

ADAMS COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION
Pike Restaurant ▪ Gettysburg, PA 17325
ACBA MEETING ▪ JUNE 15, 2015

ATTENDANCE

BOROUGH REPRESENTATION PRESENT (16):

Abbottstown: April Trivitt

Carroll Valley: Andy Strausbaugh; Ron Harris

East Berlin: Robbie Teal

Fairfield: Carroll Smith; Bob Stanley; Caroline Stanley

Gettysburg: John Butterfield

Littlestown: Terry Moser; Jim Eline Sr.; Betty Bucher; Charlene Westcott; Sandy Conrad

McSherrystown: David Bolton

York Springs: Dale Pifer; Jeff Shull

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATION PRESENT (1):

Liberty: Bob Jackson

GUEST PRESENT (4):

Jim Miller – Adams County Sheriff

Bill Chantelau – Adams County Economic & Community Partnership

Randy Phiel – Adams County Commissioner

Jim Martin – Adams County Commissioner

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CALL TO ORDER

The Adams County Boroughs Association met in session and the meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Ron Harris and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

A moment of silence was taken to remember a long time friend and ACBA Secretary, Eloise Swales of York Springs.

ROUND TABLE

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting were not submitted.

NEW SECRETARY

NOMINATIONS

A motion was made by David Bolton and seconded by Jim Eline to nominate Sandy Conrad as the ACBA Secretary. Motion adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT

***TREASURER–
ANDY STRAUSBAUGH***

Treasurer, Andy Strausbaugh reported the following:

Balance as of March 18, 2015	\$2,627.75
<u>Receipts for 23 meals @ \$10</u>	<u>\$ 230.00</u>
Balance	\$2,857.75
<u>Expense 24 meals @ \$10</u>	<u>\$ 240.00</u>
Balance as of June 15, 2015	\$2,617.75

A motion was made by Terry Moser and seconded by Carol Smith to accept the Treasurers Report as read by Andy Strausbaugh. Motion adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ACBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: DAVID BOLTON

HARRISBURG PSAB SIGN

David Bolton reported that it was determined at the PSAB Board of Directors meeting held on April 25, 2015, the sign outside of the Harrisburg PSAB office would need to be replaced. It was approved that W.J. Strickler of New Oxford would handle the replacement. This was the best cost-effective solution.

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APPOINTMENT TO THE PSAB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

During the PSAB Board of Directors meeting David Bolton was elected to serve on the PSAB Finance Executive Committee as the Eastern Region At-Large representative and he will also serve on the PSAB Finance Committee.

APPROVAL OF GOVERNOR'S RURAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

David Bolton's appointment to the Governor's Rural Development Council was approved by Governor Wolf.

RESOLUTION & POLICY COMMITTEE

David Bolton report that at the Resolution and Policy Committee meeting there were 23 resolutions that went before the General Assembly for consideration and adoption. Some of the Resolutions were:

- 2015-1 which supports the amendment to Act 164 of 2014 to exempt municipal employees from tax collector certification and continuing education requirements. There was motion to oppose adoption.
- 2015-2 which supports enabling legislation allowing active volunteer fire fighters to receive a tax credit equal to their Local Earned Income tax. The individuals have to pay for equipment and other items themselves. This resolution would help offset the financial costs associated with their service. There was a motion to decline support.
- 2015-12 which supports municipalities with populations of 4000 or more to pay for Pennsylvania State Police service or for such municipalities to provide their own. There was a motion to pass the resolution.
- ACBA 2014-2 which supports Industrial Hemp Cultivation. There was a motion to pass the resolution.

PSAB FALL CONFERENCE COST

A motion was made by Jim Eline and seconded by Bob Stanley to approve the Adams County Borough Association to pay for the PSAB Fall Conference registration for David Bolton. Motion adopted.

DINNER BUFFET

A 40 minute recess was taken for dinner.

ACBA COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADAMS COUNTY LAND CONSERVANCY

Bill Chantelau reported that there has been 240.52 acres added which brings a total of 9,544 acres preserved. There are also 135 easements.

Also on October 17th there will be a Road Rally and the theme is "Year of the Pennsylvania Barn". Everyone was encouraged to come out to learn about and visit some of Adams County most beautiful examples of what is

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liked to be called “rural character”. Russel Redding, Pennsylvania’s Agriculture Secretary is the Honorary Rally Master for this year’s Road Rally.

It is the 10th anniversary for the Historic Gettysburg-Dams County’s Barn Preservation Project. The project is led by Chairman Curt Musselman and

the Historic Gettysburg-Dams County’s Barn preservation project has surveyed more than 150 Adams County barns and launched what may be Pennsylvania’s first grant program which will support barn owners’ preservation efforts. A lot of the barns are on properties preserved through the Land Conservancy.

RADIO NETWORK UPDATE

Ron Harris reported that the County’s new public safety radio system is nearly completed. The work is expected to be completed by the end of June.

SENATE BILL 535 – RADAR

Ron Harris reported that the Pennsylvania State Mayors’ Association has requested that the Honorable John Rafferty, Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, schedule a hearing on Senate Bill 535.

ELOISE SWALES

Ron Harris took a few moments to reflect on Eloise Swales. She was a friend to many and dedicated to serving her Community. A plaque was given to York Springs Borough in honor of her dedication. A representative from York Springs Borough will present the plaque to her family.

FEE ON MOBILE DEVICES

Ron Harris reported that the current 911 fee for mobile devices is getting ready to expire and if passed would increase the monthly fee per device. This increase will generate more than \$300 million for 911 centers. This bill is likely to pass the Senate and head to the Governor’s desk.

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF JAMES W. MULLER

James Muller is the Sheriff for the Adams County Sheriff’s Office. Sheriff Muller brought his K-9 sidekick Allegra which she along with Sherriff Muller are certified as a Team in Bomb Detection.

The mission of the Sheriff’s Office is to provide first class professional, dignified, and courteous Service to the Adams County Court, the citizens of the County, its agencies, and all law enforcement agencies with whom they partner to maintain order in the communities.

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The Adams County Sheriff's Office was created in 1800 and was and still is their vision to become the most professional law enforcement agency in the County and Region. There are currently 10 Full-Time Deputies, 6 Part-Time deputies and 3 Civilians in the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Office subscribes to three (3) core values which guide their actions and their conduct:

- Duty
- Service
- Integrity

Their duty is to uphold the Constitution of the United States and of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the statutes of the state. They have a duty to uphold the trust of the public they serve, a duty towards each other, to the Office of the Sheriff of Adams County, and to themselves.

They are mindful that they are a service organization, funded by the public, and guided by the notion that community partnerships are the best way to establish trust between public law enforcement agencies and the citizens they serve. As service providers, they have a duty to serve each other with diligence, dignity, and respect so that they can all do their best to serve those outside their office.

Sheriff Muller gave the core duties of the Sheriff's Office which are:

- Security and safety in the four courtrooms of the Common Pleas and Central Court in Adams County;
- Transport prisoners to and from the Adams County Adult Correctional Complex;
- Serve warrants from the Court of Common Pleas;
- Participates in the U.S. Marshal's Fugitive Task Force Operas as Special U.S. Deputy Marshals;
- Serve Civil Complaints;
- Serve Personal Property Judgments as well as Real Estate Judgments;
- Serve Protection from Abuse Orders;
- Serve subpoenas notifying people they are needed as a witness in a court case.

Sheriff Muller and his staff attend numerous events which is done on their own time.

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At the end of Sheriff Muller's presentation he had Allegra demonstrate her K-9 Bomb Detection abilities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Then next Adams County Boroughes Association meeting will be held on September 21, 2015.

Submitted by:

Sandy Conrad

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ACBA Secretary