

Hampden Township Building, Room 202
Monday, May 21, 2018 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Conewago Township, Gary Painter Dauphin Borough, Trudy Koppenhaver Dillsburg Borough, Mark Ryder East Pennsboro Township, John Kuntzelman Goldsboro Borough, Robert Charles Hampden Township, Nate Silcox Highspire Borough, Terry Watts	Hummelstown Borough, Dee VanGuvree Lemoyne Borough, Sue Yenchko Londonderry Township, Anna Dale Lower Allen Township, Rick Schin Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher Monroe Township, Mike Pykosh North Middleton Township, James Hare Royalton Borough, Terry Watts	Silver Spring Township, Harry Kotzmoyer South Hanover Township, Stephen Cordaro Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin
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NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Hertzler, Cumberland County Commissioner Jesse Harlan, Agera Energy Jim Smith, Agera Energy	<u>CapCOG STAFF</u> Gary Myers, Executive Director, CapCOG Rhonda Campbell, Administrative Assistant, CapCOG
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MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Annville Township Camp Hill Borough Carlisle Borough Carroll Township Derry Township East Hanover Township Fairview Township	Harrisburg City Lower Paxton Township Lower Swatara Township Mechanicsburg Borough Middletown Borough Monaghan Township New Cumberland Borough Paxtang Borough	Penbrook Borough Shiremanstown Borough South Middleton Township Steelton Borough Susquehanna Township Swatara Township West Hanover Township Wormleysburg Borough
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Anna Dale called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gary Myers.

Roundtable Introductions were made.

Consent Agenda

April Minutes – A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Jim Fisher. Rick Schin seconded. Unanimously approved.

May Treasurer's Report – A motion to approve the May treasurer's report was made by Schin. Robert Charles seconded. Unanimously approved.

Presentation

- Myers introduced presenters from Agera Energy: Jesse Harlan and Jim Smith.
- Agera offers natural gas and electric, renewable options and LED options.
- 1.9 million customers across US; 96 utilities served.
- Jim Smith shared that Agera is completely transparent. They don't charge ancillary fees and inform customers if there is a change coming. *GRTs x usage* is what customers pay. Agera doesn't add on anything that isn't mandated.
- Broker vs. supplier – There are advantages with going with a supplier rather than a broker who is a middle man. Agera is a supplier. Agera's rates are at or better than most folks.
- Energy deregulation occurred in 1996; fully rolled out by 2000. Before deregulation, Pennsylvania prices were 15% above national average. After deregulation – around 4% below national average (6th in the country by some reports). Adoption rate in industrial market 90%; 80 commercial; 40% residential side.
- Harlan shared how supplier interacts with the utility.
 - Deregulation allows you to choose your supplier/generator of power.
 - You cannot shop out distribution side. You can shop the generation side.
 - The utility is responsible for infrastructure side – wires, etc.
 - Supplier is involved in the paper side of the transaction.
- Commercial customers can ride the market with Agera – month to month variable based on market performance. Energy prices drop in the spring and fall – over the long term can make out better price wise than going with fixed structure.
- Make sure when you are doing comparisons that all the components in the fixed full cost comparison are the same and present.
 - Some things to be aware of:
 - Introductory rates – PA Power Switch website – those are often for 3 months then variable.
 - In PA, Fixed full cost comparison includes gross receipts.
 - Rebates – read the fine print to be sure you know what you are truly getting once the rebate expires.
 - Auto renewal written into contracts – not as common but still occurs.
 - When contract ends, the price can change.
 - "Shoulder months" - spring and fall - are a great time to look at energy prices. That's when prices are most favorable if you want a fixed-term contract.

- James Hare asked about gas rates. Jim Smith answered natural gas generates 40% of energy in country. It is supply driven. During shoulder months, generation is down due to temperatures and less generation. Our natural gas supply has shrunk – we are net exporters of gas.
- Ken Martin asked if Agera sells 3-4 years out. They do. Harlan suggested if your contract is coming up, they will future price a contract six months or more in advance to get a good rate.
- Agera also handles street lights and traffic signals, working with municipalities.

Executive Director's Report

- Our Certificate of Deposit is coming due in June 2018. We are shopping around for the best rate and a shorter time commitment. The current CD is 55-months (6-7-18 maturity).
- We had a good Managers' Meeting at RETTEW in Mechanicsburg. The presentation focused on safety training. The next meeting will be scheduled for August.
- Myers facilitated the Lemoyne Municipal Retreat. Sue Yenchko agreed it was a successful event. Myers shared he is available to do for other members.
- Myers was asked by delegates to reach out to Middlesex Township regarding membership.

Cumberland County Report - Commissioner Hertzler

- Planning Department – Second outreach meetings for 2018 for eastern Cumberland County will be held on June 5 at 11:30 AM at the Lower Allen Township building; and on June 19 at 11:30 AM at the Shippensburg Borough office for western Cumberland County.
- New Grant program for all types of planning projects for Cumberland County delegates. Anything to do with planning. June 29 is application deadline.
- Electronic Recycling –July 2018 through May8 – 401,158 pounds of electronic materials from throughout the region. Dale asked if anyone was receptive of taking the recyclables from Cumberland County. Hertzler shared they have a contract with a company from Connecticut.
- Cumberland County is supporting the expansion of I-81.
 - Commissioners passed a resolution earlier in May calling on PennDOT and federal legislators to take action.
 - Since 2012 – 36 people died on I-81.
 - 2005 study by PennDOT recommended the widening I-81 in both directions to three lanes throughout Cumberland County and the region from Maryland border to I-78.
 - 100,000 vehicles a day on 81 in some parts of PA
 - One third of these are trucks, which is three times the number of trucks from 30 years ago. In Cumberland County – 80,000 vehicles a day.
 - The cost to expand I-81 to I-78 to three lanes both directions in 2005 was 1.5 billion. Today, the cost is estimated at 2.7 billion.
 - The expansion is critical to safety and interstate commerce.
 - PA can't toll I-81 without permission from federal government.
 - The hope is to get it on PennDOT's 12-year plan.
 - Virginia is starting to look at this issue with I-81; one proposal is to toll trucks.

- Hare asked if CapCOG should pass a resolution in support of widening I-81. Myers asked if Board wants to entertain it. Hertzler will share their resolution with us so we can adapt it.
 - Hare made a motion for CapCOG to prepare a resolution in support of widening I-81 to three lanes from I-78 to the Maryland Border. Martin seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
 - Hare motioned that CapCOG should create and send the resolution to Senators, Representatives, PennDOT, and Congresspersons prior to the June Board meeting. Bob Charles seconded. Unanimously approved.
- CapCOG will send their resolution to municipalities as well so they can consider adopting a local resolution.

York County Report

Mark Ryder provided the following report after the meeting.

- Sale of the nursing home expected to be finalized by July 31.
- Assisting various community entities with state RACP grant applications including Martin Memorial Library.
- 911 hiring continues to improve.
- Appointed former Lower Windsor Township Police Chief Tim Caldwell as 911 Assistant Director.

Dauphin – Tri county

Anna Dale provided the following information at the meeting. The full report is attached to these minutes.

- Draft ordinances with South Hanover regarding the issue of Air B&Bs and Agri-Tourism. They are hoping it will be a template for other municipalities.
- Model municipal surveys – comprehensive plan working with Susquehanna Township.
- Dauphin County – Plan to replace all deficient bridges by 2021. The desire is to do so without raising taxes. There are 9 County and 12 municipal bridges.

Legislative

Nate Silcox provided the following legislative update.

- Package of bills - Amends 1st Class Townships, Boroughs and City– publication of financial reporting.
- Package of bills - 1st Class Townships, Boroughs and City– purchase used equipment from emergency service organizations without bidding.
- Package of bills – Raises the limit from \$1000 to \$2000 for the value of municipal property that doesn't have to be advertised for 1st Class Townships, Boroughs and City.

Public Safety-

The next meeting will be June 18 at 6 PM.

PACOG

John Kunzleman – No report.

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Terry Watts provided an update.

- Hearing on 5/22/18 – Mike Murphy Rentals and Steelton Boro and Commonwealth Codes – change in use to a building portion that needs sprinklers.
- Silver Spring Twp/Fireworks – Municipality and applicant still negotiating to come to non court settlement.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 by Watts. Schin seconded. Unanimously approved.