

ADAMS COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATION
Pike Restaurant ▪ Gettysburg, PA 17325
ACBA MEETING ▪ SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

ATTENDANCE

BOROUGH REPRESENTATION PRESENT (13):

Abbottstown: April Trivitt

Carroll Valley: Andy Strausbaugh; Ron Harris

East Berlin: Robbie Teal

Fairfield: Carroll Smith; Bob Stanley

Gettysburg: John Butterfield

Littlestown: Terry Moser; Jim Eline Sr.; Betty Bucher;
Sandy Conrad

McSherrystown: David Bolton

New Oxford: Patrick Sullivan

TOWNSHIPS PRESENT (4):

Cumberland Township: Barbara Underwood

Germany: Jack Ketterman

Hamiltonban: Bob Gordon

Liberty: Bob Jackson

GUEST PRESENT (4):

Eric Zaney – Adams County R

Bill Chantelau – Adams County Economic & Community Partnership

Randy Phiel – Adams County Commissioner

Jim Martin – Adams County Commissioner

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CALL TO ORDER

The Adams County Boroughs Association met in session and the meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Ron Harris and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROUND TABLE

Introductions were made by all in attendance.

MINUTES

The minutes from the last meeting were completed but copies were not submitted to those in attendance. The minutes will be presented and approved at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

TREASURER:

ANDY STRAUSBAUGH

Treasurer, Andy Strausbaugh reported the following:

Balance as of June 15, 2015.....	\$2,617.75
<u>Receipts for 21 meals @ \$10.....</u>	<u>\$ 210.00</u>
Balance.....	\$2,827.75
Expenses for 21 meals @ \$10.....	\$ 210.00
<u>PSAB Expense</u>	<u>\$ 185.00</u>
Balance as of September 21, 2015.....	\$2, 432.75

A motion was made by Bob Stanley and seconded by Jim Eline to accept the Treasurers Report as read by Andy Strausbaugh. Motion adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PSAB COMMITTEES: DAVID BOLTON

PSAB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There was an issue with the Chambersburg Fire Department regarding mutual aid agreements with surrounding unions. The Committee backed the Chambersburg Borough and file an amicus brief in favor of their position.

PSAB BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A resolution for Medicinal Cannabis has been written and distributed to all boroughs on record with PSAB. Over 50 Boroughs have confirmed adoption. Mr. Bolton will speak at several rallies and demonstrations across the stated on the subject.

RECESS

DINNER BUFFET

A 40 minute recess was taken for dinner.

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ACBA COMMITTEE REPORTS

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CONSERVANCY***

Bill Chantelau reminded everyone of the Road Rally on October 17th. The theme is "Year of the Pennsylvania Barn". Everyone is encouraged to come out.

Another easement was adopted which brings the total to 136.

RAPID BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Ron Harris reported that bridges across Adams County will begin to be replaced. He encouraged municipalities to review the schedule and to contact PennDot if there is a bridge being replaced that would affect their municipalities traffic, law enforcement and Emergency Services.

RADIO NETWORK UPDATE

Before the new system can be put in place over 2,200 grids needs to be tested to assure at least 95% reception. The testing has begun and it is anticipated that law enforcement will begin to use the new system on October 20th.

GUEST SPEAKER(S)

ERIC ZANEY – AREMS

Mr. Zaney is the Director of Operations for the Adams Regional Emergency Medical Services, (ARMES). He has 30 years as a paramedic and 25 years of combat medic.

ARMES was formed in March of 2015 and it was formed by merging the EMS services of the Gettysburg Fire Department and United Hook and Ladder. This service will provide both basic life support (BLS) and advanced life support services (ALS) to over 15 municipalities in Adams County, Pennsylvania.

ARMES has about 50 employees with 80% of the staff residing in Adams County. There operational budget is about 1 million dollars and there main source of income is 3rd party billing. ARMES does not received any funds from Fire Tax.

The creation of ARMES came about when Wellspan Health announced in November of 2013 that they would be discontinuing delivery of advanced life support services. A county ALS/BLS steering committee was formed in 2014 to study the emergency medical services in Adams County. Hanover Hospital had planned on continuing ALS service the eastern half of the county therefore this escalated talk between the Gettysburg Fire Department and United Hook and Ladder. The main focus was to continue to provide BLS care and also to provide ALS service to the areas that were not covered by Hanover Hospital and that were affected by Wellspans decision to no longer provide ALS service.

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ARMES provides 24/7 BLS and ALS service which is based in the Gettysburg Fire Station and 24/7 BLS service which is provided out of United's New Oxford station and ALS is being provided by Hanover Hospitals medic unit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Then next Adams County Boroughs Association meeting will be held on November 16, 2015.

Submitted by:

Sandy Conrad

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ACBA Secretary