President Bob Gordon called the August 22, 2013 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and thanked all the guests for coming.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Littlestown and York Springs. **Townships:** Conewago, Franklin, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Liberty, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Reading, Straban and Tyrone, **Adams County**.

Others present were: Mark Walters, The Evening Sun; Jarred Hedes, Gettysburg Times; Chris Kimple, Staff of Representative Dan Moul's office; Adam McClain and Larry Martick, Adams County Conservation District; Andy Merkel, Adams County Planning and Development. Rob Brady, DCED; Barry Cockley; Berwick Township (Non-member); John Eline, Emergency Services of Adams County, Robin Crushong, Straban Township Manager.

Fire Company guests: Tom Eyler, Jerry Poland, Tim Tyler, AJ Aldrich, John Lawver, Kevin Moul, Dave Martin, Andy Weaver, Gayle Marthers, Terry Moser, Charles Mayers, Steve Rabine, Roger Heyser, James Lady, Lee Byers,

MEETING MINUTES: A MOTION WAS MADE BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY SWALES TO ADOPT THE JULY 25, 2013 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURERS REPORT: Emma Seibert (TYRONE TOWNSHIP) presented the Treasurer's report which showed the balance of $7,226.99 and there was no activity for this month.

- **NEW BUSINESS:** President Gordon announced that this portion of the meeting would be dedicated to the updated information from the Emergency Services Committee and their work on the Fire Study. Gordon asked Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) and Dave Martin (FAIRFIELD FIRE & EMS COMPANY) to address this information. A report and discussion was given by Hamm and Martin for potential procedure for distribution and accountability of tax money collected and provided information packets to the members. These packets will be provided to the municipal offices and fire departments via email subsequent to this meeting. Hamm provided a list of the Ad Hoc committee that helped establish these procedures. The packet provided to everyone included a possible procedure to follow for accountability & distribution, a budget template for the fire departments, defined operational expenses, and sample Memo's of Understanding (MOU). The discussion clarified the importance of having a working relationship between the municipalities and their fire departments. Kevin Moul (UNITED HOOK & LADDER FIRE DEPARTMENT) explained the current environment for Worker's Compensation Insurance Rates facing municipalities and fire companies due to the recent enactment of Act 46 of 2011, The Firefighter Cancer Presumption Law compensation. Hamm announced a 2nd Follow up evening meeting to discuss a potential procedure between the municipalities and fire departments for distribution and accountability for tax money collected to be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 7pm at EMS Facility on Greenamyer Lane. All are welcome.

  President Gordon introduced Adam McClain from Adams County Conservation District. McClain provided a presentation on Adams County Conservation District's Model Well Ordinance. They are holding meetings to review the same on Friday, September 20, 2013 at 11am to 1pm at the AG Center for Municipal Engineers and another one on Wednesday, September 25 at Noon to

- **NEW BUSINESS (continued):** 2pm or 7pm to 8:30 p.m. at the Ag Center. Further information or RSVP for these meetings should be made to the Conservation District at 334 0636. For more information contact McClain at amcclain@adamscounty.us

- **OLD BUSINESS:** President Gordon asked for any announcements to be made by committee chairs. None. Further, he announced that he has nominated Barb Underwood (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) to serve on the Nominating Committee. This committee will report to the membership in November for the upcoming election of officers in December.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- Adams County Commissioners – Marty Qually thanked the COG for the Fire Tax study which creates the environment where the fire departments and municipalities are able to come to the table for open discussions. Further, he commended the Conservation District and all participants who worked on the Model Well Ordinance which is good for our county.
- Boroughs Association – The dates for their meetings are: September 23, 2013 and November 11, 2013. More information available at *www.acbassociation.org*
- Township Officials Association – CDL Training is being provided on **October 9**, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. (amended date) Please register no later than the first week of September. Convention date is November 13, 2013 at Hampton Fire Hall. More information available at *www.adamscounty.us*
- ACTCC – The meeting dates are: September 4, 2013, November 6, 2013 and December 4, 2013.
- Adams County Planning and Development office (ACPDO) announced that the Economic Development Planning surveys are almost complete. Sample of a few responses were discussed by Andrew Merkel.
- Public Works Committee – Public Works Breakfast will be held on October 2, 2013 at Rosie's Restaurant. Their committee will meet on October 15, 2013 and November 12, 2013 at Tyrone Township building. The committee reorganizational meeting will be held on January 14, 2013 at Tyrone Township building.
- Chris Kimple, Staff of Representative Dan Moul's reported that Moul is traveling the state on the various topics such as Shale, Ag industry and promotion of Adams County.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Andrew Raymond (EAST BERLIN BOROUGH) announced the economic growth happening in East Berlin.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING BY KETTERMAN (GERMANY TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY FRIDENVALDS (HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:00 A.M.

Next meeting – September 26, 2013 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenamyer Lane, Gettysburg.

Signed,
Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary