CapCOG Board of Delegates

Hampden Township Recreation Center - Community Room

Monday, October 19, 2020 - 7:00 PM

M I N U T E S

**DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Hampden Township, Al Bienstock  Harrisburg City- Hillary Green  Lemoyne Borough, Sue Yenchko  Londonderry Township, Anna Dale  Lower Paxton Township, Robin  Lindsey and Norm Zoumas  Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher  Monroe Township, Carl Kuhl | New Cumberland Borough, Rob Kline  North Middleton Township, Harry Kelso  Royalton Borough, Terry Watts  South Hanover Township, Stephen Cordaro  South Middleton Township, Cory Adams | Upper Allen Township, Jeff Walter  Wormleysburg Borough, Margie Stuski |

**MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Annville Township  Camp Hill Borough  Carlisle Borough  Carroll Township  Conewago Township  Dauphin Borough  Derry Township  Dillsburg Borough  East Hanover Township  East Pennsboro Township | Fairview Township  Goldsboro Borough Highspire Borough  Hummelstown Borough  Lower Allen Township  Lower Swatara Township  Marysville Borough  Mechanicsburg Borough  Middletown Borough  Monaghan Township | Paxtang Borough Penbrook Borough  Shiremanstown Borough  Silver Spring Township  Steelton Borough  Susquehanna Township  Swatara Township  West Hanover Township |

**NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Vince DiFilippo, Cumberland County Commissioners | CapCOG STAFF  Gary Myers, Executive Director  Rhonda Campbell, Administrative Assistant |

Called to order at 7:09 PM by Anna Dale, President.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Dale.

Roundtable Introductions were made.

**Consent Agenda**

The August 2020 minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Terry Watts, seconded Jim Fisher.

Unanimously approved.

The September 2020 Treasurers Report was reviewed. Motion to approve made by Robin Lindsey, seconded by Sue Yenchko. Unanimously approved.

**Executive Director's Report-Gary Myers**

* We received a refund of $15 from our Workers Comp Audit.
* Gary shared the update from the Picnic/Golf Tournament. See attached.
* MS4 Ad was published; 32 municipalities participated.
* We did not get the SAFER Grant. A lot of effort was put in. We will resubmit it next year. We don't know why we didn't get it. Local elected officials gave us support, but we need more federal support. We'll try to get our federal legislators more involved next year. We did call and email them and Myers spoke to many personally. Some didn't even know what a COG was.
  + Fisher - Do we know why we didn't receive the grant? Myers - they just said we didn't get it. They don't offer a critique as to why we didn't get it.
  + Fisher suggested we go to our federal congressman and inquire as to why CapCOG didn't get the SAFER grant. Myers - We will reach out to Senator Toomey and Representative Perry's office after the election.
  + Robin Lindsey shared that Lower Paxton received a SAFER grant last year. If there is anything they can do to help they are happy to. Myers - We had a copy of your grant as a reference. We had two from Western PA and one from Lancaster County also.
* Ratification of 2021 Salt Bids . Contract period is November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2021. See attached information. Motion to approve made by Margie Stuski. Seconded by Terry Watts. Unanimously approved.
* The Budget will be sent with the November Board package. We will vote on the budget in November and then we can cancel the December meeting if the Board approves. November 16, 2020 is our next meeting.
* Myers shared that on October 27, CapCOG will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. The West Shore Council of Governments was founded on October 27, 1970. We will be celebrating at our Annual Dinner in January.

**Cumberland County Report-Vince DiFilippo**

* Last week, Cumberland County distributed $824,000 of cares act money. $563,000 to 134 small businesses, $261,000 to 17 child care centers.
* Mail in ballots -55,000 applications; 31,000 returned.

**Dauphin County Report-Dale**

* No report.

**York County Report-Ryder**

* No report.

**Legislative Update-Silcox**

* No report.

**PACOG**

* Myers was re-elected as 1st VP of PACOG.

**Appeals/Act 45 - Terry Watts**

* There is a possible hearing for October; not confirmed.

**Public Safety -SAFER** - **Silcox**

Nothing

**Good of the Order**

* Hampden Township - New building; ready to move in the first or second week of November. Waiting for furniture. 44 years without a property tax rate increase.
* Stormwater Water - October 5, 2020 with Senator Mastriano. Tom Vernau, Keldeen Stambaugh and Rhonda Campbell attended.
  + Government not paying saying it is a tax; but it is a fee. No stormwater authority can pass or collect a tax.
  + Perhaps we can come up with a formula that can be applied statewide to secure stormwater fees from government entities. The municipalities cannot keep funding state and federal properties.
  + Senator Mastriano is willing to co-sponsor legislation. He shared that the DEP model doesn't have the five years of data it is supposed to have. Letterkenny has 7 years data and some as far back as WW2. He suggested that we need a strong Governor and legislature to get anything done on this topic.
  + Senator Yaw's office is willing to hold another hearing in our area after the new year. CapCOG will be invited as will municipalities.
  + Senator Martin's office may be willing to create legislation. We need to provide them with draft legislation. Senator Martin is currently the Chair of the Local Government Committee. She did share with us that Senator Martin has referred to impact fees as taxes related to natural gas. So he may view stormwater fees similarly.
  + We prefer to avoid a legal challenge. Al Bienstock - Hampden has not pursued legislation more aggressively because you are fighting the big bear we all get money from.
  + Stuski - The City of Philadelphia didn't want to pay stormwater fees a while ago. A lien was placed against a city park. We may want to draft a letter to Treasury Department office that if not paid will result in a lien. Would give us a second opinion from a state government department not under the Governor. It would require Treasury Department to make a determination if it is a fee or tax. Stuski will send us an email summarizing.
  + Next step for us is to meet with legal counsel.
* Sue Yenchko - Has anyone had any spotted lantern fly sightings? Most in attendance have not. Robin Lindsey has seen a lot of them in Lower Paxton Township. They go after grape vines and apple trees and sumac saplings. It is a problem in Adams county.
  + Dale said she hasn't seen them in Londonderry Township, but in Lancaster County they have them and Berks county has them bad. They lay eggs on underside of park benches; burn barrels, etc. Egg masses are grey. Penn State Extension has great educational information. They'll hibernate over winter and hatch in spring.
* There is a Managers Meeting on October 26, 2020 at the Hampden Township Community Room from 8:30 to 10:30 AM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:52 PM by Watts, seconded by Kelso. Unanimously approved.