

January 25, 2024  
Emergency Services Building  
Vice President Ron Harris, Presiding  
Minutes

1. **The meeting was called to order by VP Ron Harris at 8:30 a.m.**
2. **Pledge to the Flag**
3. **Present:** Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Littlestown, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Mount Joy, Oxford, Straban, Tyrone, Conewago Valley Schools, Gettysburg Schools, Littlestown Schools & County of Adams.  
**Others Present:** Sen. Doug Mastriano, Melissa Cruyz (Mastriano), Raphael Diaz (Mastriano), Jason Haines (PSP), Andy Merkel (ACOPD), Robin Fitzpatrick (AEA), Karl Pietrzak (Destination Gettysburg) & Vanessa Sanders (Gettysburg Times)
4. **Motion to approve January Minutes:** On a motion made by Mauser (Straban) and a second By Wescott (Littlestown), the January minutes are approved as presented.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** December activity: Christmas celebration refreshments, 268.00 Balance in checking account is \$9761.92. A motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented was made by Mauser (Straban) and seconded by Boyer (Conewago). Motion carried.
6. **Speakers:** Senator Doug Mastriano and Jason Haines (PSP)
  - \* Sen. Doug Mastriano: Introduced new members of his staff, District Director Melissa Cruys, and Raphael Diaz who work out of the Gettysburg office. Spoke about Letters of Support for Grants and the importance of being specific on why your project is more important than the next one. And state the lowest you would need. They can be available to make site visits with you. The Senator thanked our first responders for their services. Please reach out if you have any legislation in mind to assist our veterans or EMS. Melissa Crys mentioned they can help constituents with anything from tax and rent rebate issues to DMV issues. Please reach out if you need any help.
  - \* Lt. Jason Haines, Station Commander (PSP): Lt. Haines introduced himself. He has been in law enforcement for 18 years, the bulk of his time spent in Lehigh area, and is happy to be back in Adams County. Haines discussed the highlights of the Gettysburg Station, Troop H, (6 stations cover 5 counties) On captain for Troop H. Each station will have a station, Commander. They are the primary police coverage for many municipalities across the state. And will provide backup for local law enforcement. They also provide criminal investigation services, crash reconstruction, forensic services and vice units, and a computer crime unit. They also have a full-time Special Response unit and cater to critical incidents and major events. Aviation and K9 units. They also have a community services and engagement unit. They also have intelligence units, primarily made up of civilians. Have a weeklong camp for kids 13-15 who have an interest in law enforcement. There are also monthly car seat checks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.  
Lt. Haines provided a few statistics for the County. 55 people work in Gettysburg. Gettysburg Troop H has led in DUI prosecutions. You can get more info at the Community Access Information Dashboard, from the PSP website. Here you can see many statistics for your municipality. They have been getting more involved with the schools. The troopers now have body cams. They are anticipating a hectic election season. There is a newly formed community anti-threat team. PSP, FBI, County DA, and stakeholders from schools. Deals with a mental health breakdown. They also have Cops and Coffee Events and Shop with a Cop at Christmas. Feel free to call or email Lt. Haines with any questions.  
President Ron Harris presented a plaque to Lt Haines.
7. **New Business**
  - \* Nominations for President: Jack Ketterman (nomination committee) presented Ron Harris for President. With no other nominations, the nomination was closed. Jack Ketterman

also presented Shaun Phiel as Vice President. With no other nominations, the nomination was closed. Nominations were accepted by unanimous vote.

\* By-Laws: No Comments.

8. **Regular Business**

- a. Adams County Commissioners: Marty Qually mentioned the Multi-Purpose Community Facilities Program. A Broadband Grant is coming from the COVID capital funds project. The Facilities Program will offer \$45 million in competitive grants to community anchor institutions and units of local government for community projects to construct, acquire, or improve facilities that are, or will be open to the public and will directly enable work, education, and health monitoring at the respective facility. Mary has been appointed to the local government advisory committee. Advises the Chesapeake Bay program. Steven Nevada: Updates: Pet therapy in the court facilities. Solar Project is moving forward. Expect the entire Human Services building with Solar panels on the roof.
- b. Legislative Representatives: Sen Mastriano spoke in the beginning, but no others were present.
- c. Adams County Planning Office: Andy Merkel (ACOPD) Round 16 of the Ag Pres program is opening on April 1. Properties must be in Ag Security to be eligible for the Ag Pres Program. Please notify the Planning Office when the E-cycling events will be for our Municipality. Mentioned review letter comments relating to municipal boundaries. Moving lines has numerous consequences.
- d. Township Association: No report but looking for volunteers for PSAT delegates and Finance chair. Legislative chair. Next meeting March 20.
- e. Borough's Association: No Report
- f. PSP: Lt. Haines: See above
- g. Destination Gettysburg: Karl presented the group with 2023 statistics. They are targeting new audiences for 2024. Two Gettysburg Museums received National Recognition. USA Today readers voted, Gettysburg Beyond the Battle best new museum in the United States, and the WWII America Experience named 5<sup>th</sup> best new museum in the United States. They have partnered with Main Street Gettysburg on the New Welcome Center.
- h. ACTCC: Director's meeting January 29, 2024, at 6:30. Onsite and by Zoom. Kaycee McCarry (sp) is the new YATB Director
- i. Schools: Conewago Valley School District, Matt mentioned ACT 55 training to be completed. They will be Having Trauma Informed Training, & Run/Hide/Fight training with the PSP.  
Gettysburg Schools: Becki mentioned a Gettysburg 7<sup>th</sup> grader won a national writing contest. Over 30 students qualified for TSA States. 4 students participated In the PMEA District 7 Band. Festival. Several students will participate in the District 7 chorus festival.
- j. AEA: Robin Fitzpatrick mentioned grants. Mastriano will be hosting a grants workshop.
- K. @home: no report

9. **Committee Reports**

- a. A.C. Collaboration: No report
- b. Legislative: No report
- c. Emergency Services No report
- d. PA COG No report
- e. Broad Band Task Force: George Mauser mentioned they have been focused on deployment/infrastructure, looking to catch up on digital literacy, there is a pending application for the Multipurpose Community Facilities grant. Presentation of Digital Literacy training by Penn State Extension.

10. **Public Comment:**

11. **Announcements.**

12. **Adjourn. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.**

Note: Next meeting March 28, 2024

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