

COG Minutes December 20, 2018

Vice-president Arndt called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Fairfield, and Littlestown - **Townships:** Berwick, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Liberty and Straban - **School Districts:** Fairfield Schools - **Adams County:** Commissioner Qually and Commissioner Phiel.

Others Present were: Jim Hale (Gettysburg Times), Kim Frank (DES), Warren Bladen (DES), Peter Smith (DES), Bicky Redman, (ACOPD), Kathy Caskin (Healthy Adams County) and Andrew Merkel (ACOPD)

On a motion made by B. Underwood, Cumberland, 2nd by G. Mauser, Straban the minutes from October 2018 were approved. Motion carried.

On a motion made by D. Bolton, Abbottstown, 2nd by T. Moser, Littlestown, the Treasurer's report was approved. Motion carried.

Bolton questioned the group on the decision regarding the School districts and whether they will be counted as one or as 6 if they have one representative attend meetings. Underwood stated the by-laws would need to be changed.

Bicky Redman commented on WIP3 process. The County met with the State Stakeholders. The County will be meeting with the County stakeholders, Urban & Ag Sectors. The County must present a template to show what the County can reasonably do: Projected date 2025. They are going to focus on the Ag Sector and the best practices. Asks to support Senator Alloway who is presenting a bill to regulate fertilizer used by those such as lawn care companies and golf courses. More information on the way. B. Underwood asked how many municipalities there are that are not entirely under the MS4.

Kim Frank presented information on the creating a County Debris Plan. It will be information for the Municipalities on a standardized disaster and debris plan. This should help with utilization of resources, a list will be in one place. The ACDES will be the contact for the debris services management. Title 25 – 101& 97 and Title 35 – act 165. The County would like to adopt a plan in March. Comments should be provided to Kim Frank now until February. After comments are made a draft will be available for review. This is separate from the Emergency Management Plan but can be an appendix to this plan. Contacts for the Debris Plan are Warren Bladen, Kim Frank and Bicky Redman using County emails and Pete Smith at gettypete@yahoo.com

On a recommendation from the Nominating Committee a motion was made by D. Bolton, Abbottstown, 2nd by G Mouser, Straban, for the following members to be appointed to the board, Ferd Prehn, President, Dave Arndt, Vice-president, Pat Smith, Treasurer and Danielle Helwig, Secretary. Motion Carried.

On a motion made by T. Moser, 2nd by J. Ketterman the dues for 2019 will remain at \$100.00 per member. Motion carried.

On a motion made by D. Bolton, 2nd by B. Underwood the 2019 Budget as presented is adopted. Motion carried.

On a motion made by B. Underwood, 2nd by M. Qually the 2019 meeting dates are approved and the Secretary is directed to advertise. Motion carried.

Randy Phiel, ACC – The County adopted the 2019 Budget with no tax increase. The County Bond rate is excellent. The firing range is not 100 percent complete but is open for qualifications.

Marty Qually, ACC – The Mercy House will be converted to a substance abuse and recovery house. More info will be coming. The County is looking for donations to help cover the cost. The County will be meeting with the Industrial Development Authority. It is important that the Municipalities have input and stay engaged.

Bicky Redman and Kathy Gaskin presented information on the cost of the needle disposal program. (Adams County Sterilis Sharps Processing System Community Project) Looking at a lease to own approach (5years). The Sterilis System costs \$62,000.00 (\$12,400 over 5 years) Maintenance cost: \$1,800.00 per year. They are looking for Community Partners to help reduce the capital cost and support annual payments. Would COG be interested? Questions: What are the current options? Heard the National Guard is involved. Bicky had not heard this. Is there one machine for the entire County? YES Some would like more clarity on Partners.

ACOPD – Andy Merkel spoke on ordinance amendments advertised in the paper. Some of these ordinance amendments are not being sent to the County Planning Office for review. MPC requires the Planning office approve the amendments. Please make sure to contact them. Comment period from the County is 30 days for amendments and 45 days for a new ordinance.

Boroughs Association- Bolton stated that Ron Harris will remain as president.

School Districts – Mike Adamek introduced himself as the new Superintendent for Fairfield School District.

Collaboration Committee – Working on the WIP 3 process

Emergency Services – B. Underwood stated Fairfield will be Joining AREMS. Barb also commented on the PEMA/FEMA Flood Plain appeals process and asked if any other Municipalities received the letter. We should talk about this further with the group.

D. Bolton commented on the meetings with Municipalities regarding Community Media. \$51,000.00 collected in commitments so far for the 2019 year.

A motion was made by G. Mauser, Straban, 2nd by Danner, Berwick to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Helwig
Butler Township
COG Secretary