

**ADAMS COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION**  
**Pike Restaurant ▪ Gettysburg, PA 17325**  
**ACBA MEETING ▪ MAY 15, 2017**

**ATTENDANCE**

**BOROUGH REPRESENTATION PRESENT (15):**

**Abbottstown:** April Trivitt

**Biglerville:** Melinda Elnaggar

**Carroll Valley:** Ron Harris

**East Berlin:** Robbie Teal

**Fairfield:** Caroline Stanley; Robert Stanley;

**Littlestown:** Betty Bucher; Charlene Westcott; Terry Moser; Sandy Conrad; Jim Long; Jim Eline

**McSherrystown:** David Bolton; Michael Calderone

**York Springs:** Bob Megonnell

**TOWNSHIPS PRESENT (4):**

**Hamiltonban:** Bob Gordon

**Germany:** Jack Ketterman

**Liberty:** Bob Jackson

**Straban:** Sharon Hamm

**GUEST PRESENT (5):**

Warren Bladen – Director of Emergency Services

Leslie Suhr – Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs

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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 David Bolton and seconded by Melinda Elnagger to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2017 meeting as written. Motion adopted.**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**TREASURER:  
CHARLENE WESTCOTT**

Treasurer, Charlene Westcott reported the following:

Balance as of February 28, 2017.....	\$3,073.82
Receipts for 260 meals @ \$10 .....	\$ 260.00
Dues paid.....	\$ 0.00
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$3,333.82</b>
Expenses for 23 meals @ \$10 .....	\$ 230.00
Office Expenses .....	\$ 0.00
<b>Balance as of May 1, 2017 .....</b>	<b>\$3,103.82</b>

**A motion was made by Michael Calderon and seconded by Terry Moser to accept the Treasurers Report as read by Charlene Westcott. Motion adopted.**

**ACBA BUSINESS**

***NEWSLETTER REVIEW***

***ELECTRONIC RECYCLING***

The very first Electronic Recycling event will be held on September 9, 2017. The collection event is to be held at the Adams County Emergency Services/911 building located at 230 Greenmyer Lane in Straban Township.

Cost for recycling is as follows:

- Televisions - \$25.00
- Computer Monitors - \$10
- Other items will be at no cost

The only acceptable payment is cash and the event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

***COUNCILOR DAVID BOLTON RECOGNIZED AT PSAB CONFERENCE***

Members of the ACBA congratulated Vice President Councilor David Bolton. He was presented one of the Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's highest honors, the Anthony Defilippi Government Affairs Service

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Award at the PSAB conference. This award recognizes those Councilors who have gone above and beyond to promote legislation across the state and who have excelled in advancing such.

## ***REAL ID ACT***

Pennsylvania is one of several states that are currently not complying with the Federal REAL ID Act of 2005. This Act was passed in 2005 as a security measure after the September 11th attacks. This law established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits federal agencies from accepting for official purposes licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet the standards. Pennsylvania has until June 6, 2017 to comply. If the standards are not met, effective January 22, 2018, residents will need an alternative form of ID accepted by the Transportation Security Administration to board a commercial flight. The House State Government Committee unanimously passed legislation that offers citizens a choice of forms of identification. This bill creates a tiered system for issuing proof of identity. The choice would be between the current form of driver's license or photo identification and a voluntary travel ID that works for air travel to admission to military installation and federal buildings. The legislation will now go to full house.

## ***NEED MONEY FOR SIDEWALKS, LIGHTING, AND STREET SCAPE IMPROVEMENTS?***

The CFA Commonwealth Financing Authority, offers a Multimodal Transportation Fund to provide grants to encourage economic development and ensure that a safe and reliable system of transportation is available. This program is separate from the Department of Transportation assets, and transit-oriented development.

Grants are available for projects with a total cost of \$100,000 or more.

## ***ACBA WEBSITE***

Councilor Charlene Westcott and Secretary Sandy Conrad will be working on getting the ACBA website up and running.

**A motion was made by David Bolton and seconded to get an ACBA website up and running. Motion adopted.**

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## OFFICIALS REPORTS

### **CDBG PROGRAM**

David Bolton explained the importance of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). The CDBG grant program is looking to be eliminated and he is asking for municipalities to approve a Resolution in opposition of the elimination of the program.

Many ACBA members stated that they receive or have received CDBG grant funding for various projects and agreed with David Bolton that the program needed to be saved.

### **2017 RESOLUTIONS & 2014 REAUTHORIZATIONS**

David Bolton reported that he attended the R & P Committee and the General Voting Session at the PSAB Annual Conference.

While in attendance David Bolton made motions to adopt and voted in favor of the following:

- Resolution 2017-1: PSAB pursue legislation on body camera policy uniformity that police departments are now using to protect enforcement of our stated and municipal laws. *This Resolution passed unanimously*
- Resolution 2017-2: PSAB support SB 159 and similar legislation which requires home improvement contractors to provide proof of worker's compensation insurance thereby protecting the levels of the Uninsured Employer's Guarantee Fund. *This Resolution passed 363-2*
- Resolution 2017-3: PSAB support legislation charging municipalities over 4,000 in population utilizing state police service a \$25 per person fee. *This Resolution passed unanimously*
- Resolution 2017-4: PSAB seek to protect municipalities from additional EPA regulations (MS-4 permitting) on the Chesapeake Bay Initiatives. *This Resolution passed unanimously*
- Resolution 2017-5: PSAB seek legislation on funding for municipalities who have county, state and federal facilities in their communities that are exempt from taxation. *This Resolution passed 364-1*
- Resolution 2017-6: PSAB support legislation amending Local Option Small Games of Chance

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- law (Act 92-2013) to remove the aggregated monetary prize limit. *This Resolution passed 360-5*
- Resolution 2017-7: PSAB seek legislation which increases the threshold required to petition the Court of Common Pleas in Section 818 of the Borough Code from 5% to 15%. *This Resolution passed 364-1*
  - Resolution 2017-8: PSAB continue to pursue legislation enabling electronic speed control devices such as radar & lidar for purposes of speed control by municipal police agencies. *This Resolution passed 364-1*
  - Resolution 2017-9: PSAB continue to seek legislation increasing compensation schedules for elected borough officials which have not been revised for over 21 years. *This Resolution passed 360-5 (David Bolton voted against this because he does not feel it is right to vote for the right to increase their own salaries. This would be best accomplished by voter referendum)*
  - Resolution 2017-10: PSAB oppose any efforts by Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) providers or communications tower/antenna contractors to exempt these facilities from municipal land use and rights of way regulation or to grant them utility status or right to the use of eminent domain. *This Resolution passed unanimously*
  - Resolution 2017-11: PSAB calls on the PA General Assembly to re-evaluate the Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010 and seek changes to help correct its failure to foster recycling of electronic devices by residents by removing manufacturer's weight quota or temporarily lifting the landfill disposal ban until a better solution is enacted. *This Resolution passed unanimously*
  - Resolution 2017-12: PSAB seek legislation authorizing counties or councils of governments to levy reasonable fees on waste generated within their borders to pay for required recycling programs. *This Resolution passed 363-2*
  - Resolution 2017-13: PSAB seek legislation to amend Act 45/1999 to increase the current fee on construction or building permits to remediate blight in Pennsylvania communities. *This Resolution passed 359-6*
  - Resolution 2017-14: PSAB seek legislation to provide funding for the provision of registration

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plate reader technology to be used for local law enforcement needs. *This Resolution passed 359-6 (David Bolton voted against this resolution arguing that Governor and PennDot have recently decided to reconsider stickering vehicles, as offers from other states would not have access to the technology or database to enforce out-of-state registrations)*

- Resolution 2017-15: PSAB support, protect and defend those boroughs of the commonwealth that own, operate and maintain not for profit community electric systems from any federal, state or county legislation leading to burdensome, unnecessary and expensive regulation; and be it further. *This Resolution passed 363-2*
- Resolution 2017-16: PSAB seek legislation amending Acts 39 and 166 of 2016 to prohibit the on-premises consumption sale of any alcoholic beverage within the limits of any dry municipality; and be if further Resolved, that this legislation include an amendment enabling municipalities the local option of placing a question on the ballot to prohibit sales for on-premises consumption. *This Resolution passed 363-2*

## RECESS

A 40-minute recess was taken for dinner.

## GUEST SPEAKER(S)

**WARREN BLADEN , DIRECTOR  
OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Mr. Bladen started out as a volunteer firefighter and then became a paramedic for about 14 years. His career path then changed. He studied law and spent some time in a private practice and then 10 years in the Adams County Public Defender's Office. Throughout his legal career he worked part time as a paramedic to maintain his certification. Mr. Bladen missed emergency services and doing 911 calls. He had always had an interest in the Directors job and in February of 2017 his interest became a reality when he took over the role as Director after John Eline retired. His roles includes overseeing the county's 911 center, keeping tabs on hazardous material risks and emergency management.

According to the Adams County Website the "Emergency Management is a legal responsibility and function of local, county, state and federal government. Over the past two decades, federal and state laws were amended to include

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natural, technological and man-made disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery programs. National attention to emergency management began in the early 1950s with emphasis on civil defense, or enemy attack preparedness. The Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa. C. S. Section 7101-7707) became law in 1978 and replaced the State Council of Civil Defense Act of 1951. Amendments to this Act in 1988 and 1989 further focused the role of emergency management personnel, organizations and responsibilities. In 1997, as the role of the emergency management agency grew, the Adams County Emergency Management Agency and Department of Communications changed its name to its current Adams County Department of Emergency Services. Provides Emergency Management Services for Adams County, both at county and municipal level; Operates county's 9-1-1 Emergency Communications Center; runs county's Hazardous Materials Planning and Response program, including carrying out aspects of PA ACT 165 and SARA Title III; coordinates training for county's emergency responders. The Mission of the Adams County Department of Emergency Services is to provide to the citizens and emergency responders of Adams County a comprehensive program of emergency management, including, but not limited to 9-1-1 and emergency dispatch services; emergency planning, training and resource management; hazardous materials planning, training and response. The Department works closely with appropriate municipal, county, state and federal agencies in order to carry out its mission."

Mr. Bladen as the new director oversees the operations of the Adams County 911 Center.

Reference:

*ABOUT US. (N.D.). RETRIEVED AUGUST 16, 2017, FROM [HTTP://WWW.ADAMSCOUNTY.US/DEPT/EMS/PAGES/DEFAULT.ASPX](http://www.adamscounty.us/dept/ems/pages/default.aspx)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THEN NEXT ADAMS COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2017.**

Submitted by:

*Sandy Conrad*

Sandy Conrad  
ACBA Secretary