CapCOG Board of Delegates

Hampden Township Community Room, 5001 East Park Drive, Mechanicsburg

Monday, January 18, 2021 - 7:00 PM

M I N U T E S

**DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Conewago Township, Mimi Legro  East Pennsboro Township, Terry  Watts  Hampden Township, Al Bienstock  Highspire Borough, Mark Stonbraker  Lemoyne Borough, Sue Yenchko  Londonderry Township, Anna Dale  Lower Allen Township, Rick Schin | Lower Paxton Township, Norm  Zoumas, Robin Lindsey, Paul  Navarro  Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher  Monroe Township, Carl Kuhl  New Cumberland Borough, Rob Kline  North Middleton Township, Ron Greenway  Royalton Borough, Terry Watts  Silver Spring Township, Harry  Kotzmoyer | South Hanover Township, Nora Blair  South Middleton Township, Cory  Adams  Susquehanna Township, Tom Pyne  Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin  West Hanover Township, Tom  Stewart  Wormleysburg Borough, Margie Stuski, Sue Stuart |

**MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Annville Township  Camp Hill Borough  Carlisle Borough  Carroll Township  Dauphin Borough  Derry Township  Dillsburg Borough  East Hanover Township | Fairview Township  Goldsboro Borough  Harrisburg City  Hummelstown Borough  Lower Swatara Township  Marysville Borough  Mechanicsburg Borough  Middletown Borough | Monaghan Township  Paxtang Borough  Penbrook Borough  Shiremanstown Borough  Steelton Borough  Swatara Township |

**NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Vince DiFilippo, Cumberland County Commissioners  John Jablowski, Jr. | CapCOG STAFF  Gary Myers, Executive Director |

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Anna Dale, President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dale, followed by roundtable Introductions.

**Presenter**

Dale introduced John Jablowski, Jr., MPA, from Wilkes-Barre, who represented Matt Fulton from Polco, a company that provides a civic communications and analytics platform designed to engage communities at local or regional level.

* Polco uses proprietary online survey techniques to send questions to residents or designated groups of subscribers; their responses are then collected and analyzed on Polco’s dashboard.
* The tool is primarily used by municipalities to build community engagement on a targeted basis. In theory this creates survey responses from actual residents, as compared to an open forum that allows anyone to respond.
* Services are available from a basic level at $350 per year up to several thousand dollars.
* Polco handout with contact information was provided.

**Consent Agenda**

The November 16, 2020, minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Rick Schin; seconded by Ken Martin. Unanimously approved.

The December 2020 Treasurer’s Report was reviewed. Motion to accept was made by Martin; seconded by Robin Lindsey. Unanimously approved.

**Executive Director’s Report – Gary Myers**

* Myers welcomed Perry County as a new county member.
* Regarding the financial report, Myers indicated that: (1) because of COVID, there was no stormwater or public safety training in 2020 so there was no associated revenue or expense; (2) all members paid their dues in 2020, and (3) he declined to accept his salary for six weeks. Mr. Martin indicated that he would like CapCOG to keep its commitment to review staff salaries again in July 2021 and that he did not support Mr. Myers' decision to decline his salary. Consensus in the room reflected respect for Mr. Myer’s contributions to the organization and the desire to support him in his work.
* The salt bid was awarded to Morton Salt. Anyone who calls needs to indicate they are part of the CapCOG contract.
* CapCOG was not awarded a SAFER grant.
  + Mr. Bienstock from Hampden Township noted the first responder tax credit and asked that every municipality consider implementing a $250 deduction if they don’t already have one. He agreed to share the definition of an active fire fighter, which is used to determine eligibility for the tax credit.
* The annual dinner is now rescheduled for March 15, 2021, at the Radisson Convention Center. Sponsors are needed.
* The 2021-22 Joint Bids will be opened on January 27, 2021.

**County and Planning Commission Reports**

Cumberland County Commissioner Vince DeFilippo reported the following.

* County offices remain open by appointment.
* There was no property tax increase for 2021.
* Wolf Bridge in Middlesex is now open.
* The Cumberland Area Economic Development Corporation (CAEDC), Cumberland Valley Visitors Bureau, and local chambers of commerce have a new promotion called “Come Back Cumberland County,” encouraging people to support restaurants and hospitality venues.
* The County applied for federal rental assistance program funds and received a $7.6 million grant.
* Efforts continue to sell the Claremont Nursing Facility and there are now four buyers under consideration.

Dauphin County – No report.

York County – No report. Mark Ryder is currently in the hospital and everyone sends their well wishes.

**Legislative Update**

* A report was provided by Nate Silcox as part of the meeting packet.

**PACOG** – No report.

**Public Safety Committee**

There will be a Public Safety Committee meeting on February 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM at the Hampden Township Community Room.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM on motion made by Martin, Upper Allen Township, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.