CapCOG Board of Delegates

Monday, October 18, 2021 - 7:00 PM

M I N U T E S

**DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Camp Hill Borough, Bonnie Bentz  Conewago Township, Gary Painter  East Pennsboro Township, Terry  Watts  Hampden Township, Al Bienstock  Highspire Borough, Mark Stonbraker  Lemoyne Borough, Sue Yenchko  Lower Paxton Township, Norm  Zoumas, Robin Lindsey | Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher  Monaghan Township, Carl Ruhl  Monroe Township, Carl Kuhl  New Cumberland Borough, Rob Kline  Royalton Borough, Terry Watts  Silver Spring Township, Harry Kotzmoyer  South Hanover Township, Steve  Cordaro | South Middleton Township, Cory  Adams  Susquehanna Township, David Kratzer, Tom Pyne  Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin  West Hanover, Tom Stewart  Wormleysburg Borough, Sue Stuart |

**MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Annville Township  Carlisle Borough  Carroll Township  Dauphin Borough  Derry Township  Dillsburg Borough  East Hanover Township  Fairview Township | Goldsboro Borough  Harrisburg City  Hummelstown Borough  Londonderry Township  Lower Allen Township  Lower Swatara Township  Marysville Borough  Mechanicsburg Borough | Middletown Borough  North Middleton Township  Paxtang Borough  Penbrook Borough  Shiremanstown Borough  Steelton Borough  Swatara Township |

**NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Vince DiFilippo, Cumberland County  Doug Berry, Solar Renewable Energy  Seth Berry, Solar Renewable Energy | CapCOG STAFF  Gary Myers, Executive Director |

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Cory Adams.

Cory Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roundtable introductions were made.

**Presenters**

Seth Berry, Manager, and Doug Berry, CEO and President of Solar Renewable Energy, LLC reviewed a detailed presentation on their solar panel installation company, which recently did a major project for Susquehanna Township. They shared numerous points of information.

* Their company has designed, developed, financed, and operates more than 200 solar energy systems in the mid-Atlantic and northeast regions of the U.S.
* They are also accountants with a high degree of expertise in making calculations on utility reductions and potential savings.
* Theyunderstand and help prospective clients access numerous subsidies and financing options to fund projects, some with zero dollars out of pocket for the customer, depending on the situation.
* They encouraged municipalities considering a solar project to act quickly. Right now, there are lucrative solar rebates from PPL, using Act 129 rebates, which must be reserved in advance or risk losing them, which would result in less funds available to offset project costs.
* The presentation contains criteria for sites, location, installations, and other data.
* They purchase most of their solar panels from Vietnam, and they are seeing some supply chain-related deliverydelays.
* Dave Kratzer (Manager, Susquehanna Township) took questions and reported they had a favorable experience, which encompassed solar systems on three different buildings.

**Consent Agenda**

* The July 19 and September 20 Minutes and Treasurer’s Report through September 30, 2021, were reviewed. Jim Fishermotioned to approve. Al Bienstock seconded. Unanimously approved.

**Executive Director’s Report**

* Gary Myers noted that the November meeting agenda will include annual budget review and asked for members to attend the November meeting to ensure a quorum for the vote.

**Old Business**

* Myers reported that the annual picnic and golf tournament were very well attended, resulting in a profit of $8,752, thanks to sponsors and good cost management by staff. Several members offered their appreciation of the work done for the event.

**New Business**

* Myers reported that the 2021-2022 Salt Bids were opened September 27 and the winning bid was Eastern Salt at $72.60 per ton, which is an increase from last year due primarily to increased fuel costs.
  + On motion made by Ken Martin and seconded by Norm Zoumas, the Board of Delegates voted unanimously to accept the bid from Eastern Salt as presented and to authorize Myers to sign an appropriate contract on behalf of CapCOG.
* The 2021 Stormwater Ad, as required by MS4 guidelines,was published October 14.The total ad cost was $1,041 and was shared at a cost of $45 per member, which represents substantial savings for all.
* Myers thanked Sue Stuart for taking minutes of tonight’s meeting on behalf of Rhonda Campbell, who was unable to attend the meeting.

**County and Planning Commission Reports**

**Cumberland County** –Vince DiFilippo

* Commissioner DeFilippo noted that the next election will be held in two weeks, and the County Bureau of Elections Office has extended hours to allow ballot drop offs and other services.

**Dauphin County** – No update.

**York County** – No update.

**Legislative Update**—Myers will send out the Legislative Update as soon as it is available.

**PACOG** –Myers indicated that the next meeting will be a teleconference.

**UCC, Appeals/Act 45** – Terry Watts reported there were no updates.

**Public Safety Committee**—Ken Martin

* Martin reported for the Public Safety Committee. The SAFER grant was awarded. The team has 90 days to get the grant underway and work has begun.
* On motion made by Martin and seconded by Tom Pyne, the Board of Delegates voted to authorize Jerry Ozog to enter into a management contract with Scott Ryno from Keystone Community Medical Services at a first-year cost of $45,000, which is recoverable as a grant cost, to oversee and implement various elements of the SAFER grant with the 21 regional fire companies that are involved.
* In addition, the SAFER grant requires support from a marketing firm, and Martin noted that interviews would take place at a future Public Safety Committee meeting.

**For the Good of the Order**

* Wattsasked if there had been any follow-up from the Community Bridges Initiative presentation. Myers indicated there had no inquiries. He believes the reason for that is because so many police departments are already doing community policing.
* Sue Stuart reported that the panel hearing on the proposed I-83 bridge tolling took place on 9/30/21 in front of the Pennsylvania House Transportation Committee. Several panels of experts provided testimony including Dr. Joe Deklinski on behalf of Wormleysburg and Gale Gallo on behalf of Lemoyne Borough. Kirk Stoner from Cumberland County Planning followed up with a letter containing not only the County Commissioners’ signatures but also numerous townships, boroughs, and the West Shore Bureau of Fire Commission, all affirming their opposition to PennDOT’s proposed tolling initiative. Video of the testimony is available on PCNTV.com under “PennDOT Bridge Tolling Plan.”
* Bienstock reported that he also disputed the tolling at the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission annual luncheon two weeks ago when he asked why roads are being tolled disproportionately due to what is underneath them, ground or water. He is also concerned that tolling will disproportionately and negatively impact our region’s residents, especially those who travel the bridge daily for work.
* Sue Yenchko (Lemoyne) noted that the recent one-day closure of the I-83 bridge ramps made it difficult for commuters. Traffic was very slow, and sometimes stopped, around the highway access interchange from Third Street in Lemoyne to Bridge Street in New Cumberland.

**Adjournment**

* The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. on motion by Fisher. Motion approved unanimously.