

COG Minutes July 26, 2018

Vice President Dave Arndt called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: Boroughs: Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield and Littlestown. Townships: Berwick, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Liberty, Mt. Joy, Oxford and Straban. School Districts: Gettysburg Schools and Littlestown Schools. Adams County.

Others Present were: Steve Kelley, Al Timpko (YATB), Vanessa Pellechio (Times), Bev Fey (Sen. Alloway), Chris Kimple (Rep Moul), Raymond Gouker (Community Media), Mark Wherley (Community Media), Eric Zaney (AREMS), Lt. Nickey (PSP), Kristen Ritchey (Comast) and Andrew Markel (ACOPD)

Coleen, Hamiltonban made a motion to approve the June 28, 2018 minutes. Mauser, Straban 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Pat Smith, Treasurer was absent but reported there were no changes to the Treasurers report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

Ron Harris, ACTCC. House Resolution No. 291, Collection of EIT. Currently under Act 32 the collection of Earned Income Taxes handled locally. Under the House Resolution, the state would take over the collections. The Townships Supervisors Association and the Borough Association oppose the resolution. Ron feels it is important and encourages all municipalities send in a resolution to our Legislators opposing HR 291. His opinion is that it is better for the local system to manage this money. Do we really want the state to have control and manage this money? Does the state have the ability to go after the people that owe money? Yes, but we are more understanding and try to work out a plan to pay the debt off... will the state use the same approach? There is a survey that can be filled out by anyone including the public, does the public understand what happens if the state collects it. The current charge to the municipalities is used by the agency to manage the money for that municipality. The state will need to hire people or contract it out. This may duplicate the system we already have in place. If the system is working why change it. The approach should be to enhance the collection process. Please fill out the survey by July 31, 2018. Brad Hunt also provided comments and feels that YATB is doing a great job and it shows. If it the state takes over he is concerned about how the money will be allocated. Other comments: Why not just fix the areas that are having issues and problems? Moul stated that he feels it should be an opt in resolution not a mandate.

County Bridge Program: Are the municipalities interested in joining with the County, COG or a group of municipalities when sending out bid documents? This is tabled until next meeting.

SPEAKER: Community Media: Ron Harris has been with Community media since 1998. Raymond Gouker and Mark Wherley presented a short video on Community Media. Community Media of South Central PA is a non-profit community media group. They work with the community to provide information about news, events and activities taking place in our local community. They also work with the local legislators and local governments to keep constituents involved and informed. Comcast withdrew 10 years of support. Community media encourages municipalities to use some of their franchise fees to support the organization. They are trying to raise money to keep Community Media Running.

OLD BUSINESS

Adams County Commissioners: Randy Phiel mentioned how important Community Media is. The Board of Commissioners will continue to support this organization. The state has changed legislation revising the construction permits. The County is revising their policy for providing a construction permit. The public will need either a copy of the municipalities permit or a letter from the municipality stating that a permit is not needed before the County will

issue a construction permit. Update on Flooding in the area: Emergency Operations Center opened up and there were a few minor rescues.

Jim Martin realizes the value of Community Media. Discussed how well operations went during the flooding with our EOC (Emergency Operations Center). The South Mountain Fair will be opening next week and encourages everyone to support and attend the fair.

Office of Planning and Development: Andy Merkel Ag Preservation round 13 has closed with 67 applications. They will be soliciting applications for the Community Block Grant. The new CBDG administrator is Rebecca Moreland.

PSP: Lt. Nickey: July has been busy. Everyone at the barracks is doing a great job. Increase in DUI enforcement which means there has been a decrease in DUI related crashes. Coleen Thanked Lt. Nickey and staff for their hard work and help.

Twp Officials: John Gormont talked about the successful secretary's luncheon. Keep in mind the Fall Conference is coming up in November, Pending UCC legislation requiring the Municipalities to have two UCC inspectors and he feels this could be an administrative problems. PSAB opposes this legislation. PSATS did oppose but now they are saying no more than two. Senate Bill 663 and House Bill 1469.

Boroughs Association: Next meeting September 17 6:15 p.m. Pike Restaurant.

ACTCC: August 21st meeting canceled. They will be meeting 30 minutes earlier at the YATB July 30.

School Districts: Brad Hunt thanks everyone in advance that are helping to get the kids back to school safely.

AEA: None

Collaboration Committee: Next meeting will be this coming Tuesday.

Legislative Committee: None

Public Works: None

Emergency Services: There have been decreases in the amount of opiate overdoses. Colleen, Hamiltonban thanks AREMS for their support during the floods. The EOC kicked in and did an outstanding job. Barb Underwood thanked all volunteers for their help.

Legislative representatives: Moul: Presented School funding numbers per student average is 3500 per year per student. Adams County 14113 students, 33 million dollars which is an average of 2348 per year per student. 174 out of 500 school districts receive more than 5000 per year per student. There are 49 that receive more than 7000 per year per school. Coleen asked how we can get this changed. Moul says that changing the funding formula is hard to get changed.

Discussed the Dirt and Gravel program and its fund amount.

Senator Alloway: reported that we had a strong revenue growth. Sen happy about the money to support the Lyme disease.

Public Comment: Mayor Laughman, Main St. Arendtsville will have delays beginning August 6, 2018. Dave Bolton reported on Fireworks ordinance.

On motion made by G. Mauser and 2nd by D. Laughman the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Danielle Helwig, Butler Township