

Adams County Council of Government
Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2021
Adams County Arts Council

Chairman Laughman opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Arendtsville, Bendersville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Straban, County of Adams, Lt. Todd Witalek, & Catherine Wallen (Rep. Ecker).

Minutes/Treasurers report:

- A motion was made by Comm. Phiel and seconded by Phiel (Cumberland Twp.) to approve the August 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried.
- A motion was made by Comm. Qually and seconded by Comm. Martin to approve the September 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried
- A motion was made by Gordon and seconded by Ketterman to approve the October 2021 minutes as presented. Motion carried
- The balance in the checking account through October 31, 2021, is \$5906.73. A motion was made by Gordon and seconded by Comm. Martin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Speaker:

Eric Meyer, President of HABPI (Healthy Adams Bicycle/Pedestrian, Inc.): HABPI is a 501 3C is a group that promotes Health and Public recreational opportunities and alternate transportation through safe bicycling and pedestrian activities. They acquire, develop and maintain trails and routes. Visit www.habpi.org for more information.

New Business:

- Nominations: Coleen Reamer, Barb Underwood, Jack Ketterman and Ferd Prehn are committee members. Danielle Helwig and Pat Smith have agreed to continue the Secretary and Treasurers positions. Looking for nominations for the present and vice president. Talk with your Boards and Council members for input and contact anyone on the nominating committee.
- 2022 Budget: The 2022 version has been sent out to the Board for review and will be sent out for vote at the December meeting.

Regular Business:

- a) ACC: Steve Nevada (County Manager) mentioned
 - Covid testing currently at EMS Building and looking to start administering Vaccines.
 - Election Recap: Recount occurred, 31.02% turnout. Shout out to the Poll workers and election staff.
 - Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens: Cumberland Twp. and the County are collaborating to gain ownership of the cemetery. The County does not have the authority to condemn, but Cumberland does and has. They will create a 501 3C to help sustain the cemetery.
 - Broadband Task Force: Internet connectivity is critical. The Commissioners passed a Broad band Resolution in November. Looking at partnering with Franklin County on the project.
 - Treasurer's office: Yearly Dog Licenses are now available to be purchased online. Lifetime licenses must still be purchased at the Treasurer's office.

Comm. Qually backed up Nevada's comments on the importance of Broadband.
Comm. Martin mentioned the recount, great election staff.
Pres. Laughman asked the Commissioners what the revenue stream would be for the upkeep of the cemetery. No real answer currently, still looking at possibilities.
- b) Legislative Representative: Catherine Wallen, (Rep. Ecker) mentioned the Broadband bill was passed. Funds can be allocated from the Federal Infrastructure. December 7 is their Holiday Open House 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cong. Joyce is expected to be in attendance. All welcome.
- c) ACOPD: No report
- d) Township Officials Association: Gordon mentioned the Ex. Committee appointed John Aldridge as Vice President and now looking for nominations for President. The Secretary has emailed a poll for a by law change. The change would consolidate the Secretary and Treasurer positions. Polls due by December 15, 2021.
- e) Boroughs Association: Mayor Harris mentioned the next meeting will be held in January.
- f) PSP: No report
- g) Destination Gettysburg: No report
- h) ACTCC: Mayor Harris commented the next meeting is scheduled in February. The next meeting of YATB is in January
- i) School Districts: Gordon mentioned that the School Districts had meeting out of the County and could not attend the forum. New Superintendent for Fairfield and Conewago.
- j) AEA: No report

Committee Reports:

- a) AC Collaboration: No report

- b) Legislative: Gordon commented on the low attendance for the forum. Casey and Mastriano were not represented. Gordon has recommended to the COG that the forum be held during regular meeting times.
- c) Emergency Services: No report

Public Comment (General)

President Laughman thanked the committee members that planned and prepared the forum.

A member of the Arts Council (Judy) thanked the COG for coming to their facility and said yes to Pres. Laughman's request of a tour of the building in December.

Mayor Harris wished all a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Helwig
Secretary (Butler Township)