

**ADAMS COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION**

**Pike Restaurant ▪ Gettysburg, PA 17325**

**ACBA MEETING ▪ NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE**

**BOROUGH REPRESENTATION PRESENT (24):**

**Abbottstown:** April Trivitt

**Carroll Valley:** Andy Strausbaugh; Ron Harris

**East Berlin:** Robbie Teal; Catherine Lockey

**Fairfield:** Carroll Smith; Bob Stanley; Carolyn Stanley

**Gettysburg:** John Butterfield; Michael Birkner

**Littlestown:** Terry Moser; Jim Eline Sr.; Betty Bucher;  
Sandy Conrad; Charlene Westcott; David Wheeler; Gail  
Wheeler

**McSherrystown:** David Bolton; Scott Cook

**New Oxford:** Patrick Sullivan; Dorothy Robinson; Portia Bosch; John  
Lansing; Stan Wannop

**TOWNSHIPS PRESENT (6):**

**Germany:** Jack Ketterman

**Hamiltonban:** Bob Gordon

**Huntington:** Gus Fridenvalds

**Liberty:** Bob Jackson

**Oxford:** Bob Martin; Janet Martin

**GUEST PRESENT (4):**

John T. Rago – Associate Professor of Law - Pittsburgh

E.J. Knittle – PSAB

Randy Phiel – Adams County Commissioner

Judy Chambers – Penn State Extension

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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 by Dave Wheeler and seconded by Robert Stanley to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2015 and September 21, 2015 meeting as written. Motion adopted.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**TREASURER:  
ANDY STRAUSBAUGH**

Treasurer, Andy Strausbaugh reported the following:

Balance as of September 21, 2015.....	\$2,432.75
Receipts for 19 meals @ \$10.....	\$ 190.00
<b>Balance.....</b>	<b>\$2,622.75</b>
Expenses for 22 meals @ \$10.....	\$ 220.00
<b>Balance as of November 16, 2015.....</b>	<b>\$2,402.75</b>

**A motion was made by April Trivitt and seconded by Dave Wheeler to accept the Treasurers Report as read by Andy Strausbaugh. Motion adopted.**

**TREASURER AUDIT**

David Wheeler volunteered to perform the audit of the ACBA financial records.

**ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS**

**ACTPO**

**A motion was made by Stanley Wannop and seconded by Dave Bolton to nominate Patrick Sullivan as an ACTPO alternate. With hearing no further nominations Mr. Sullivan was placed on the ACBA 2016 Ballot.**

**ELECTIONS**

**A motion was made by Charlene Westcott and seconded by Dave Wheeler to accept the following nominations for the 2016 elections:**

- **President – Ronald Harris**
- **Vice-President – David Bolton**
- **Secretary – Sandy Conrad**
- **Treasurer – Andy Stausbaugh**
- **PSAB Representative – David Bolton**
- **ACTPO – David Bolton, Stanley Wannop and Dave Hazlett**
- **ACTPO Alternate – Pat Sullivan**

**Motion adopted.**

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## ACBA LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

### PSAB COMMITTEES: DAVID BOLTON

#### *RON HARRIS AWARD*

David Bolton announced that the Ron Harris award was being presented to Dave Wheeler. Mr. Wheeler will be presented with this award at the Littlestown Borough Council meeting to be held on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### *LEGISLATIVE REPORT*

On October 28<sup>th</sup> an ACTPO meeting was held. There still remains to be questions regarding the Route 15 improvement by the Latimore Township Supervisors. There is no direct path across the proposed divided freeway for the road crews and emergency services.

Dave Bolton also discussed the following House Bills and Senate Bills:

- HB809 - an Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in preemptions, providing for occupation of dwelling units.
- HB434 - An Act amending Title 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, further providing for the definition of "owner."
- HB160 - An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, providing for payment of taxes; further providing for notice of taxes; and providing for refund of overpayment of real estate taxes.
- HB823 - An Act amending the act of May 25, 1945 (P.L.1050, No.394), known as the Local Tax Collection Law, further providing for bonds of tax collectors, for permanent basic and continuing education programs for tax collectors, for criminal history record information and for deputy tax collectors.
- HB755 - An Act amending the act of July 28, 1988 (P.L.556, No.101), known as the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, providing for municipal fees.
- HB1394 - An Act amending Title 8 (Boroughs and Incorporated Towns) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in storm sewers and watercourses, further providing for authority of boroughs and for manner of financing work.

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- SB330 - An Act amending Titles 18 (Crime and Offenses) and 53 (Municipalities Generally) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in other offenses, repealing the offense of municipal housing code avoidance; and, in neighborhood blight reclamation and revitalization, providing for failure to comply with a code requirement.

## RECESS

### *DINNER BUFFET*

A 40 minute recess was taken for dinner.

## ACBA COMMITTEE REPORTS

### *RADIO NETWORK UPDATE*

A large majority of the Adams County law enforcement has been transitioned onto the new radio system. On November 17<sup>th</sup> the radios for the EMS will be distributed and they will go live by Thanksgiving.

### *PENN STATE EXTENSION*

The Penn State Extension works in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs to help structure and hold many different seminars to educate municipalities.

### *ACTPO*

The Muddy Run Bridge which is scheduled for replacement will cause an issue with access to emergency services. PennDOT is keeping to their current detour even though it will add an additional six miles for emergency services to cross the creek.

## GUEST SPEAKER(S)

### *PROFESSOR JOHN T. RAGO, J.D* *BODY CAMERAS*

Mr. Rago is an Associate Professor of Law. He works in the area of criminal justice and focuses on wrongful convictions. This focus is within a very broad context of collaborative policy-making and the establishment of science-based best practices for law enforcement and prosecutors.

Mr. Rago chairs a 51-member statewide committee which is formed by the Pennsylvania State Senate. This committee studies wrongful convictions under the auspices of the Joint State Government Commission. He has also served on the Innocence Project's Northeast Policy Board and the Governor's Advisory Board of Probation.

Mr. Rago discussed body cameras for law enforcement officials. Police departments in two of the largest cities in Pennsylvania have started using body cameras. There are a lot of unanswered questions regarding the use of body cameras such as: funding; annual maintenance cost; required data storage; operations procedures; controlling tapes to be used for evidence; right to know requests; and training for police officers.

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At this time law enforcement are not mandated to wear body cameras however Representative Thaddeus Kirkland, D-Delaware has introduced a bill that would require all law enforcement officers in Pennsylvania to wear body cameras.

One of the most dangerous situations for an officer is responding to house calls because no officers knows what is awaiting them on the other side and the bill that has been introduced must address the Pennsylvania's Wire Tap law. This law prevents officers from recording audio inside of homes without a court order. It also requires the police officer to inform everyone who is being recorded. Senator Stewart Greenleaf has introduced Senate Bill 976 which has been unanimously voted on by the Senate Judiciary Committee on October 27<sup>th</sup>. This bill will amend the requirements of the Wire Tap law and allow officers to enter private homes with an activated body camera. This bill also clarifies that officers may record interviews with suspects or witnesses inside police facilities and it addresses public record requests. As it stands now the bill will ban footage from such requests.

At this time it is not mandatory for law enforcement agencies to provide body cameras to their officers. Body cameras may not be for every agencies at this time but if an agencies decides to have body cameras as part of their uniform then it is imperative that very detailed and strict policies and procedures are put into place by such agencies.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Then next Adams County Boroughs Association meeting will be held on January 18, 2016.

Submitted by:

*Sandy Conrad*

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ACBA Secretary