

**Meeting Minutes  
May 23, 2024**

1. **President** Harris called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Pledge
3. **Members present:** Arendtsville, Bonneauville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Highland, Mt. Joy, Oxford, Straban, Bermudian Springs, Conewago Valley, & County of Adams  
**Others present:** Chris Kimple (Rep. Moul), Stacey Rice (@ home), Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker), Rep. Ecker, Karl Pietrizak (Destination Gettysburg), Rep Moul, & Nancy Bull (Cong. Joyce)
4. **April Minutes:** A motion was made by Mauser (Straban), seconded by Taylor (Oxford) to approve the April minutes as presented. Motion carried.
5. **Treasurer Report:** The balance in the checkbook is \$13167.19. A motion was made by Baker (Bonneauville), seconded by Mauser (Straban) to accept the minutes. Motion carried.
6. **Speaker:** Brian Sinnet, Adams County District Attorney: Introduced himself and then discussed some of the things that are happening in the DA's office and things they are seeing. An increase in crime has happened but more so the dynamic of crime has changed. DUI is about 50% of the cases, more than half include drugs. Much of this is due to medical marijuana cards. We have a detective that has been trained on Computer forensics and is on the Internet Crimes Against Children task force, out of Delaware County. The task force will provide tips on these child crimes. There is a great deal of this type of crime.
7. **New Business:** Christine (Mt. Joy). Mentioned the fire study that was done in the past. She is looking for interest in reviewing the study and possibly updating it. There was discussion on the importance of our volunteer fire departments. President Harris proposes to speak with the Ex. Committee for recommendation and bring it back to the June Meeting.
8. **Regular Business:**
  - a. *Adams County Commissioners:*
    - Commissioner Phiel mentioned the recycling of glass is going well, 21 tons of glass have been recycled in May. Thanked all volunteers that placed flags at the cemeteries. The County will be out inspecting bridges. Mentioned some rules regarding mail in ballots.
    - Commissioner Martin: mentioned the Veterans Affairs office is now on the first floor. The Mercy House is full, and they are meeting the commitment to Adams County. TAPS will be starting at the National Cemetery
  - b. *Legislative Representatives:*
    - Rep Dan Moul: mentioned the shortage of Stenographers. Working on a bill, to let the municipalities to have a choice. Cash for School Events bill. Bill on Johnstown flood money and distribute this to communities that have large untaxable property. Dog law bill, dealing with the 14-day quarantine. The bid date for Eisenhower Drive is 2027.
    - Rep. Ecker: mentioned the Budget. Challenge this year, many retirements, and resignations. Back to full house and proposals should start moving.
    - Nancy Bull (Cong. Joyce): mentioned FAA reauthorization Act passed, Pediatric EMT Bill. Held a Teletown Hall which was successful.
  - c. *ACOPD:* Steve Nevada mentioned the updated ACTPO Plan is out for 30-day review until June 13.
  - d. *Township Association:* No Report

- e. *Borough's Association*: No Report
- f. *PSP*: Extra patrols will be out. Be cautious.
- g. *Destination Gettysburg*: Karl Pietrzak updated the group on community events. There will be an event for front line employees at the fire hall. Community day at the new tour center was a success. The Governor will be launching the new slogan "PA the great American Getaway"
- h. *ACTCC*: No Report
- i. *School Districts*:
  - Justin Peart (Bermudian Springs): Mentioned the preliminary budget is passed. Graduation is May 29.
  - Matt (Conewago Schools): mentioned Graduation is tonight. Last day of school is tomorrow. August 19 they will be back in school.
- J. *AEA*: No Report
- K. *@ Home*: Working on the survey that they received the grant for.

**9. Committee Reports:**

- a. *AC Collaboration*: Will be getting info out about Cyber Security Survey in August.
- b. *Legislative*: No Report
- c. *Emergency Services*: No Report
- d. *PA COG*: No Report
- e. *Broad Band Task Force*: Have been a series of meetings. More info to come.

**10. Public Comment:**

none

**11. Announcements:** *The July meeting will be changed from July 25 will be moved to July 18.*

**12. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
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Butler Township