

Hampden Township Building, Room 202
Monday, June 18, 2018 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Carlisle Borough, Matt Candland Conewago Township, Gary Painter Dauphin Borough, Trudy Kopenhagenver Dillsburg Borough, Mark Ryder Goldsboro Borough, Robert Charles Hampden Township, Nate Silcox Highspire Borough, Terry Watts	Londonderry Township, Anna Dale Lower Allen Township, Rick Schin Middle Paxton Township, Jim Fisher Monroe Township , Carl Kuhl New Cumberland Borough, Robert Kline North Middleton Township, Harry Kelso Paxtang Borough, Chris Spackman	Royalton Borough, Terry Watts Silver Spring Township, Harry Kotzmoyer South Hanover Township, Nora Blair South Middleton Township, Cory Adams Upper Allen Township, Ken Martin
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NON-VOTING IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Hertzler, Cumberland County Commissioner Steve Deck, Executive Director, Tri County Regional Planning Commission Rob Brady, Rob Consulting	<u>CapCOG STAFF</u> Gary Myers, Executive Director, CapCOG Rhonda Campbell, Administrative Assistant, CapCOG
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MUNICIPALITIES NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Annville Township Camp Hill Borough Carroll Township Derry Township East Hanover Township East Pennsboro Township Fairview Township	Harrisburg City Hummelstown Borough Lemoyne Borough Lower Paxton Township Lower Swatara Township Mechanicsburg Borough Middletown Borough Monaghan Township	Penbrook Borough Shiremanstown Borough Steelton Borough Susquehanna Township Swatara Township West Hanover Township Wormleysburg Borough
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Anna Dale called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Watts.

Roundtable Introductions were made.

Consent Agenda

May Board Minutes were reviewed. Jim Fisher motioned to approve. Robert Charles seconded. Unanimously approved.

June Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Rick Schin motioned to approve. Charles seconded. Unanimously approved.

Presentations

Steve Deck, Executive Director, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC)

Gary Myers introduced Mr. Deck who provided an overview of the TCRPC and the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

- Federal law requires states to look at transportation needs and program projects over a 20-year planning horizon. TCRPC is finishing up the 2040 plan, which is online for review. Deck distributed a brochure.
- TCRPC's primary responsibility is oversight of federal funding.
- Project pipeline – TCRPC has historically asked municipalities to help identify transportation problems/issues, etc.
 - They had an old school system of scoring and ranking projects. Process has historically had share of difficulties.
 - The process has been completely redesigned and the form is now online and includes a map where you can pinpoint the problem area. The information then goes directly to HATS and they apply a scoring system to the information provided. This is how rankings will be made in future.
- Deck provided an overview of what is in the RTP 2040.
 - In Introduction: emerging technologies –connected and autonomous vehicles will have a significant effect on our system in terms of safety.
 - System Demand Section: how well does the system function today?
 - Asset management Section: condition of bridges and roadways.
 - Mobility and Accessibility Section: new for this plan; focuses on specific needs of disabled and elderly who are transportation challenged.
 - Congestion Management Section: detailed study last year – 100 different corridors in terms of delays.
 - Travel Modes Section: truck and train movement, auto and transit and ride sharing, non-motorized (bike and pedestrian and Mennonite/Amish), rail and aviation.
 - Linkage to Land Use – regional growth management plan highlights; condense development to the footprint where infrastructure can best handle it.
 - Environment Section: aquatics, cultural resources, agriculture – impacts including MS4/stormwater.
 - Performance and Progress Section: Federal highway plan requires performance-based plans.
 - Capital Investment Section – various funding mechanisms available. Their primary responsibility is oversight of federal funding.

Deck is conducting outreach meetings to share information about reporting problem areas eligible for Federal funds so they can include them into the plan and then into the TIP – four year cycle plan for improvements.

If anyone has a group or organization they'd like Deck to present to, let him know. (Steve Deck, TCRPC, 717-234-2639, sdeck@tcrpc-pa.org)

Ed Ward, Penn Waste

Myers introduced Ed Ward, Municipal Contracts Manager for Penn Waste. Ward shared information about the changing recycling market.

- China is largest buyer of recyclables. They used to allow 5% contamination levels. They have reduced that to .05%.
 - For example, that translates to a reduction from 92 lbs to 9 lbs contamination acceptable in a 1850 lb bale of cardboard. This is an impossible level to reach so Penn Waste had to stop shipping to China.
 - Of all tons coming in previously, 16-17% were considered contaminated. That number is now approaching 25% contamination.
- China banned mixed paper and mixed plastic bales also, regardless of contamination levels. Domestic mills were available for mixed plastic so Penn Waste didn't deal with China.
- Penn Waste did use China for mixed paper, which they can no longer do.
- If Penn Waste generates mixed paper bales – they pay \$5-10 for someone to take it. Previously, they were paid for the mixed bales.
- Recycling markets have previously bounced up and down, however, this feels different and isn't expected to change.
- Wishful recycling – people are not sure what is and isn't recyclable and they dump something into recycling bin that isn't recyclable.
- Penn Waste processed 45 tons of waste an hour. Now doing 25-30 tons an hour due to time identifying contaminants, auditing bales, as well as the addition labor to reduce contamination.

Matt Candland asked if China no longer needs the recyclables. Is that why they changed regulations? Ward responded that China now uses virgin pulp which is eight times the cost of cardboard. China may be using as a bargaining chip for the trade war. The contamination reduction, however, is more environmental based "not taking world's junk anymore."

- What's the impact on municipalities?
 - Penn Waste doesn't plan to approach municipalities under contract for increases in fees.
 - They expect a \$2-4/month increase when contracts are up for renewal.
 - Municipalities may be asked to include disposal escalator language in future contracts. The burden is on the contractor to justify escalation to municipalities for approval.
- Ward provided a handout on recycling guidelines that have been simplified. Only accepting plastics 1 and 2. Plastics 3-7 are not viable due to lack of market. Going back to newspapers, no more magazines junk mail, etc. A copy is attached with these minutes.

Terry Watts asked, “How close is what Penn Waste is doing with recyclable to what other waste removal companies are doing? Should we be getting these changes out to community now. Ward replied that yes, the more we educate and publicize the changes, the better.

Rick Schin asked about enforcement of new rules. Ward responded that they will not do a massive enforcement of going through bags/bins. Some items may be left behind with an educational sticker stating the item is “not recyclable.”

Candland asked what the impact will be on increased tonnage to landfills. Ward shared that homes average 35 lb per week of waste; Cumberland County averages 40-42 lbs. Recycling could range from 8-12 lbs per recycling cart. The end result is two-three more pounds to landfills. Dauphin, York and Lancaster’s waste goes to incinerators. Cumberland County’s goes to landfill. It’s another reason Cumberland County rates are lower.

Mark Ryder asked if antifreeze, quarts of oil containers would now be trash. Ward said yes because the residue is left inside by most. If rinsed out, they can be recycled. Even pizza boxes - if there is any grease on it, is now trash.

Executive Director’s Report

- Myers shared that CapCOG recently moved its banking accounts and CD to Centric Bank. The CD matured in June. Centric had the best rate at 2.25% for 15 months. FNB (previous CD holder) offered 1.98% for 25 months. PLGIT could not match it. Perhaps in the future PLGIT will be more competitive.
- Marysville Borough is back as a member which brings us to 42 members and 12 associate members.
- We reached the 26 member participation rate for Comcast Franchise Renewal negotiations which means a 25% discount on legal services for participating members.
- Stormwater Training for June 28 has 27 registered. The program is being provided by ARRO Consulting.
- Myers attended the Governor’s luncheon last week sponsored by the Harrisburg Regional Chamber and CREDC. It was a nice presentation; Governor positive of both houses.
- The I-81 resolution is prepared; need signatures tonight from individuals present. Myers will get Margie Stuski’s signature following the meeting.
- We received a letter from Penbrook borough regarding MS4 pollution credits. The received the explanatory letter from DEP and CapCOG shared it with managers and MS4 professionals via email.
- Our Picnic and Golf Tournament is September 17 at Armitage Golf Course. Next year, we will be doing the banquet on the West Shore and the Golf Tournament on the East Shore.
- The Auction is July 18. We have 14 municipalities this year; last year we had 21. We can still take items. The decline is the result of some municipalities using online auctions to bid items as well as some just not having enough items to put out for bid this year.
 - Candland said that CapCOG’s commission rate is 20%. Municibid commission is lower and the buyer pays. Myers said we will consider a change to the commission structure for 2019.

County Report

Cumberland County

- Commissioner Hertzler thanked COG for its support of the I-81 resolution.
- Cumberland Valley School District took the McCormick Farm property which was preserved by natural lands trust many years ago. The County condemns this action as do many other organizations who believe the action undermines preservation efforts.
- Commissioners have asked the school board members to reconsider their decision.
 - There is a piece of legislation pending in House, HB2468, which was amended in House Local Government Committee, retroactive to beginning of this year. That bill would require CVSD to prove before Orphans Court that they have no other viable alternatives.

York County

- Ryder – Nothing to share.

Dauphin County

- Dale shared that a developer has been hired to transform Steelton's downtown district.
- Union Deposit area - building a sidewalk for pedestrian safety.
- Many special events are planned including family movie nights, 2018 Performing Arts Fest; Cultural Fest in August; Jazz and Wine Festival in September.
- A full copy of the report is included with the minutes.

Cumberland Perry Joint Transportation Task Force

- Rhonda Campbell shared that our guest speaker, Mr. Deck, covered the items discussed at the May CPJTF meeting.

Legislative reports

- Silcox provided an update.
- We are close to a state budget. No tax increases expected.
- SB 251 is radar legislation – did come out of House Transportation Committee; amended significantly.
 - Rep Rothman's Bill was amended into it and makes it a pilot program.
 - The harshest provision requires traffic study of every road on which municipalities plan to use radar.
 - Also, it would eliminate part-time police departments from using it.
 - Once back in Senate, it can be restored and returned to a reasonable common sense bill and remove traffic study and pilot aspect.
 - Schin asked if the Governor has commented on the legislation. Silcox shared that as far as he knows, the Governor supports it.

Public Safety Meeting

- A copy of the minutes are included with these Board of Delegates minutes.
- The main focus was on what to focus efforts on with regard to Fire and EMS.
- Talked about position to deal with grant writing, etc.
- Rob Brady and Jerry Ozog joined us for meeting.
- Rob Brady shared the following highlights:
 - Interested core group in immediate area who'd like to boost and maintain the volunteer services in region.
 - System is failing across state and country.
 - Lot of conversations in last 6 to 9 months; we have to take initiative to do something. We want to do something that makes sense; joint training, purchasing, joint manpower. Lot of good opportunities.
 - The system is changing drastically. Day time drivers; drivers in general are challenges.
 - What is the core level we can agree on to make changes?
- The next meeting is July 16 at 5:30 PM.

UCC

Terry Watts provided an update.

- Appeal against Steelton Borough from Mike Murphy Rentals (MMR). Murphy felt the Code Official misinterpreted codes. Board found in favor of the code official's initial ruling and advised Mike Murphy Rentals to reevaluate.
- Steelton's Code Official resigned and Terry is now working to see if MMR will file another appeal with the UCC Board.

Good of the Order

There was nothing for the good of the order.

Watts motioned to adjourn. Charles seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8 PM.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Rhonda Campbell
Administrative Assistant