**Western Cumberland Council of Governments**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Minutes of January 14, 2019**

**West Pennsboro Township Building**

Larry Barrick called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

SPEAKERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of December 10, 2018 were approved on a Myers/Sangialosi motion.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The December 31, 2018 bank balances were as follows: Checking $17,850.30, Savings $8,258.71 and Regional Code MMA $174,768.17. West Pennsboro Township earned $18,585.48 for UCC building permit administration in December, the WCCOG earned $4,646.37 for the same period. The January Bill List of $48,248.26 was authorized on a Sangialosi/Myers motion which carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Act 78, effective January 10, 2019, makes it a criminal offense to intentionally or knowingly use an un-manned aircraft to conduct surveillance of another person in a private place, operate in a way that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily injury, or delivers, provides, or furnishes contraband to a prison inmate. Act 78 pre-empts local regulation of unmanned aircraft.

Act 156, effective December 23, 2018, amends Chapter 7, Title 65 of the PA Consolidated Statutes, commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, to add security matters to the list of reasons why a public agency may hold an Executive Session. Authorizes an executive session to be held to discuss, plan, or review matters and records that are deemed necessary for emergency preparedness, protection or public safety and security that if discussed in public, would be reasonably likely to jeopardize or threaten public safety.

COUNTY & STATE REPORTS

Jeff Kelly mentioned the County Hazard Mitigation Plan update is scheduled to be completed by late spring or early summer. The second steering committee meeting will be held on February 5, 2019 at the planning office.

The electronics recycling center collected 342,659 lbs. in 2018. Total collections since collections began in July 2017 was 631,468 lbs. This means the program remains self-sustaining.

The County Commissioners have allocated $500,000 for farmland preservation in 2019. This is estimated to leverage approximately $1,697,342 in state funding.

The Cumberland County Conservation District will be hosting a Manure Management Workshop on January 30, 2019 at 310 Allen Road, Carlisle; February 27, 2019 at 200 Airport Road, Shippensburg; and March 20, 2019 at 528 Oakville Road, Shippensburg. The workshop is free but registration is required. Please call 717-240-7812.

Representative Torren Ecker is now serving in the 193rd district. Derek Snyder from his office attended the meeting and introduced himself to the members. Representative Ecker will be hosting a meet and greet in February.

Representative Barbara Gleim is now serving in the 199th district. Brian Oches remains the point of contact. Brian mentioned that this is first week of sessions.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Marcus McKnight thanked the representatives from Advanced Disposal for attending the meeting.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

**Big Spring School District** – Vonda Kelso said the District should approve the bid specs for the second phase of renovations which includes Oak Flat Elementary, Mount Rock Elementary, the Middle School, and the High School. They hope to award the project in February and begin construction in the spring. The 2019-2020 budget season has begun. The PennDOT grant is finally starting to happen. The signs and the lights have been installed along Mount Rock Road.

**Cooke Township** - Pat Sangialosi reported the Township spread 2A stones on various dirt roads. They dragged Peach Orchard and High Mountain Roads. They also trimmed trees and cleaned shoulders on several of the roads. Their next project will be fixing drainage issues on High Mountain Road. Also, they have plans to make repairs to the Bendersville Road Bridge.

**Dickinson Township** – Larry Barrick mentioned that the Township’s road crew has been working on storm water issues. They have been cleaning trees out of streams and cleaning out culvert pipes. Alexander Spring is way over capacity and this is causing water to be on the road at times. They are working on a low volume road grant to possibly raise the roadway twelve inches to help alleviate the problem. The BOS has completed the Township’s zoning ordinance update and now is moving on updating its SALDO.

**Lower Frankford Township** – Dave Bachman said that the Township is finishing up its zoning ordinance update. They delivered two loads of recycling to Diller’s Transfer Station.

**North Newton Township** – Mike Gutshall said that the Township has been doing maintenance on the trucks. They have been trimming trees. Some springs have popped up on the South Newton Township side of Big Spring Road. The plan is for PennDOT to install 340’ of 18” pipe to help redirect the water, afterward the maintenance will be the Township’s responsibility.

**Newburg Borough** – Sara Rhine reported that the Borough is looking for a tax collector. In the event they are unsuccessful in finding a resident willing to fill the position, they are hoping to be able to utilize Hopewell Township’s tax collector.

**Penn Township** – Gary Martin reported that the Township is having trouble with springs popping up along the south side of Interstate 81 primarily on Smith Road. The biggest problem it is causing is water freezing on the road. Occasionally they have been forced to close Smith Road. People vandalized the road closed sign and damaged the lights. They have also been dealing with vandalism of signs on Shaeffer Road. People take the signs off the post and lay them on the railroad track for the train to run over them. The Ridge development project on the Ickes property has been shut down for the winter. A huge sink hole was discovered on the Unilever property.

**Shippensburg Borough** – Kevin Plasterer reported that the Borough is planning to sell its 2006 street sweeper in April.

**Southampton Township** – Scott Mack mentioned that he asked the Advanced Disposal representatives not to attend today’s meeting simply because the trash contract is with Southampton Township not the WCCOG. He also said he wasn’t happy with the letter that was sent to Advanced Disposal on behalf of the WCCOG for the same reason.

**West Pennsboro Township** – Wayne Myers said the Township road crew has been trimming and cleaning up trees along the roadways. They have started working on the mowers. They continue to clean out storm drains.

OLD BUSINESS

Ron Carlson and Jason Bazemore, representing Advanced Disposal, came to respond to the letter they received from the WCCOG solicitor addressing service issues. They lost ten drivers at one time which created a devastating problem. It took some time, but they are fully staffed once again. The best advice that the participating municipalities had to offer was that constant communication is the key to solving the majority of problems.

NEW BUSINESS

Cooke Township and Big Spring School District both offered to have a representative available to audit the WCCOG books after the February 11th meeting.

Kevin Plasterer questioned the members if the WCCOG has a policy concerning how long speakers are allowed to speak at our meetings. There is currently no policy. Marcus McKnight agreed to draft a resolution adopting a five minute time allotment for guest speakers. An additional three to five minutes can be given to the guest speaker at the member’s discretion.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. on a Sangialosi/Barrick motion.

Respectfully submitted by Karen M Heishman, Administrator/Secretary/Treasurer.

January 14, 2019 WCCOG Attendance Record:

Pat Sangialosi, Cooke Township

Larry Barrick, Dickinson Township

David Bachman, Lower Frankford Township

Sara Rhine, Newburg Borough

Mike Gutshall, North Newton Township

Gary Martin, Penn Township

Kevin Plasterer, Shippensburg Borough

Scott Mack, Southampton Township

Wayne Myers, West Pennsboro Township

Derek Snyder, 193rd District

Brian Oches, 199th District

Vonda Kelso, Big Spring School District

Jeff Kelly, Cumberland County Planning Commission

Peter Conlow, MDIA

Marcus McKnight, WCCOG Solicitor

Karen M. Heishman, WCCOG Administrator

Ron Carlson, Advanced Disposal

Jason Bazemore, Advanced Disposal