

## MINUTES

### **DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

Conewago Township, Gary Painter  
Dauphin Borough, Trudy Koppenhaver  
Dillsburg Borough, Mark Ryder  
East Pennsboro Township, John  
Kuntzelman, Paul Hartman  
Hampden Township, Nate Silcox  
Highspire Borough, Terry Watts  
Lemoyne Borough, David Beasley

Londonderry Township, Anna Dale  
Lower Allen Township, Rick Schin  
Lower Paxton Township, Randy Allen  
Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher  
Monaghan Township, Vicki Aycok  
New Cumberland Borough, Kevin Hall  
Royalton Borough, Terry Watts

South Hanover Township, Stephen  
Cordaro  
South Middleton Township, Cory Adams  
Susquehanna Township, Tom Pyne  
Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin  
West Hanover Township, Tom Stewart  
Wormleysburg Borough, Margie Stuski

### **NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:**

Representative Patti Kim, 103 Legislative District,  
Dauphin County  
Jim Hertzler, Cumberland County Commissioner  
Drew Yerger and Jason Shaffer, u Financial Group

Gary Myers, Executive Director, CapCOG  
Rhonda Campbell, Administrative Assistant, CapCOG

### **MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Annville Township	Goldsboro Borough	North Middleton Township
Camp Hill Borough	Harrisburg City	Paxtang Borough
Carlisle Borough	Hummelstown Borough	Penbrook Borough
Carroll Township	Lower Swatara	Shiremanstown Borough
Derry Township	Mechanicsburg Borough	Silver Spring Township
East Hanover Township	Middletown Borough	Steelton Borough
Fairview Township	Monroe Township	Swatara Township

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

**Consent Agenda:** Stuski asked for edits to any consent agenda items. She asked for a motion to approve the May 2017 Minutes. Motion to accept by Ken Martin, seconded by Rick Schin, and passed unanimously. Stuski asked for a motion to approve the June Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept by Rick Schin, seconded by Tom Stewart, and passed unanimously.

### **Presentation: Representative Patti Kim, 103 Legislative District, Dauphin County**

Gary Myers introduced Representative Kim.

- Rep. Kim previously served for seven years on Harrisburg City Council where she chaired the Public Safety/Public Works Committee.
- Rep. Kim said that she believes that municipalities need to be given the ability to govern their own municipalities, as they know them best.
- Rep. Kim shared her appreciation with the group for how the COG works together and supports one another.
- Gary Myers provided Representative Kim with an overview of the services CapCOG offers its members.
- Rep. Kim is in favor of body cameras as optional for police departments. The current legislation on body cameras is unfunded.
- Rep. Kim shared that in Harrisburg City, firefighters are paid. She understands the major challenges facing volunteer fire companies and is supportive of tax breaks for firefighters and emergency responders.
- Rep. Kim voiced her support for regionalization, but recognizes it must be organic.
  - Other states have been successful with county models. Cory Adams shared that county structures (Act 32 example) haven't been as successful in PA.
  - There are legal issues in PA because you cannot merge a borough and a township.
  - Commissioner Jim Hertzler, Cumberland County, said that the merger of East Pennsboro Township and West Fairview was successful because it was organic. However, West Fairview Borough had to be dissolved first.
  - Anna Dale echoed that they key is it must be organic. There is the added challenge of the diversity within counties (e.g., Dauphin County has the city and suburban areas but also very rural areas). There may be benefit for regionalization with fire companies, public safety, and perhaps school districts.
- Rep. Kim said there was not much to share regarding the budget. There is a \$1-2 billion deficit in the budget right now. She believes the budget will be finished by mid-July.
- Schin asked Representative Rep. Kim about the limitations on executive sessions in HB 1531 and HB 37.
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### **Presentation: Drew Yerger and Jason Shaffer, u Financial Group**

Gary Myers introduced Drew Yerger of u Financial Group, which provides financial literacy education for organizations.

- Yerger has been with u Financial Group since 2009.
- In 1972, u Financial Group began working with government organizations.
- Every organization has its own pensions system so u Financial Group's work is personalized to each organization. They learn the organization's pension system and focus their education accordingly.
- They offer Risk Assessments for employees as well as viability studies on what are the actual employer costs for healthcare and retirement.
- There is no cost for u Financial Group to come into a municipality and meet with employees.
- Their goal is to educate and if employees wish to use u Financial Group for their financial planning, that is an option, but not a requirement. Typically, there is a 5% conversion rate for employees who become clients of u Financial Group.
- Martin asked if u Financial Group advises clients or provides a product. Yerger explained that they are fee-for-service, which is paid by the employee if he/she chooses to go with u Financial Group. The municipality never pays anything.

## **Executive Director's Report**

- Stormwater Training – Emergency Management – May 25, 2017 – 49 attendees
- Stormwater Training – Audit Training – May 25, 2017 – 6 attendees
- Upcoming Stormwater Trainings: June 22 – Targeted MS4 Compliance; September 28 – Practical Solutions to IDD&E.
- Megan McNamee and Allison Funk of Upper Allen Township are going to offer the Emergency Management Stormwater Training for volunteer firefighters in the future. It was an excellent course, one of the best to date.
- Stuski shared that with MS4, there needs to be advocacy for municipalities with regard to state roads and railroads within township boundaries causing erosion and/or dumping into the river. In Wormleysburg, Rt. 11 & 15 is a state road that dumps into the Susquehanna.
  - Vicki Aycock said that you can parse out those areas if they don't drain through your road.
  - Wormleysburg has a successful partnership with HARSCO with regard to stormwater, but often times the municipalities' hands are tied.

## **Old Business:**

- Auction – July 19 at 9 AM. All is on schedule. Gary shared a poster and list of items that members can take back and post in their offices and communities.
  - A link to auction items is on the CapCOG website.

## **New Business:**

- Legislative & Congressional Redistricting Resolution. In light of the recent Supreme Court decision, it was decided to table the resolution at this time. Motion made by Nate Silcox, seconded by Schin. Unanimous.

## **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.

- Electronics recycling – Had hoped to be open by 6/30; however it appears it will be mid-July.
- Fee based at 50 cents a pound. This is available to anyone; not just Cumberland County residents.

**Dauphin County** – A copy of the report is included with these minutes.

- Dale reported that the 411-acre Detweiler Park is open.
- 10th Annual Music/Wine Fest is July 10-11.
- Comprehensive Plan draft is out for review; town hall meetings are being held.
- Dauphin County honored May as Foster Care Month.

**York County** – Mark Ryder provided the following updates after the meeting via email.

- Tammy Hetrick appointed nursing home administrator (she was interim).
- It appears the 911 upgrade radio issue is settled as to how many need to be purchased for end-users.
- The first 2018 budget prep meeting with department directors will be on 7/18.

## **Committee Reports:**

**Public Safety Meeting:** No meeting.

**Chesapeake Bay**—Myers shared that he is trying to schedule a meeting with the various Bay organizations to try to encourage collaboration. Myers is hoping to schedule something in July or August.

**Cumberland County Radio Advisory Board** – CapCOG Representative to the board, Ken Martin, said that they will be working on the site plan and installation over the next three years, followed by infrastructure and then working with end users. The goal is to go live in 2023 with a pilot program in Warren.

**Legislative Update** – Silcox provided a written report. A copy is included with these minutes.

- Senate Resolution 6 Task Force will soon be named.
- Stuski thanked Silcox for his work on providing the extensive legislative updates.

**PACOG** – John Kunzleman provided a handout. A copy is included with the minutes.

**Cumberland Perry Joing Transportation Task Force** – Rhonda Campbell provided a report on the May meeting. A copy is attached.

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

- Hearing on June 27 at 5 PM.
- One case will be heard – The Circle School vs. Susquehanna Township.
- The appeal is related to the labeling of eight single-user restrooms as gender neutral rather than Gender Specific.
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on motion by Silcox, seconded by Schin, and passed unanimously.

The next meeting is July 17, 2017

Rhonda Campbell  
Recording Secretary