

## **ADAMS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

**Coleen Reamer, President**  
**Emma Seibert, Vice President**

**Diane Groft, Secretary**  
**Donna Dixon, Treasurer**

The 95<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Adams County Association of Township Officials was held on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at the Bendersville Fire Company Social Hall with registration and viewing of the vendor displays at 4:45 p.m. President Coleen Reamer welcomed all present at 6:00 p.m. Presentation of the Colors was conducted by Bendersville Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop # 75. Following the invocation and pledge of allegiance to the flag, dinner was served. Following dinner, the vendors, advertisers and guests were introduced and recognized as well as our serving Military. Door Prizes were awarded throughout the evening.

To kick off our speakers for the evening, Anna Swailes, Executive Board Member for PSATS commented on a few items and introduced the PSATS Executive Director.

### **Dave Sanko– PSATS Executive Director**

#### **PSATS Mission:**

- Legislative advocacy for members
- Programs and services to strengthen local government
- Preservation of local democracy and the government closest to the people

#### **Various information:**

- Strong presence in Harrisburg
- Manage Grassroots Legislative Network
- Answering member questions
- TVN and PSATS Website
- Social Media
- Member Services -- Publications
- Emergency Management Association
- Archived Webinars available for purchase
- Sponsored Services
- Trustees Insurance Program
- Training Opportunities
- Standing Committees
- Annual Conference and Trade Show – April 21-24, 2013

#### **Legislative Issues:**

- Common sense reforms
- Bidding Limits \$18,500 and phone quote threshold \$10,000 effective Jan. 1, 2012

- Medicare coverage for Twp. Supervisors
- Sale of property and letting of contracts
- FHWA eliminates Sign Compliance Dates
- Prevailing Wage update
- Unfunded Mandates

### **Spring Session in Review**

- State Police Funding
- Fire Company grant program
- Land use development notifications
- Fines for ignoring emergency barricades
- Automated external defibrillators

Fall Session review as well. All of the above can be looked at in detail on PSATS website.

Moving forward: You, the Township officials are the critical link between Harrisburg and your residents.

We need to educate our residents about what townships do!

### **Kim Coon – President and CEO of Blue Vase Global -- Motivational Speaker on Leadership**

- **CPAT** – Change, Problem Solver, Attitude, Trust
- Choice of each person – to be worse, or to be better – affects family, church, community.  
**You cannot move people to action unless you first move them with emotion**
- Problem solvers -- give credit to people, compliment work, efforts, talent – problem makers – you can win over with communication, interaction – don't walk away from problems, embrace them, sort, research, conquer.
- Attitude – Stay positive, make negative into positive – remember **I can make a difference...**Dreams and ideas – can make positive connections.
- Trust – **Trust in yourself** ... say I will be an example, I will be trustworthy.
- Quoting a Chinese proverb: beauty in the person, harmony in the house, order in the nation, -- peace in the world...

### **Rusty Ryan – Adams County Conservation District**

- Memorandum of Understanding document – reminder to officials to sign and get back to District concerning adoption of Stormwater Ordinance, roles of officials. The Simplified Approach method as dictated appears to be working O.K. no complaints to speak of since the municipalities have implemented their practices.

### **Association Business:**

- The minutes of ACATO's November 9, 2011 conference were approved as presented in tonight's book by Jean Hawbaker, motion carried by John Gormont and Emma Seibert.
- The current treasurer's report was approved as presented in book by Treasurer Donna Dixon, motion carried by John Gormont and Tim Beard.
- Audit Committee Report for 2011 submitted and listed in conference booklet – chair Craig Rockey. Accepted and approved on motion by Emma Seibert and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Gordon.
- Conference Committee -- Emma Seibert thanked everyone who made the conference a success.
- No resolutions by this Association were submitted.

### **Nomination of Officers – Carol Merryman**

Reported slate of officer nominations as follows:

Coleen Reamer as President

Emma Seibert as Vice President

Donna Dixon as Treasurer

Secretary to the Association will be Diane Groft, Mount Pleasant Township for her second year; in keeping with by-laws, new secretary in rotation will be appointed in November, 2013.

There were no nominations from the floor; motion by John Gormont, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben Thomas and all approved to close nominations and accept the slate of officers through 2013.

On motion by Emma Seibert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Gormont and approved – Coleen Reamer will serve as ACATO voting delegate at PSATS conference scheduled for April 21-24, 2013.

Remaining Door prizes were awarded.

The date and location for the Mid Year ACATO Conference for 2013 is tentatively scheduled for May 15, 2013 at the Adams County Emergency Operations Center.

The date for the next fall Adams County Association of Township Officials conference is tentatively scheduled for November 13, 2013.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Groft, Secretary