

ADAMS COUNTY BOROUGHES ASSOCIATION
Pike Restaurant ▪ Gettysburg, PA 17325
ACBA MEETING ▪ JANUARY 16, 2017

ATTENDANCE

BOROUGH REPRESENTATION PRESENT (23):

Abbottstown: April Trivitt

Biglerville: Melinda Elnaggar

Carroll Valley: Andy Strausbaugh; Ron Harris; Bruce Carr

East Berlin: Robbie Teal

Fairfield: Caroline Stanley; Robert Stanley;

Littlestown: Betty Bucher; Jim Long; Terry Moser; Sandy Conrad, Jim Eline

McSherrystown: David Bolton; Scott Cook; Michael Calderone

York Springs: Jeff Shull; Bob Megonnell; Sally Vance

TOWNSHIPS PRESENT (1):

Hamiltonban: Bob Gordon

Germany: Jack Ketterman

Liberty: Bob Jackson

GUEST PRESENT (5):

Chris Cap – Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs

Mark Cap – Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs

Will Tallman – State Representative

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.

ROUND TABLE

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

MINUTES

A motion was made Michael Caldron and seconded by David Bolton to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting with the following corrections to the Election of Officers:

- **Resolution and Policy – delete Stan Wannop and replace with David Bolton**
- **ACTPO – add Dave Hazlett**
- **Add to the list the PSAB Board Rep – David Bolton**

Motion adopted.

FINANCIAL REPORT

TREASURER:
ANDY STRAUSBAUGH

Treasurer, Andy Strausbaugh reported the following:

Balance as of November 21, 2016	\$2,717.75
Receipts for 29 meals @ \$10	\$ 290.00
Dues paid.....	\$ 0.00
Balance	\$3,007.75
Expenses for 29 meals @ \$10	\$ 290.00
Plaque.....	\$ 40.00
Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$2,677.75

A motion was made by Melinda Elnaggar and seconded by James Eline to accept the Treasurers Report as read by Andy Strausbaugh. Motion adopted.

A plaque was presented to Andy Strausbaugh for his 33 years of service.

ACBA BUSINESS

NEWSLETTER REVIEW

RADAR BILL

The radar bill for municipal police will be reintroduced in both chambers. Senator Randy Vulkovich's and Representative Harry Readshaw have both circulated co-sponsorship memoranda to introduce the same radar bill that passed the senate last year. Senator Vulkovich's bill

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(Senate Bill 535) has 10 co-sponsors and Representative Readshaw's bill (House Bill 43) has 15 co-sponsors.

There have been changes to the legislation since the bill was in session last. These changes include:

- A revenue cap on the amount of money a municipality may keep from speeding tickets (20% of their municipal budget)
- Requires a municipality to adopt an ordinance to allow police to use radar
- Calibration standards for the use of radar guns

This legislation is also supported by the "Coalition to Eliminate the Prohibition against Municipal Police Using Radar", which includes the PA Chiefs of Police Association, PA Municipal League, Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs, PA Association of Township Commissioners, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisor, Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association and Bike Pittsburgh.

ELIMINATE ZONING OF TOWERS AND ANTENNAS

Four wireless companies (Sprint, AT&T, Verizon and T-Mobile) have drafted a bill for introduction in the Pennsylvania General Assembly that would:

- Strip municipalities of their right to control the construction and location of wireless facilities in the public rights-of-way; and
- Effectively eliminate the right of municipalities to assess fees for such facilities

Industry experts predict that the number of DAS towers and antennas in the rights-of-way will grow exponentially over the next several years. Many PA municipalities have amended their Zoning Codes to address these new facilities while still being able to manage their rights-of-way and preserve the character of their communities. If this bill, "Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Act", is enacted, it would prohibit municipalities from using their zoning authority to control the construction and location of towers and antennas in the rights-of-way. It would also make it nearly impossible for municipalities to assess fees or negotiate rental payments for those facilities. This means a wireless contractor could come in and erect a wireless tower, 120' tall, along any roads in a municipality including residential areas and the municipality would have no control over this. The only document that could be required by the municipality is a building permit.

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ELECTRONIC RECYCLING PROGRAM

Washington Township has a Refuse Transfer Station. Electronic devices are accepted on Tuesday and Wednesdays from 8am to 4pm. The rate is \$.45 per pound with a \$25.00 minimum per trip. The amount of electronics per trip are not limited.

PENNDOT ELIMINATES LICENSE REGISTRATION STICKERS

As of January 1, 2017 Pennsylvania license plate registration sticker will be eliminated. The sticker has been replaced with an Automated License Plate Reader that provides law enforcement to verify expired vehicle registrations. Customers who renew online will be able to save a copy of and print a permanent registration card on demand. Future plans for PennDOT include allowing customers to upload their registration cards to their smart phones and eliminate the requirement to print a copy registration.

PENNSYLVANIA DRIVERS LICSE RESTRICTIONS

As of January 30, 2017 the Pennsylvania driver's license will no longer be able to be used to enter federal facilities. By 2018, the license will not be a suitable form of identification for boarding a commercial flight. Pennsylvania is one of five states that have not met the requirements of the REAL ID Act of 2005, which was passed as a security measure after the September 11 attacks.

RAPID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Rapid Bridge Replacement Project is progressing, with many communities having the ability to drive over newly constructed bridges that are designed to last over 100 years. Each bridge will undergo a 25-year maintenance period that hold PWKP responsible for general maintenance operations such as; bridge inspections, filling potholes and making day-to-day repairs due to accidents and normal wear and tear.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

ACTS SIGNED INTO LAW AFFECTING BOROUGHS

There are many Acts that have been signed into law that are affecting Borough's across Pennsylvania. There are 14 Acts which are attached to the minutes for review.

RECESS

A 40-minute recess was taken for dinner.

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GUEST SPEAKER(S)

CHRIS CAP, PSAB EXECUTIVE

Chris Cap with PSAB discussed the following;

The General Assembly has reorganized for the 2017-2018 session. Representative Stan Saylor of York will serve as House Appropriations Committee Chair; Senator Scott Wagner has been appointed Senate Local Government Committee Chair; and Representative Kate Harper of Montgomery County will be retained as House Local Government Committee Chair.

The House and Senate reconvened on January 23 and PSAB will host a Lobby Day on May 8th with buses leaving from Hershey at the PSAB Annual Conference.

Legislative resolutions deadline submission for PSAB is March 7th. Also, Legislative & Regulatory Panels will again be hosted at the Annual Conference.

Pennsylvania fiscal review shows that State revenue continues to flatten. The General Fund receipts decreased by 3.9% in December or \$106.6 million. Revenues are likely to be \$500 million - \$900 million short of projections. Pennsylvania's Credit Rating stabilized according to rating bureaus, yet low.

Along with the budget there continues to be challenges and issues. Some of the questions are; will any remedies be enacted for the State Employee and School Retiree Systems to counter actuarial deficiencies? Should a severance tax be imposed on natural gas? With no quick answer or resolution to these questions most believe that there needs to be a resolution. On another note, Opioid seems to be growing across the state, so 45 Opioid Addiction Treatment Centers were implemented in 2016 and the question remains as to if more will be implemented in the next budget?

There are some Local issues likely before the General Assembly. These issue include; enabling legislation for use of local police radar; Public Notices Legislation that may provide more flexibility for local governments; and the hopes of Sunshine Law and Right to know bills that will be up for consideration.

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Municipal Pension seem to be a concern therefore the State Planning Board is recommending that certain pension issues not be part of collective bargaining.

On a Federal note the Overtime pay rule was blocked by a federal court. The US Labor Department had scheduled the rule to take effect in December. Congress will deliberate on traditional tax exemptions for municipal bonds where PSAB favors renewal of these policies. Also, Shippers will likely again ask Congress to raise authorized truck weights to 98,000 pound, however PSAB opposes such increases because of the damage the additional weight could cause to local infrastructures.

In closing, Chris reminded everyone of the 2017 PSAB Annual Conference and the keynote speaker will be Cal Ripken, Jr. Mr. Ripken is a one-of-a-kind athlete, role model, and motivational speaker. He talks to audiences about leadership, loyalty, patience and perseverance. These are all qualities that lead to success in life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Then next Adams County Boroughs Association meeting will be held on March 20, 2017.

Submitted by:

Sandy Conrad

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ACBA Secretary