

Adam County Council of Government
Meeting Minutes January 24, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Prehn at 8:30 am

Members Present: Abbottstown, Arendtsville, Biglerville, East Berlin, Fairfield, Littlestown, Berwick, Butler, Conewago, Germany, Hamilton, Hamiltonban, Highland, Liberty Straban, Gettysburg School District, Upper Adams School District and County of Adams.

Others Present: Matthew Nickey (PS), Torren Ecker (Rep, 193rd), Catherine Wallen, (Rep Ecker), Bev Frey (Sen Alloway), Kaycee Kemper (AEA), Robin Fitzpatrick, (AEA), Andrew Merkel (ACOPD), Chris Kimple (Rep Moul) & Chad Reichard (Cong. Joyce)

On a motion made by D. Bolton, Abbottstown, 2nd by D. Laughman, Arendtsville the minutes from the December 2018 meeting are approved. Motion carried.

On a motion made by T. Moser, 2nd by B. Gordon the treasures report is approved. Motion carried.

Business:

Round Table discussion:

Arendtsville: Finished the repaving of Main St.

Straban: Completing Joint Comp Plan.

Hamilton: Renovations from crash

Berwick: Filled EMC position, acquired leaf collection equipment, starting building renovations

Hamiltonban: Working on zoning ordinance.

Gettysburg School District - Brad Hunt: Focusing on student safety mentally and physically.

Littlestown: Looking at grants to fix Maple Ave. Hiring a new police officer.

Germany: Passed 2019 budget with a small tax increase. Purchasing a new F350 truck.

Liberty: Police Chief has moved on and now looking at options, looking into insurance for employees

Highland: Completed first special event ordinance, possible update of Nuisance Ordinance

Abbottstown: Budget up 20%, Resurfacing 70% of roadways, just became codified, Will be reviewing the Parking Ordinance

Fairfield: Completed the update to the Lighting Ordinance, changed code enforcement operations.

Biglerville: Adopted Vacancy/Foreclosure Ordinance. Council working on sewer rates. Looking at sewer capacity for a Butler Township townhome proposal.
East Berlin: Working on Borough Comp Plan, East Berlin and Lake Meade Fire Departments have merged
Upper Adams School: Currently entering into an energy savings agreement to update the high school HVAC system. Review continues to close Bendersville Elem. and renovate Arendtsville Elem.
East Berlin: working on a Boro comp plan. East Berlin and Lake Meade fire companies have combined.

Ferd Prehn: Commented on School Districts and having one school district attend for all districts. Ferd suggests to Wes Doll to have a representative from each school district.

Intro of Torren Eckert new Representative taking over for Will Tallman. Asks the group to please contact him if he can assist us in anyway. Office is in Abbottstown.

Chad Reichard – Congressman Joyce - Chambersburg office 100 Lincoln way east 717753 6344

Beth, Sen Alloway Office: He is retiring.

Chris Kimple, Representative Moul: Rep Moul has be appointed as chairman of the local government committee. Appointed to house tourism committee and no longer on Children & Youth or Ag committees.

Marty Qually: Top priority Mercy House project. Federal shutdown hurting Survivors and SCAPP. SCAPP looking into increasing their line of credit. Pillow tax ordinance changes. Election equipment purchase.

ACOPD: Eisenhower drive project is live, (eisenhowerdriveextention.com), Survey for the equine study has been sent out.

PSP: Crime in County has slightly decreased. Trying to be more visible in the County. Crash rates and traffic enforcement steady.

Boro Assoc: Bolton: Meeting held Monday night. PSAB resolutions.

Brad Hunt reminder Feb 6 meeting at YATB, encouraged to attend.

AEA: Robin: County Planning and AEA wrapping up Municipal meetings. Annual meeting at Gettysburg College.

Collaboration Committee: Marty: watershed Improvement plan. Federal Government has put mandates out to the state and will eventually have mandates for the Counties.

Legislative Committee: B. Gordon happy to see Representatives present at meeting. April 25th meeting will be the forum, 6pm at EMS. Committee has met and is working on our 2020 priorities. Request from municipalities: what is no. 1 legislative issue, ask your boards and email Bob. Would like to have information by March meeting to prepare for the legislative forum. No new action on fire tax for 2019. Funding issues for the volunteer fire departments. HR collection of EIT by state.

Guest speaker: Dan Lohr, Engagement Director for Local Intel Helping small business get up and running. Provides user friendly economic development solutions. Helps communities attract outside investors and supports small growth. Contact info: dan@localintel.com 215-970-1330

March 28, Ferd would like to have something special for our 10th anniversary. State member, Linda Costa will be here to speak to us.

We have speakers for February, March and April. Looking for speakers for rest of year. Email or call Ferd.

D Bolton: Community media had their reorganization meeting. Ron Harris stepped down, Roy Gouker is now Pres /CEO, Lisa Beans is Director of Marketing and Dave Bolton is Director of Community Affairs.

On a motion made by G. Mouser, Straban, 2nd by J. Ketterman, Germany the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig, Butler Township
Secretary