

President Barbara Underwood called the October 28, 2010 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Abbottstown, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, East Berlin, and Littlestown; **School Districts:** Bermudian Springs, Fairfield, and Gettysburg **Townships:** Cumberland, Franklin, Freedom, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Mt. Joy, Mt. Pleasant, Oxford, Straban, Tyrone,

Others present were: Skip Strayer, Spokesperson for 33rd District State Senator Richard Alloway; Judy Chambers, Penn State Extension Office, John Messner, Gettysburg Times Reporter, Patrick Bowling, DEP; Adam McClain, Adams County Conservation District.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: McMaster asked that the September 28, 2010 minutes be amended to show the following change: on the Township Supervisors Association: Egger (HAMILTON TOWNSHIP) announced the Fall Conference on 11/10/10 to be held at the *Southeastern Adams Volunteer Emergency Services (SAVES) in Hanover* instead of the *Emergency Services Building in Gettysburg*.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MCMASTER (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY GORMONT (MT. JOY TOWNSHIP) TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2010 MINUTES, AS AMENDED. PRESIDENT UNDERWOOD STATED THAT THE MINUTES WERE ACCEPTED AS AMENDED AND RECORDED.

TREASURERS REPORT: President Underwood read the Treasurer Report showed a balance of \$2,209.62. She announced the bill from Carroll Valley Borough for website expenses of \$53.88. was accepted and approved for payment.

President Underwood moved Strayer (SEN. ALLOWAY office) to the top of the agenda due to scheduling. He explained that there will be no Senate sessions for the rest of this year but said that there would be some voting of caucus members.

OLD BUSINESS: President Underwood announced that the Nominating Committee will make their recommendations at the November meeting for the 2011 COG officials. The vote will take place in the December meeting.

Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) is working on the Emergency Services Committee.

The COG Joint Code Enforcement project was discussed and it was decided to have Paul Kellet (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP), Ben Thomas (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) and Judy Chambers (PENN STATE) will get some copies of contract documents and information from Franklin County COG.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

REPORTS/DISCUSSION:

Public Works Committee: Tom Shealer (CUMBERLAND TOWNSHIP) announced a PSATS meeting regarding the mandatory sign inventory system. Shealer suggested that the COG could purchase signs as a group project. The PSATS meeting will be held on November 17, 2010 at 8:30 am at Chambersburg Area School District (Administration Building). This information would provide the municipality to determine how to inventory their signs according to the new regulations

Website: President Underwood reported that Dave Hazlett (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) has the website up and running. If anyone has any questions or comments that they should sent them directly to the webmaster. Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) suggested that the COG link with the county website. Underwood agreed to check on the link.

Finance: Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) reported that the Finance Committee met on October 13 and is recommending a 2011 Proposed COG Budget. These copies were given to each person present and will be sent out via email to all members. The Finance Committee recommended that the \$100 dues be continued for 2011. President Underwood told the group that the vote on this proposed budget will be held at the November meeting.

Also, Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) discussed the need to have an Attorney for the COG. The Finance Committee recommended Wally Davis and John Phillips from Gettysburg. An information sheet was provided to all by Hamm.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GORDON (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY SPENCE (FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP) TO ENGAGE WALLY DAVIS ON A ON CALL AS NEEDED BASIS FOR THE COG ATTORNEY. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Sharon Hamm (STRABAN TOWNSHIP) will notify Davis and Phillips of the motion and thank both of them for their interest in the COG. President Underwood recommended that as a matter of policy that all COG members will take any requests for the attorney service through the President or Vice President, only. Paul Kellet (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) suggested that those with questions may field them through the Governor's Center in Harrisburg for free service.

COG PROJECTS:

President Underwood suggested that the COG discuss at the November meeting if they want to have an informal meeting for December to include some snacks and coffee instead of our usual business meeting with a speaker. More discussion to follow.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Presenter: Patrick Bowling (PA DEP) and Adam McClain (ADAMS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT) were present to discuss residential wells. They provided sample ordinances on this subject. For any contact with Bowling he provided his email and phone number: gbowling@state.pa.us and 772-8600.

OPEN DISCUSSION_ 1. Adams County Boroughs Association – Harris (CARROLL VALLEY BOROUGH) announced their next meeting will be held on November 15 at the Pike's Restaurant in Gettysburg at 6:15 p.m. and the speaker will be Richard Schmoyer. 2. Township Supervisors Association: McMaster (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) announced the Fall Conference on 11/10/10 will be held at the Southeastern Adams Volunteer Emergency Services (SAVES) 3. Sewell (FAIRFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT) reported that YATB hired a new Director. Also he requested that all municipalities and schools have their representatives and alternates be appointed for the next year and attend the meetings. 4. Chambers (PENN STATE EXTENSION OFFICE) announced that PENN STATE will be holding some information session on the Marcellous Shale projects in the state. After discussion, Chambers will try to involve the COG in this effort along with the Chamber of Commerce.

Gordon (HAMILTONBAN TOWNSHIP) thanked President Underwood for her information provided to the members on the Recap for the 2010 COG year which was sent out to all members via email. Underwood thanked those who assisted her in this matter.

President Underwood asked if the COG was interested in having information on Computer Security. COG members concurred to have the speaker to their meeting. Underwood will follow up on it.

Wheeler (LITTLESTOWN BOROUGH) announced the TCC meeting on first Wed of each month at 7pm at the Emergency Services Building. Any new delegates need to be appointed and a letter should be sent to the secretary.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY KELLET (FREEDOM TOWNSHIP) AND SECONDED BY GORDON (OXFORD TOWNSHIP) TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:56 a.m.

Next meeting – 11/18/10 at 8:30 am at Adams County Emergency Management Building, 230 Greenamyre Lane, Gettysburg.

Signed,

Sandra L. Vazquez
Secretary