



CapCOG Board of Delegates
Monday, May 20, 2024 - 7:00 PM

DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE: 16

Camp Hill Borough - Michele Forbes Carlisle Borough - Susan Armstrong Conewago Township - Mimi Legro East Pennsboro Township, Terry Watts, John Kuntzelman Hampden Township - Al Bienstock, Nate Silcox Highspire Borough, Mark Stonbraker Lemoyne Borough, Gale Gallo	Lower Paxton Township, Robin Lindsey, Norm Zoumas Middle Paxton Township, Wilbur Evans New Cumberland Borough, Gennifer Richie North Middleton Township, James Hare Royalton Borough, Terry Watts	Susquehanna Township, Sean Sanderson Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin West Hanover Township, Deb Carl Wormleysburg Borough, Mike Rudy, Sue Stuart
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MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE: 27

Annville Township Carroll Township Dauphin Borough Derry Township Dillsburg Borough East Hanover Township Fairview Township Monroe Township Goldsboro Borough	Hummelstown Borough Harrisburg City Londonderry Township Lower Allen Township Lower Swatara Marysville Borough Mechanicsburg Borough Middletown Borough Monaghan Township Newberry Township	Paxtang Borough Penbrook Borough Shiremanstown Borough Silver Spring Township South Hanover Township South Middleton Township Steelton Borough Swatara Township
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NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:

• Commissioner Jean Foschi, Cumberland County • Commissioner Mike Pries, Dauphin County • Margaret Parsons, GHAR • Dan Robinson, Dauphin County • James Runshaw, County of York • Josh Snyder, Energy Transfer	<u>CapCOG STAFF</u> Gary Myers, Executive Director
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The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by President Robin Lindsey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Al Bienstock.

Roundtable introductions were made.

Presentations

Margaret Parsons, Government Affairs Director, Greater Harrisburg Association of REALTORS®

- GHAR is a professional association of real estate agents. REALTORS® is a trademark of the Realtor Association and cannot be used except by accredited members.
- They operate at the regional, state and national level through numerous divisions, including a commercial council that focuses on economic development, a foundation that works with the national organization for grants at the local level, and other programs that encourage neighborhood engagement and walkable communities.
- Their members are also available to serve on planning commissions, as well as architectural, historical and school boards.
- They promote private property rights, can provide volunteers for special projects, and offer assistance to municipalities through a library of draft ordinances, such as short-term rentals and more.
- They stood in opposition to the PennDOT's plan to toll the South Bridge.
- Parsons explained the concept of "wholeselling" properties and how it works.
- Their annual breakfast for municipal officials is June 13, 2024, at the Penn Harris Hotel. Invitations were distributed.

Josh Snyder and Robin Tilley Hull, Sunoco Energy Transfer

- Energy Transfer has one of the country's largest portfolios of energy assets.
- Presenters reviewed their asset map, explained the various pipelines, terminals, and operational infrastructure issues.
- The national pipeline mapping system is available at npms.phmsa.dot.gov, and officials can get access to use it at the local level by making an application online.
- They reviewed their ubiquitous safety and regulatory rules, and layers of environmental protection systems, which are overseen by approximately 1,000 regional employees. They are also engaged with PA One-Call when pipelines or underground transmission lines are involved and provide hazardous materials training for first responders.
- They reviewed their community affairs and grants program, which includes several regional projects from \$5,000 to \$15,000 on average. Application information was distributed.

Information and slides presented will be shared electronically with CapCOG members.

The agenda was adjusted to permit Nate Silcox to give his reports first.

Public Safety Committee- Silcox

- The recent SAFER grant update at Harrisburg Area Community College was successful.
- To date, the project has attracted 120 prospective new firefighters from the goal of 200.
- The option to pursue a second SAFER grant was discussed.
- A motion was made by Terry Watts and seconded by Wilbur Evans to explore a second SAFER grant for the next cycle. The process would use the current Public Safety leadership group and the grant support staff. Unanimously approved.

Legislative Update- Silcox

- Senate Bills 1132 (1st class townships), 1133 (2nd class townships), and 1134 (boroughs) were amended to allow local governments to use local EMS taxes to cover more personnel costs.
- House Bill 1632 for Worker's Comp was amended to recognize Post Traumatic Stress Injury (PTSI) as eligible for worker's comp claims.
 - The effective date was changed from 60 days to one year, the event lookback period was reduced to five years, and claimants will be required to have a diagnosis confirmed by licensed medical professionals.
- The state budget, which is due 6/30, is well underway.

President Lindsey thanked Mr. Silcox for making the arrangements at HACC and hosting a positive event.

Consent Agenda

March 18, 2024 minutes - Motion to approve: Watts. Seconded: Michelle Forbes. Unanimously approved.

April 2024 Treasurers Report - Motion to approve: Gennifer Richie. Seconded: Watts. Unanimously approved.

Executive Director's Report – Gary Myers noted that he was covering several items out of order.

Manager's Meeting 5/8/24

- Myers reported that the 5/8/24 Managers' Meeting included 24 member managers, which was the best attended meeting to date.
- Myers thanked Newberry Township for hosting.
- Presenters were:
 - Robert Timko, CPIA, FF-1/EMT, Regional Account Executive
Provident Insurance Solutions for Emergency Services
Protecting Fire Responders and Fire Company Property
 - Chad Saylor, Executive Director, Keystone Municipal Services
 - Kevin Buraks, Esq, Portnoff Law Associates, Ltd.
Strategies for Increasing Delinquent Collections
- Attendance and engagement at the meetings are improving.
- Roundtable discussions included:
 - Joint Bids
 - 2024 Auction - July 17, South Middleton Township
 - Training Update
 - Changes to issuance of non-traffic citations
 - Volunteer Fire Company mergers
 - APMF Conference late May. Low cost for new members; a lot of great training. Next year's conference is in Lancaster. Sara Gibson is the 2025 conference chair.

Ransomware

- Myers thanked Rhonda Campbell for her timely work in repairing and enhancing the network after the recent ransomware attack.

Training Opportunities

- Myers reviewed the upcoming training opportunities, which are being sent out electronically to members.

By-Laws Revisions

- The proposed updates to the By-Laws have been released for advance review. Myers will be asking for a vote at the July meeting.

PA COG

- PA COG received a DCED grant, which will be used to reorganize their operations over the next year.

County and Planning Commission Reports

Leadership noted its appreciation for the representatives attending this meeting from Cumberland, Dauphin and York counties.

Cumberland County – Commissioner Jean Foschi

- Foschi indicated that she was attending as alternate and would work to be appointed as CapCOG's permanent representative.
- Foschi asked members to visit the Cumberland County PA website and complete the facilities survey, which is on the front page at: [PA-Cumberland County Resident-Facility Survey 2024 - Web Survey Tools | QuestionPro Survey](#).

Dauphin County – Commissioner Mike Pries

- Pries reviewed the Dauphin County report, which is attached.
- Dan Robinson, Office of Workforce Development, gave a brief update.

York County – James Runshaw

- Runshaw introduced himself and noted he was recently appointed by York County Commissioners to attend CapCOG meetings.
- He had no report.

UCC Appeals/Act 45 - Terry Watts

- No report as no new appeals have been filed.

Good of the Order

- President Lindsey reminded everyone that this is Public Works and EMS week.

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM. Motion: Watts. Seconded: Forbes. Unanimously approved.