

CapCOG Board of Delegates

Monday, March 20, 2023 - 7:00 PM

**DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Camp Hill Borough - Michele Forbes  East Pennsboro Township, Terry  Watts  Hampden Township, Al Bienstock  Highspire Borough, Mark Stonbraker  Lower Paxton Township, Robin  Lindsey, Norm Zoumas | Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher  Monaghan Township, Tracy Pawelski  Newberry Township, Dave Kirkpatrick  Royalton Borough, Terry Watts  Silver Spring Township, Harry  Kotzmoyer | Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin  Wormleysburg Borough, Margie Stuski and Sue Stuart |

**MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Annville Township  Carlisle Borough  Carroll Township  Conewago Township  Dauphin Borough  Derry Township  Dillsburg Borough  East Hanover Township  Fairview Township  Goldsboro Borough | Harrisburg City  Hummelstown Borough  Lemoyne Borough  Londonderry Township  Lower Allen Township  Lower Swatara Township  Marysville Borough  Mechanicsburg Borough  Middletown Borough  Monroe Township | New Cumberland Borough  North Middleton Township  Paxtang Borough  Penbrook Borough  Shiremanstown Borough  Steelton Borough  Swatara Township  South Hanover Township  Susquehanna Township  Swatara Township  West Hanover Township |

**NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:**

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| Vince DiFilippo, Cumberland County  Jim Zugay, Dauphin County Recorder of Deeds | CapCOG STAFF  Gary Myers, Executive Director  Rhonda Campbell, Program Director |

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Robin Lindsey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ken Martin.

Roundtable introductions were made.

**Presenters**

The scheduled presenter did not attend the meeting. Rhonda Campbell emailed her from the meeting to inquire but did not receive a reply.

**Consent Agenda**

* February 2023 Treasurer's Report. Referred to April due to lack of quorum.
* February 2023 Minutes. Referred to April due to lack of quorum.

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

*Stormwater Task Force- Government Entities*

* Met on March 1 - Representatives from Hampden, Lower Allen and Susquehanna townships.
* West Chester Case - January 4 Commonwealth Court decision - West Chester Borough v PASHE ruled in favor of PASHE.
* West Chester is appealing the decision.
* Focus for CapCOG is on research:

1. Keep our responses to these requests consistent. Use Susquehanna Township letter as a template (attached).
2. CapCOG to follow up with PMAA - Douglas Billheimer - PMAA Director. More than 700 municipal authorities across PA. 500 associate members. 3000 PA municipalities - only about 50 have SW fees (2019)
3. Continue our discussion about SW government fees; resend the action Plan.
4. Legislative outreach.
5. HB/Senate - Madison Smith reached out to Stan Laskowski, Susquehanna's authority solicitor to see if there were any active or past bills regarding stormwater fees and the Commonwealth.

* He indicated there is no new legislation introduced yet.  DiSanto’s Senate Bill 1360 from the 2021-2022 session addressing the SW fee to be paid by the Commonwealth has not been re-introduced yet in this session.

*Managers' Meeting*

* Scheduled for March 29, 2023
* Lower Allen Township will host.
* Presenter will be M&T Bank: Cyber Security.
* Remainder of meeting will be roundtable discussion.

*Building Codes/Community Development Roundtable*

* Scheduled for April 13, 2023.
* Hampden Township will host.
* Suggested by Betsy Logan - Susquehanna Township.
* Very positive response - 15 already registered to attend.

**County Reports**

***Cumberland County - Vince DiFilippo***

* Requesting residents respond to PennDOT survey soliciting comments on 12-year plan. Information on Cumberland County website.
* PAtransportation.com survey will come up.
* Aging Advisory Board has room for 5 new members.
* Four hazardous waste disposal dates this year - 4/13; 6/17; 8/19; 10/26. Register online. Price 55 cents/pound.
* Mental Health needs increased. $2.5M deficit in MH budget due to state funding which has flat lined last 12 years. Holding a meeting to discuss; seeking help from state.
* Tracy Pawelski - I want to encourage people to give them a lot of feedback. What will state will do with information and when? DiFilippo wasn't certain what PennDOT will do with information.
* Dave Kirkpatrick - PennDOT will look at the comments and will put them into plan for each county and will start to earmark money toward the 12-year plan.

*Dauphin County - John Zugay*

* Local share gaming grants. Opens May 1 and need to sign up for pre-application at Community and Economic Development office Brooke 717-780-6250.
* Transportation Safety Improvement Grant program - apply now. Due date is 6/16/23. County grant covering 75% traffic and infrastructure. 25% local match. Call Brooke to discuss questions. Online Economic Development site.
* Infrastructure Bank - DCIB/G opens in April. Another organization loan group to which municipalities and authorities can apply. Water, wastewater and stormwater projects. Call Doug Brown 717-780-6253.
* Water Resource Enhancement Program - reduces costs for MS4 compliance. Contact Doug Brown.

*York County -* No Report

Pawelski is hoping to have a report starting next month.

*Legislative Update - Nate Silcox*

* No Report
* RADAR bill passed senate (SB 459) and it is in the House. Please reach out to local reps.
* Margie Stuski - Wormleysburg Council meeting; insurance agent on our board asked why we can't get reimbursed for some of the accidents we respond to. It seems to be that insurance companies decided it isn't covered and they refuse to reimburse. Initiative to change the law is needed. Just because we have a volunteer fire company doesn't mean we shouldn't be reimbursed. Stuski hopes to discuss at the PSATS convention. There needs to be a push at state level to help EMS to be able to bill a reasonable amount.

*PaCOG Update - Gary Myers*

* PACOG Revitalization Meeting scheduled for May 2, 2023
* State College

*UCC Update - Terry Watts*

* UCC Hearing on March 28 - Lower Paxton Township. Applicant wants to convert an existing building to restaurant and claims because he doesn't have public water he cannot sprinkle building which is required by the codes.

*Public Safety - Ken Martin*

* SAFER - 67 new members authorized across 13 companies.
* Postcard mailer going out to remind potential candidates where to sign up.
* W9 requests out to pay nominal stipends.
* Tuition reimbursement will become available in April. If you have members eligible, get those submitted.
* To date, we've sent in five payments totaling $215,000. $1.9M remaining.
* Getting good results for limited expenditures to date.

Watts: Any response to EMS/Ambulance side? Martin: Nothing at this time. Discussing.

**Good of the order**

Norm Zoumas - When is next public safety meeting? Myers: Up to Nate Silcox and Ken Martin to determine.

Martin - For those of you here who are on PS meeting do you like them same night as BOD?

Response was yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.