Gettysburg Times), Stacy Rice (@Home Adams County), Kathy Gaskin (@ Home Adams County), Karl Pieterzak (Destination Gettysburg), Chris Kimple (Rep. Moul), & Andy Merkel (ACOPD)
4. July Minutes: A motion was made by Mauser (Straban) and seconded Arndt (Conewago) to approve the July minutes as presented. Motion carried
5. Treasurers Report: Insurance policies are coming due, ACNB for the Officers and Selective for Liability. The budget will be discussed soon, please forward any budget items to Pres. Scholle. Balance of the Checking account is \$7029.92. A motion was made by Gordon (Hamiltonban) and seconded by Westcott (Littlestown) to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Motion carried
6. Speaker: Christine Anders, Mosquito Borne Disease Control Coordinator: Christina presented the group with handouts and spoke on the Mosquito and Tick program. The mission is to protect the public health of residents by collecting field data to detect and mitigate viruses.
7. New Business: NONE
8. Regular Business:
 - a. ACC: Jim Martin mentioned about Sachs Covered Bridge has received its facelift by the Theodore Burr Society. Adams County has a self-insured insurance program for the employees. It has done very well and saved the County money. The 2023 County Budget projections are they could end up with a surplus. The 2024 Budget process has started, currently there is a deficit. August 31 there will be a walk beginning at the Courthouse and ending at the Rec Park. The walk supports family of OD victims. The Mercy House now has a few residents.
 - b. Legislative Representatives: Catherine Wallen, Rep Ecker: They have had two family fun nights and attended fairs and carnivals. Annual Senior fair October 27 at Cross Keys Village. Sponsoring a bill to protect young social media influencers.
Chris Kimple, Rep Moul: The speaker has scheduled a special election for a former representative who has resigned to pursue another seat in Allegheny County. This may set the date back for them to be back in office. Rep. Moul attend Ag Progress days. He participated in a panel discussion. Made some comments regarding Solar Panels.
 - c. ACOPD: Andy mentioned that the MPC time lines. Subdivisions 30-day review. There is an issue on the Ordinance side: 30 days prior to the date of the hearing it must be submitted to the County for review. Commented on the zoning side of the solar panels.

- d. Township Association: Gordon commented that they are still in need of volunteers. We have 3 events, Flagger training, Secretary Luncheon, and the Annual Convention.
 - e. Boroughs Association: Next meeting Sept 18, 6:30 at the EMS center. ACTCC meeting November 1 and the YATB meeting is Oct 30.
 - f. PSP: NONE
 - g. Destination Gettysburg: Increase in day trip market, overnight stays 18 % over previous years. 11% increase National Visitor Center traffic. 90 % return for Bus Groups. Judie Butterfield commented on the Bus situation and the pilot program.
 - h. ACTCC: See Boroughs Association
 - i. School Districts: Becci Leatherly, Gettysburg Schools: Started school Tuesday. New HR and Supervisor of Education personnel. Matt Muller Conewago Schools: Started school Tuesday. Shout out to Asst. Superintendent, that takes 21 new hires in a bus to travel the borders of the school district. Saturday night football kickoff. Hiring a school security officer. Thanked Vanessa for the kind words in the paper. Kindergarten teachers go to every new student.
 - j. AEA: NONE
 - k. @HomeAdamsCounty: Stacy Rice working with Commuter Services of PA to promote walking biking and busing in PA. Info available on line. Next Coalition meeting September 25. Speaker will be Rabbit Transit.
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 the grant requests are under the review of the state. No time line. Design Nine completed the surveys and the task force is reviewing. The information will be shared with the Commissioners shortly.
10. Public Comment: NONE
11. Announcements: Kathy Gaskin, Healthy Adams County will be hosting a Food Quorum on September 13 at the AC Culinary Institute.
12. With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig