

President Coleen Reamer called the July 27, 2017 Adams County COG meeting to order at 8:30 am.

The following members were present: **Boroughs:** Arendtsville, Biglerville, Carroll Valley, Fairfield, Gettysburg. **Townships:** Berwick, Butler, Conewago, Cumberland, Franklin, Germany, Hamiltonban, Highland, Liberty, Straban. **School Districts:** Gettysburg.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY VAZQUEZ (BIGLERVILLE) AND SECONDED BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO) TO APPROVE THE JUNE 22, 2017 MINUTES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Pat Smith presented the Treasurer's Report which showed an ending balance of \$7,570.91. No deposits and no withdrawals.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MAUSER (STRABAN) AND SECONDED BY PLANK (FRANKLIN) TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT TO AUDIT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS: President Reamer introduced our speaker Mr. Robert Buddenbohn, who is an executive of PABCO, the Pennsylvania Association of Building Code Officials.

In Pennsylvania, we are ruled by the Uniform Construction Code (UCC)- minus exemptions. If a project is exempt for a permit, then it doesn't need inspection. The UCC is based on the International Building Code (IBC) and the International Residential Code (IRC). Every time a code comes out, they are reviewed by the UCC Review and Advisory Council known as RAC. We are presently using the 2009 Code. When the 2012 code came out nothing was adopted. We are waiting for the 2018 code. After review by the RAC, changes will be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and on the Labor and Industry Website. Changes will be in the appendix.

Two things of note, all swimming pools, both Residential and Commercial over 24" deep must be permitted and inspected.

Accessibility for the handicapped- we adopted Chapter 11 of the 2015 Code on Accessibility. Accessibility is adopted automatically by statute.

There "Legislative Exclusions" like vacation homes are exempt from the Code. Problem comes the owner retires and wants to live in it. Other issues:

Residential Accessory Buildings- Carports, Sheds, Detached Garages. No permits if less than 1,000 sq. ft.- excluded from UCC. It might need a local permit.

Ag Buildings are based on use, not exempt if includes habitable spaces or contains processing equipment, or if it is accessible to the public.

Residential Alterations- repairs are excluded. If it effects the structure like load bearing walls or changes egress it will need a permit.

Temporary Canopy Buildings like for an event, less than 30 days and less than 1600 Sq. Ft. are exempt from permits and inspection. The earliest possibility for an updated code is 2022.

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Residential Sprinklers are in the 2009 code which was adopted. They are still in the code as an option for one and two- family homes and are a requirement for townhomes.

Act One of 2011 removed sprinklers as a requirement for one and two- family houses.

ISO stands for Insurance Services Organization. They one of many companies that sell information to insurance companies, a poor rating might possibly result in the loss of credits that reduce premiums. It might be smarter to pay attention to the Fire Suppression Rating which is based on the response time of fire companies.

Multiple 3rd Party Inspection Agencies. Presently there are four Bills that deal with this subject. At the present time, any municipality could use more than one inspection agency. All of these bills deal with issue that are based on complaints received by Legislators. There are problems with these bills that are not answered. Who has liability, who is responsible for the work. Some of these bills might make it more difficult to get things done. In response to a question concerning fees, "the fees for all third- party inspection agencies are part of the public record", there should be no surprises.

President Reamer thanked Mr. Buddenbohn for his presentation and made the comment that everyone should be able to ask what the scope of service is when seeking professional services.

President Reamer called attention to the new FEMA Flood Maps that have changed, an email with the proper link will be made available by email.

A request has been received to consider one evening meeting a year because not everyone can attend morning meetings, by a show of hands, 9 persons indicated that they would attend an evening meeting.

The E-Cycling Event is scheduled for September 9. Everyone must pre-register for the event. A flier has been sent to everyone, please post and make it available to your residents.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Commissioner Martin reported that the County has retired a "swap" which is a financing tool that will provide a savings. He also called attention the Commissioner's Forum that is scheduled for August 22 at Littlestown High School- the topic is the Opioid Crises.

ADAMS COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING: Director Sherri Clayton- Williams reported that a flier advertising a training session on the Subdivision Review Process by DCED, scheduled for August 31. Next month the Planning Office will make a presentation on their Municipal Survey.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE: Lt. Matt Nickey, reintroduced himself as the recently promoted new Station Commander for the Gettysburg Station and his intention to attend COG meetings.

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION: Bob Gordon had no report except to mention a successful Secretaries luncheon yesterday and that the Convention will be held in the fall.

BOROUGH ASSOCIATION: No report.

ACTCC: Mayor Harris reported that the YATB will have their board meeting, Monday at 6:30, here in Gettysburg.

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SCHOOL DISTRICTS: Brad Hunt reported that by our next COG meeting, School will be back in session. He mentioned his appreciation of the Police who protect the safety of the students. Brad also reported that Gettysburg School District has a new Superintendent, Dr. Jason Perrin. Brad also wished there was a State Budget with revenue in place.

ACEDC: No report.

PENN STATE EXTENTION: No report.

A C COLLABORATION: The committee is working on the E-Cycling, volunteers are needed. Commissioner Qually is organizing the volunteers, they are needed from 8 am to 3 pm. If you can help, let Marty know.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE: Bob Gordon reported that the November COG meeting be a Report of the Status of our Legislative Priorities by our Legislative Representatives.

PUBLIC WORKS: No report.

EMERGENCY SERVICES: Barbara Underwood reported that Emergency Services just are rolling along.

LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES: Rep. Dan Moul reported that the current budget that is under consideration is his 11th. It is a \$32 Billion plus Budget that was passed with no way to pay for it. The House voted to pass VGT's but it failed in the Senate. Rep. Moul wrote a bill, HB 59 that was a Welfare Reform Bill. It would have created a premium subsidy that would have required a \$53 premium for families with incomes above \$246,000.00 if you had a family member on Medicaid. That feature was stripped out in the Senate. There are proposed tax increases on cell phones, nature gas and electric bills plus a Severance Tax or Fracking Tax on Gas. These taxes would be passed on to the user. There is a proposal to borrow 1.3 Billion from future Tobacco Settlement Revenues. This borrowing from the future which he cannot support.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

At approximately 10:15, President Reamer asked for a motion to adjourn.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY ARNDT (CONEWAGO) AND SECONDED BY HARRIS (CARROLL VALLEY), MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Signed,

Gus Fridenvalds
ACCOG Secretary