

President Bob Gordon called the December 19, 2013 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg and York Springs. **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Liberty, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Reading, and Straban, Tyrone. **Schools:** None. **Adams County.**

Others present were: Andrew Merkel, ACOPD; Barry Cockley; Berwick Township (Non-members); Representative Will Tallman and Jared Cottrill from the 193rd District.

President Gordon called on Representative Will Tallman to address the COG membership prior to the regular agenda. Tallman discussed the following topics: 1) House of Representatives hearing on Work Comp Insurance for Municipalities that include fire companies. 2) Resolution drafted and presented to the House of Representatives on municipalities requirements for health insurance for firefighters under the Affordable Healthcare laws. 3) Discussion of Representative Tallman's "No" vote on the Transportation Bill 4) House Bill 1924, drafted by Tallman, regarding additional LST taxes for the purpose of emergency services only.

MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER 21, 2013 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Emma Seibert (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) presented the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$5,537.26. The report was filed as read since there were no questions.

NEW BUSINESS: President Gordon announced that the Finance Committee has provided a proposed 2014 COG Budget. The copies were provided at the November meeting. Therefore, he asked if there was a motion to accept this 2014 budget.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIVINGSTON (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY UNDERWOOD (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) TO ACCEPT THE 2014 BUDGET. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

President Gordon announced the Nomination recommendation for the 2014 COG Officers. They are:

President - Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP)
Vice President - Carroll Smith (FAIRFIELD BOROUGH)
Secretary - Sandi Vazquez (BIGLERVILLE BOROUGH)
Treasurer - Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP)

Gordon continued that the floor may nominate anyone according to the bylaws as long as they are willing to accept the nomination. No nominations from the floor.

President Gordon asked if there was a motion to close the nominations.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY RAYMOND (EAST BERLIN BOROUGH) TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY SWALES (YORK SPRINGS BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY RAYMOND (EAST BERLIN BOROUGH) TO APPROVE THE SLATE OF OFFICERS AS PRESENTED FOR 2014. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Rick Esenwine from Adams County Security was the speaker for this meeting with the subject of Security in Local Government. Esenwine provided a power point presentation and video for the COG members. He recommended that the municipalities establish and test a security plan for their offices and meetings (and should include Hazmat for any transportation issues).

OLD BUSINESS:

- Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) reported that AC Collaboration Committee did not meet this month. They may be meeting on an "as needed" basis.
- President Gordon announced that AC Connected held their HACC presentation and it went well. Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) and Marty Qually (Adams County Commissioner) reported that the task force has completed their report to the commissioners and it is available to the municipalities. This task force will be named a committee next year and will be working in connection with the Adams County Economic Development Corporation on meeting the needs of infrastructure within the county. Qually indicated that the commissioners will be asking the COG to recommend two members to serve on this committee. He suggested that municipality involvement is important in the

various county committees. Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) agreed and suggested that if any COG members are interested in serving on the Water Resource Adv. Committee (WRAC) that there is an opening at this time. Anyone interested can contact Hamm at Straban Township.

- President Gordon announced that the Legislative Committee met on December 18, 2013 at Senator Alloway's office. Senator Alloway and Representative Tallman office personnel were in attendance. The committee has decided to include federal representatives and senators in their requests for 2014 attendance. The committee discussed the H.B. 1924 that Tallman discussed with the COG membership earlier in the meeting and the hearing on the firefighter cancer bill. The committee found that the legislature works on a two year period and the priorities will carry over to the next year.
- Emma Seibert (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) from the Public Works Committee requested that this committee is in need of volunteers and leadership. She thanked the COG for the opportunity to serve in this capacity as committee chair and the 2013 Treasurer.
- Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) had nothing to report on the Emergency Services Committee. The committee continues to work with the county ALS/BLS services issue.
- Gus Fridenvalds (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) reported that the Joint Purchasing packets will be sent out to the membership in January. The committee will be getting joint bids on line painting and stones (no chemicals). The packet maybe sent from Straban Township.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Adams County Commissioners – Marty Qually reported that the commissioners are reviewing the Adams County Economic Development Corporation study. This is available to the municipalities. He announced that President Bob Gordon has accepted a position on that board and Barb Underwood has accepted a position on the Adams County Conservation District board.
- Boroughs Association – Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) announced their next meeting is January 20, 2014 (speaker to be announced at a later date).
- Borough's Association (continued): Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) thanked President Bob Gordon for his leadership while serving the COG for the past two years. Membership concurred by applauding the outgoing President. The website is www.acbassociation.org
- The next ACTCC meeting was announced by Ron Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH). The previous ACTCC meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. He asked for the representatives to provide an RSVP to the group so that the quorum can be established prior to meeting. The next meeting is January 8, 2014 at the EMS Building. He reiterated that all municipalities need to have their representatives at the meeting since a quorum is very important.
- Township Officials Association – Coleen Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) announced that their newsletter was sent out with important dates for 2014. They are in need of a volunteer for the Vice President position. Anyone interested should contact her.
- Andrew Merkel from Adams County Planning followed up with the COG membership of the Transportation funding that was increased from the State Funds and decreased by the Federal Funds.
- Public Comment – Prehn (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) announced that the Boy Scouts are looking for a Volunteer District Chairperson. Please contact him if anyone is interested.

President Gordon asked for a show of hands if the members received his President's letter and thanked the COG for their continued service. He reminded the membership that the COG committees need more volunteers. He pointed out that the PA Firefighter's Magazine showed the Senate Hearing participants that were held in Adams County regarding emergency services. This was an important and valuable experience for our county.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:05 A.M.

Next meeting – January 23, 2014 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenmyer Lane, Gettysburg.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary