

Capital Region Council of Governments Board of Delegates Meeting  
Hampden Township Building, Room 202  
Monday, April 17, 2017 - 7:00 PM

M I N U T E S

**DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

Dauphin Borough, Trudy Koppenhaver	Lemoyne Borough, David Beasley	South Hanover Township, Stephen Cordaro
Dillsburg Borough, Mark Ryder	Londonderry Township, Anna Dale	Susquehanna Township, Tom Pyne
East Hanover, Paul Cornell	Lower Allen Township, Rick Schin	Swatara Township, Tom Connolly
East Pennsboro Township, John Kuntzelman, Paul Hartman	Lower Paxton Township, Bill Seeds	Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin
Goldsboro Borough, Robert Charles	Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher	West Hanover Township, Tom Stewart
Hampden Township, Nate Silcox	Monroe Township, Carl Kuhl	Wormleysburg Borough, Margie Stuski
Highspire Borough, Terry Watts	North Middleton Township, James Hare	
	Royalton Borough, Terry Watts	

**NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jim Hertzler, Cumberland County Commissioner      Gary Myers, Executive Director, CapCOG  
Jerry Ozog, VFIS

**MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Annaville Township	Hummelstown Borough	Shiremanstown Borough
Camp Hill Borough	Lower Swatara Township	Silver Spring Township
Carlisle Borough	Mechanicsburg Borough	South Middleton Township
Carroll Township	Middletown Borough	Steelton Borough
Conewago Township	Monaghan Township	
Derry Township	New Cumberland Borough	
Fairview Township	Paxtang Borough	
Harrisburg City	Penbrook Borough	

President Margie Stuski called the meeting to order and led the pledge to the flag.  
Round table introductions were made.

**Consent Agenda:** Stuski asked for edits to any consent agenda items. She asked for a motion to approve the March 2017 Minutes. Motion to accept by Bill Seeds, seconded by Jim Fisher. Stuski asked for a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Moved by Seeds, seconded by Fisher and passed unanimously. Minutes and Treasurer's Report unanimously passed.

**Presentation: Jerry Ozog, VFIS**

Gary Myers introduced Jerry Ozog. Jerry provided a summary of the program he provided to volunteer fire companies on April 10, 2017 titled, *Building and Maintaining Effective Relationships with Public Official* focusing on key relationships between local government officials and firefighters. Jerry presented information geared to municipal officials to the Board of Delegates. A copy of the presentation is included with the minutes.

- Volunteer firefighters are critical to public safety.
- The majority of them are 501(c)3 organizations.
- Prime firefighter age is between 22 and 45; current demographics show that our volunteer firefighters are mostly over the age of 50.
- Firefighters are responding to more automatic alarms and for circumstances that previously they did not (downed tree limbs, automobile accidents, etc.)
- Municipal officials and fire companies need to work together and present a united front to the media.
- A sustained dialogue is critical.

## **Executive Director's Report**

- Stormwater Training in March; 29 attendees. Pavement Management Systems presented by Brian Emberg of HRG. May be better directed to Delegates than the stormwater professionals.
- HR Training – 18 attendees; well presented by Karen Young.
- FF Session – 11 attendees. Great session.
- Margie, Gary and Rhonda – Perry County municipality recruitment. Hope to schedule something in May.
- Gary addressed Leadership Harrisburg about local government.
- May 11 – Flagger Training at PSATS.
- May 18 – Media Training with Jack Sherzer, MemberProse.
- April 20 – Manager's Meeting at Lower Paxton Township.

## **Old Business:**

- A survey was sent – 44 responses to date; results were included in the Board package. Surveys can still be completed and we will update and distribute.
  - Margie noted that Lancaster got a grant and is using billboards to recruit firefighters. Is that something the COG's municipalities should consider?
  - Nate Silcox shared that LAMAR advertising has been cooperative with using their electronic billboards. This meets LAMAR's public service requirement.
  - Anna Dale suggested exploring social media option as well to reach demographic of younger individuals (e.g., snapchat, instagram, etc.). You need to take the message to the demographic.
  - Margie suggested taking a look at these options; and determine triggers for various demographics.
  - This was referred to Public Safety Committee for further consideration and recommendations.
- Interstate 81 Barrier Meeting on March 31.
  - Commissioner Hertzler thanked COG for support.
  - Terrific turnout including state police and first responders.
  - 14 fatalities as a result of crossover crashes in Cumberland County the last 5 years.
  - PennDOT is planning cable beam barriers in some locations and more rigid barriers in other locations.
  - Need to bring I-81 up to a standard; need Federal government to step up.
  - We continue to build truck terminals and warehouses in the Carlisle area and that increases truck traffic in this corridor.
  - We need to continue to have the dialogue with PennDOT whenever engaged with them on projects.

## **New Business:**

- Auction – July 19 at 10 AM. Progressing on schedule for July 19. Packets going out next few weeks.

## **County and Planning Commission Reports** *(reports were sent via email to the municipalities in that county.)*

**Cumberland County** – Commissioner Hertzler shared information from the report. A copy of his report was emailed to Cumberland County municipalities.

- Wrapping up Comprehensive Plan survey data gathering.
- Electronics recycling – moving ahead with fee based at 50 cent a pound. This will be available to anyone; not just Cumberland County residents.
- Cumberland County has concerns with the State Budget and some of the cuts impacting the counties. Commissioners will be meeting with their legislators to discuss concerns.

**Dauphin County** – Report attached.

- Moving forward on town hall meetings regarding heroin epidemic.

**York County** – Mark Ryder shared the following:

- York County home is starting to show financial stability.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Public Safety Meeting:** Continue to work on securing support from counties for Emergency Services Coordinator.

**Chesapeake Bay**—Brian Seipp will present to managers on April 20 to discuss the NFWF Grant on March 23, 2017. The grant provides \$50,000 for educational use.

**Legislative Update** – Silcox provided a written report.

- House passed budget. In Senate.
- Goal to complete by July 1.
- Now that budget is moving forward, other bills are being introduced and moving.
- Gary encouraged delegates to come to May 15 meeting when Craig Staudenmaier will be discussing Right to Know.

**PACOG** – There is a delegates meeting on April 21, 2017. Kuntzelman will be participating in lobby day as part of the Coalition for Sustainable Communities – coalition of local governments supporting pension reform and binding arbitration reform.

**UCC Appeals/Act 45** – Terry Watts –

- Two applications were filed in Silver Spring Township.
- One application was filed in Upper Allen Township.
- Hearing is April 25, 2017 at 5 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on motion by Tom Pyne, seconded by Ken Martin and passed unanimously.

The next meeting is May 15, 2017.

Rhonda Campbell  
Recording Secretary