

COG Minutes September 27, 2018

President Prehn called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: Boroughs: Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, and Littlestown. Townships: Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamiltonban, Liberty, Mt. Joy, Oxford and Straban. School Districts: Gettysburg and Upper Adams School Districts representing all School Districts. Adams County: Commissioner Qually and Commissioner Martin.

Others Present were: Jim Hale (Gettysburg Times), Robin Fitzpatrick (AEA), and Bev Frey (Sen. Alloway)

On a motion made by D. Bolton, Abbottstown, 2nd by Mauser, Straban the minutes from August 2018 were approved. Motion carried.

On a motion made by B. Gordon, Hamiltonban, 2nd by R. Harris, Carroll Valley the Treasurer's report was approved. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

President Prehn asked the members to announce name and where you are from because we recognize faces but don't know everyone's names.

Speakers:

Eileen Grinelle, Medicine take back program. October 27, 2018 10 a.m. – 2p.m. Several locations around Adams County. They are looking for volunteers. Please contact her if you are interested. There are 11 boxes located through the county for anytime deposits. Pet and Cattle meds are accepted. No questions asked.

Jonathon Cox, Bond Attorney- Municipal Finance. Joe Pierce also present. From the Law office of Eckert/Seamans. Mr. Cox is the finance council to the County and Economic Alliance. Talked about Changes in the municipal finance with regards to corporate tax reform and rising interest rates, changes in continuing disclosure requirements and state and local trends, WIP3, Stormwater and MS4 and Municipality utility buyouts.

OLD BUSINESS

Adams County Commissioners: Jim Martin spoke about the County Ranking now 8 at one time it was a 3. He is confident that there is enough staff to deliver the info for the WIP. The Commissioners met with the Finance committee and things seem to be right on tract. Expenses are a little below. The county report is on the EMMA reporting sight.

Marty Qually mentioned there will be an open house for the Human Services Building on November 14. The court offices are in there final completion stages. The first court date will be November 15. Affordable housing is a big deal and municipal involvement is important.

Legislative Report: Bev Frey, Senator Alloway, mentioned that the hot topic is sexual abuse. School safety is important.

Office of Planning and Development: Sherri Clayton Williams mentioned WIP3 time line for the first stake holder meeting and work sessions will be coming soon. It's a Bad year for mosquitos. Major crash in the system lost a great amount of data on mosquitos. She mentioned Dirt & Gravel Program and that the Ag Preservation is in the ranking portion of round 12.

PSP: Lt. Nickey: Nothing to report

Twp Officials: John Gormont will be emailing soon the proposed updates to the bylaws. Reminded everyone of the Fall Conference Nov.14. He suggests the local legislators should oppose the Bill regarding the UCC inspections.

Boroughs Association: Next meeting November 19 p.m. Information is coming.

School Districts: School Safety still a top issue. October will be the round table discussion at the COG meeting. Some of the topics will be school safety and the Tech Prep School.

AEA: Robin Fitzpatrick mentioned they are still working with the ACOPD and still in process of meeting with all municipalities. If you have not been contacted yet please let them know.

Collaboration Committee: Even though we are doing well, we still are not meeting the requirements for eliminating run off from farming etc. This is a real problem and it will affect us at some point.

Legislative Committee: B. Gordon, Hamiltonban mentioned that the AEA is very important and you should consider what they can do for your municipality. Reminder next month is the School round table discussion. November is the legislative forum to be held in the evening at 6 p.m. with Ben Thomas as the moderator. Gordon is hopeful that an evening meeting will allow for more attendees. Mr. Bolton has stepped down from the Comcast Committee and Coleen Reamer has joined.

Public Works: Nothing to report

Emergency Services: Nothing to report

Public Comment: There were 24 attendees at the last AC Coordinating Committee. Next meeting will be December 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the EMS building.

President Prehn activated the Nominating and the By Laws committees.

On motion made by D. Bolton, Abbottstown and 2nd by G. Mauser, Straban the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Danielle Helwig, Butler Township