

COG Minutes April 26, 2018

Ferd called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M

Present: Adams County, Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Berwick, Biglerville, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, East Berlin, Fairfield, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Liberty, Oxford, Straban, Littlestown, Mt. Joy, Gettysburg, Bermudian Springs School District, Gettysburg School District, Conewago Valley School District, Fairfield School District, Senator Alloway's Office, Dan Moul, Gettysburg Times, Community TV, Lt. Nickey, Planning Office

On a motion made by George Mauser and 2nd by Dave Bolton the minutes from the February 22, 2018 COG meeting were approved. Motion Carried.

On a motion made by Bob Gordon 2nd by Dave Bolton the Treasurers report was approved. Motion carried

Dan Moul:

E –Cycling: After meeting with the County Commissioners Association and discussing how to address the Electronic recycling problem they came up with an idea....it is just discussion at this point. The idea is to allow not mandate the County Commissioners to add a small fee to every resident's trash bill to help cover the cost of contracting with someone to come into the county and provide an E-Cycling drop off. Another idea would be placing an additional fee on electronics at the point of sale. This way could become very complicated. Looking for feedback.

Community TV: A resource that is available on Comcast to keep the public informed of local issues. Dan is pleading with the County residents to fight to keep this resource. If the funding is not there this resource will go away and it will not come back. The original purpose of franchise fees collected were to help support the local public educational and governmental channels. Dan also feels that the Community Channel should be on your Comcast channels on the lower numbers, example channel 12 across the board. Before signing agreements, demand Community Media channel be placed on the lower channels to be easily found. Bob Gordon feels that all Adams County Municipalities need to designate Community Media as their PEG Channel. Dave Bolton discussed that Municipalities just need to make a motion in a meeting to designate Community Media as their PEG Channel.

Guest Speaker – Lieutenant Nickey, Station Commander at Gettysburg Barracks. Lt. Nickey gave a great presentation on the Pennsylvania State Police. There are about 6500 persons working for the PSP which came into existence in 1905. He spoke on the different divisions and the importance of each. He also confirmed that the official position of the PSP is that they do not oppose the local municipal police having radar.

Barb Underwood – presented the financial statement for the AREMS.

Bob Gordon – wants the Emergency Service Committee to reunite and is looking for volunteers. He is very concerned about the local fire companies and ambulance services.

Bob Gordon – Legislation – Working on SB 251 Local Radar. Another bill 2418 has been introduced. Would like to see the COG pass a resolution to support SB 251. Dave Bolton has been in contact with Scott Pitzer who would like us to push SB 251 but not that house bill where they have placed many restrictions.

County Commissioners: Randy Phiel spoke about the medicine take back day. Last year 1000 lbs. of unused medication was collected. Commissioner Phiel also spoke on an issue regarding Building Permits. It seems there are many people coming into the County to purchase a County Building Permit and not going to their municipality for one. The Commissioners are working on a new policy where a County Building permit would only be issued after a municipal permit has been provided or a letter to show a municipal permit is not needed.

Marty Qually – Collaborative Committee is working on permit fees within each municipality. Looking at providing a schedule so that everyone can see where they fall in the charging of these fees. They are also looking into SWM. Will be going over the entire building process. Marty also commented on the importance of the Community Media and is asking for municipality support.

Planning Office – Sherry Clayton would like to be placed on the agenda in the future to discuss the dirt/gravel road program changes. Starting the Mosquito sampling. Ag Pres is now accepting applications until June. The latest version of the Tax Parcel Locator is now up and running. Please contact the office if you have any questions regarding the new version or with pictometry.

Bicky Redman presented a report on the E-Cycling events. Informed the group that Washington Township Transfer Station is no longer accepting electronics from those outside of their county. SB 800 – Senator Alloway’s office, is gaining much support. Manufacturers would be paying fees for the E-Cycling and are opposed. There will be a presentation at the AG Center on May 14, 2018 regarding the Needle Program. Introducing new tech to the community for providing a drop off site for used needles. They are looking for partners and financial support for the program.

Dave Bolton presented information on Mayor Ron Harris’ March New letter. The letter addresses SB 251, Tax Exempt Properties, Non-Profit Organization paying taxes based on assessed values, supporting HB 14, opposition to HB 37 and bill 1620, and opposing the CDBG funding cutbacks.

Legislative Report: HB 479 – allowing intergovernmental cooperation agreements to be entered into by resolution instead of by ordinance.

School Districts: Brad Hunt - SB 2 was pulled from the committee and deferred until May. He thanks COG for their support.

On a motion made by Qually 2nd by George the meeting is adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Helwig