

President Gus Fridenvalds called the December 15, 2016 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Gettysburg and Fairfield. **Townships:** Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Huntington, Liberty and Straban. **School Districts:** Gettysburg Area Schools. County: Adams

Guests: John Eline (Director), Warren Bladen (incoming Assistant Director), Christian Fow; (incoming Assistant Director); Adams County Emergency Services; Tom Fontana, Gettysburg Times; Andrew Merkel, Adams County Office of Planning and Development; Lt. James Graham, PA State Police.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY SMITH (FAIRFIELD BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 17, 2016 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Pat Smith announced the Treasurer's report which showed a balance of \$8,081.88.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIVINGSTON (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER REPORT AS READ TO AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** Commissioner Jim Martin gave warm holiday wishes to all. He reported on the following items (1) the renovation at the Human Services building are progressing. The work is on schedule and under budget. If anyone wants to take a tour of the facility please contact Martin. (2) The South Mountain Economic Survey for the Fruit belt Industry was reported with a 580 Million dollar value to the local economy. The consultant, Howard Cohen, reported an 80% participation in this study. (3) The County's Heroin Awareness Task Force has been formed and is made up of a county-wide membership. (4) Parks and Recreations grants provided \$137,000 in grants to various municipalities in Adams County. (5) The county commissioners are finalizing their budget and plan to approve it at the public meeting to be held on 12/21/16.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SPEAKER:** President Fridenvalds introduced Lt. James Graham, Pennsylvania State Police, as the Station Commander at Gettysburg since April. Graham introduced himself to the members and stated that he has resided in Adams County since 1987. He provided information on incidents, traffic and patrols for the Gettysburg Barracks. Brochures were provided to the COG membership (via email) on Child Safety Seats and Package thieves. Finally, the new location of the Gettysburg barracks will be decided on and hopefully in place within two years. Reports for local municipalities on PSP activity within their locality may be obtained by contacting Lt. Graham.

**NEW BUSINESS: NOMINATIONS** - President Fridenvalds requested that the Nominations Chair, Barbara Underwood from Cumberland Township give her report on the slate of officers up for election. She announced the following: Coleen Reamer, Hamiltonban Township for President; Ferd Prehn, Arendtsville Borough for Vice President; Gus Fridenvalds, Huntington Township for Secretary and Patricia Smith, Fairfield Borough for Treasurer. No nominations from the floor.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP.) AND SECONDED BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**BUDGET:** The proposed 2017 budget was presented (noting that the 2017 waiver of dues which will resume in 2018 due to the “healthy” balance we are carrying at this time). President Fridenvalds announced that the members may make a motion to adopt the 2017 ACCOG Budget.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY LIVINGSTON (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) TO ADOPT THE 2017 BUDGET AS PRESENTED AND SECONDED BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

President Fridenvalds asked the membership if they wanted to advertise the ACCOG meeting dates. They would stay the same as previous years as the fourth Thursday except for November and December that would take place on the third Thursday.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**AC. Collaboration Committee.** President Fridenvalds reported that this committee has not met this month.

**Adams County Connected.** No report – on hold.

**Legislative Committee:** Robert Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported that the committee will be meeting in January to start working on the ACCOG Legislative priorities for 2017.

**Adams County Joint Purchasing/Public Works:** No report.

**Emergency Services: Training Subcommittee Report** – Committee Co-Chair Reamer (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) gave a report on the committee’s progress on fire training to date. The subcommittee has met with the ACVESA Fire Chief’s committee. Another fact finding meeting will be held with the Fire Commissioner staff on January 17, 2017. After that meeting, the Subcommittee will prepare a recommendation on how to move forward.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:** Adams County Association of Township Officials: Bob Gordon (Hamiltonban Township) reported that the Executive Committee has met and they are doing an analysis on making changes to their November 16<sup>th</sup> convention. The Association is looking for training ideas and in 2017 it will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of their Association so they are looking for speakers and memorabilia.

- Adams County Boroughs Association/ACTCC: Ron Harris reported that the next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2017. More information to come...

The ACTCC has a February meeting. They will be sending an email with the information.

- School Districts: Brad Hunt, Gettysburg Area School District, reported that the ACTCC renewal with YATB has been completed for another five years. The schools will begin to work on their budgets next year.
- ACEDC: NO REPORT
- Adams County Office of Planning and Development: Andy Merkel announced that ACTPO has been working on updates for Bike and Pedestrian Components to widen road shoulders. This should tie into their work on Tourism. They are getting recommendations from Penn Dot for their planning that all municipalities should be able to use. Discussion on Bike Path maintenance.
- Adams County Emergency Services Department: Director John Eline announced that he is planning to retire in February and his Deputy Director Mary Bowers will retire later in 2017. Eline reported that their replacements have been hired and are being trained. He introduced the incoming Director - Mr. Warren Bladen and incoming Deputy Director Christian Fow for the EMS Department. They introduced themselves and provided their background for these positions.

Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) reported that John Eline was contacted by Franklin County for information on our Fire Study. Gordon provided the information so it can be used by Franklin County.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** President Fridenvalds thanked outgoing secretary, Sandra Vazquez, for duties over the past eight years and presented her with flowers, a plaque of gratitude, a gift card and the COG's wholehearted thanks for her service..

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY PREHN (ARENDSVILLE BOROUGH) AND SECONDED BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) TO ADJOURN AT 9:18 am. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Signed,

Sandra Vazquez  
ACCOG Secretary