

ADAMS COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION

Pike Restaurant ▪ Gettysburg, PA 17325

ACBA MEETING ▪ SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

ATTENDANCE

BOROUGH REPRESENTATION PRESENT (18):

Abbottstown: April Trivitt

Biglerville: None

Carroll Valley: Andy Strausbaugh; Ron Harris

East Berlin: Robbie Teal

Fairfield: Caroline Stanley; Robert Stanley; Carol Smith

Gettysburg: None

Littlestown: Jim Eline Sr.; Betty Bucher; Jim Long; Charlene Westcott;
Terry Moser; Sandy Conrad

McSherrystown: David Bolton; Scott Cook; Robert Niederer; Michael
Calderone; Jim Forbes

New Oxford: None

York Springs: None

TOWNSHIPS PRESENT (2):

Berwick: None

Germany: Jack Ketterman

Hamiltonban: Bob Gordon

Huntington: None

Liberty: None

Oxford: None

GUEST PRESENT (5):

Russell Redding – PA State Secretary of the Department of Agriculture

Scot Pitzer – Senator Alloway’s Office

Chris Kimple – Representative Moul’s Office

Marty Qually – Adams County Commissioner

Bill Chantelau – Land Conservancy

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CALL TO ORDER
meeting

The Adams County Boroughs Association met in session and the meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Ron Harris and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROUND TABLE

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Michael Calderone and seconded by April Trivitt to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2016 as written. Motion adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT

TREASURER:
ANDY STRAUSBAUGH

Treasurer, Andy Strausbaugh reported the following:

Balance as of January 18, 2016.....	\$2,942.75
Receipts for 19 meals @ \$10.....	\$ 190.00
Dues paid	\$ 0.00
Balance.....	\$3,132.75
<u>Expenses for 19 meals @ \$10.....</u>	<u>\$ 190.00</u>
Balance as of December 31, 2015.....	\$2,942.75

A motion was made by Charlene Westcott and seconded by Terry Moser to accept the Treasurers Report as read by Andy Strausbaugh. Motion adopted.

Andy Strausbaugh also announced that he is retiring from the treasurer's position and asked if anyone had any interest in taking over. Charlene Westcott with the Borough of Littlestown volunteered to take over the position.

COMMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT

NEWSLETTER

President, Ron Harris stated that he has added articles to the newsletter letting us know when events take place. If anyone has any upcoming events after the next meeting that they would like to share they are to forward them to Ron Harris. He will gladly place them in the newsletter and by doing this it will allow for other municipalities to share the information.

ACBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

PSAB COMMITTEES: DAVID BOLTON

PSAB 2016-1 ADDITIONAL TAXES

The purpose of this resolution is to seek legislation to eliminate the ability of Act 47 which designates municipalities to impose additional taxes on non-residents without their prior consent.

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PSAB 2016-2 RADAR

This legislation urges PSAB to continue advocating for the use of municipal police radar and similar speed timing technologies.

PSAB 2016-4 HEALTH INSURANCE

This legislation is to enable boroughs to participate in the Commonwealth's health insurance plans, reducing their costs.

PSAB 2016-5 HIGHWAY LAW

This legislation seeks to amend the PA State Highway Law to establish consistent and equal maintenance practices on state roads that traverse boroughs

PSAB 2017-7 RECYCLING

This legislation supports legislation to amend Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010 to shift costs of electronic device disposal to a manufacturer-driven infrastructure.

PSAB 2017-8 RECYCLING

This legislation supports decreasing the size of the PA Congress (HB153 and SB488) to a new level of 151 representatives and 45 Senators, respectively.

OTHER COMMENTS

MARTY QUALLY

Adams County Commissioner, Marty Qually stated that the commissioners would like to hear good and bad feedback. It is very hard for the commissioners to take an active approach on something or help fix something if they are not aware of it.

There is also a potential applicant that is ready to go into a vacant building for medical marijuana.

An affordable housing committee was formed which puts people in the room that are affected. People who have a concern about the mix of housing. If anyone is interested please let Mr. Qually know.

COG – BOB GORDON

Bob Gordon stated that the County of Governments (COG) meets on the 4th Thursday of every month. The Destination of Gettysburg will be at the next meeting.

**LAND CONSERVANCY –
BILL CHANTELAU**

Bill Chantelau stated that the October 15, 2016 Road Rally theme is Emergency Services of Adams County. Everyone is welcome to attend the Rally.

RECESS

A 40 minute recess was taken for dinner.

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GUEST SPEAKER(S)

RUSSELL REDDING
PA STATE SECRETARY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Russell Redding was nominated to serve as the 26th Secretary of Agriculture for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in January 2015. His nomination was confirmed by the Senate on May 14, 2015. Mr. Redding is the former dean of the School of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at Delaware Valley University formerly Delaware Valley College.

Mr. Redding returned to the area and has said, "It is an exciting time to be in our industry". There has been a lot of interest from the public, business leaders and elected officials in food and food production.

There has been an agricultural and food careers assessment performed at the state level. Based on the research nearly 75,000 jobs in the agriculture and food industries are anticipated to open in the next 10 years. It has been identified the top 25 most in demand positions and among those anticipated vacancies, and approximately 60 percent of those jobs are held by those with an associate's degree, professional certification, high school diploma or less.

There is a current lack of workers who will be needed to fill these jobs. The Department of Agriculture is working to develop the necessary career pathways to ensure a ready supply of workers to fill those gaps.

There is a great challenge ahead to introduce and engage more individuals into the agriculture and food industry. There needs to be new collaborations and a plan of action.

In addition to the challenges we must also be aware and engage in thinking about preserving land. There are about 300 acres being lost each day. The open space does not only provide a source of food but also jobs and our aquifers are recharged from open land.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Then next Adams County Boroughs Association meeting will be held on November 21, 2016.

Submitted by:

Sandy Conrad

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ACBA Secretary