**Western Cumberland Council of Governments**

**Regular Monthly Meeting**

**Minutes of May 13, 2019**

**West Pennsboro Township Building**

Larry Barrick called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

SPEAKERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 8, 2019 were approved on a Sangialosi/Myers motion.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The April 30, 2019 bank balances were as follows: Checking $2,485.49, Savings $35,481.80 and Regional Code MMA $684,221.14. West Pennsboro Township earned $1,521.48 for UCC building permit administration in April, the WCCOG earned $380.37 for the same period. The May Bill List of $56,735.13 was authorized on a Myers/Sangialosi motion which carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

Representative Barb Gleim sent a letter to local municipalities concerning DEP’s proposed regulations that were sent to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission on March 12, 2019. Most of the existing fees for Water Quality Management and National Pollution Discharge Elimination System programs will be increased. Additionally DEP is proposing WQM and NPDES fee increases according to an Employment Cost Index every two years. Larry Barrick made a motion to have Marcus McKnight draft a letter to Representative Gleim and Representative Ecker strongly opposing this legislation, second by Mike Fry, the motion carried.

COUNTY & STATE REPORTS

Vince DiFilippo mentioned that the Cumberland County Land Partnership Grant Program application period is currently open until June 21, 2019. Municipalities interested in projects related to updating ordinances should contact Kirk Stoner. Municipalities interested in projects related to parks, trails, greenways, or natural resource protection should contact Stephanie Williams.

The County’s Household Hazardous Waste Recycling program will be run differently this year. There will be three collection dates: Thursday, July 18th from 12PM to 6PM, Saturday, August 17th from 9AM to 3PM, and Thursday, September 19th from 12PM to 6PM. Appointments are required and there will be a $.30 per pound disposal fee.

On Tuesday, June 4th the County will have several options of the new voting machines on display for the public.

Starting this summer, high school students in the area will be able to take a new program at Cumberland Valley High School that will focus on the growing need for jobs related to heavy equipment, transportation, and logistics. The program will be taught by a HACC instructor.

Orrs Bridge, Hampden Township, replacement began on April 25th and is expected to be an eighteen month project. Wolfes Bridge, Kunkle Bridge, and Sample Bridge are also slated to be replaced.

Marcus McKnight mentioned that Southampton Township is requesting that the $5 Cumberland County Fee added to vehicle registration be eliminated after the reason for its collection, local bridge repairs, is completed. The Township would be happy to see the fees continue if the County would distribute the monies to local municipalities to aid in their bridge repairs.

Cumberland County 911 Center will be hosting a P25 radio update meeting on Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30PM.

Derek Snyder from the 193rd District mentioned that the State budget is expected to pass on time with no changes in the State Police funding. Representative Ecker is happy to come to local meetings and events if the membership is interested in his attendance.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Marcus McKnight is concerned with the many water problems caused by the unusually large amount of rain that the area has been receiving.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS

**Cooke Township** - Pat Sangialosi reported the Township has been removing limbs and anti-skid from the roadways and filling pot holes as needed. They repaired part of Old Shippensburg Road that was washed out. They installed a pipe on Leaf Road. They plan to replace the guardrail on Bendersville Road as tractor trailers continually destroy it.

**Dickinson Township** – Larry Barrick mentioned that the Township’s road crew has been fixing up the Township Park. They have been repairing fencing, mulching the playground, and adding millings to the parking lot. They have begun road side mowing. The road crew are preparing for the 2019 road projects by starting shoulder work and pipe replacements and bank removal. The Zoning and SALDO ordinance updates were reviewed by the Cumberland County Planning Department. Their comments need to be addressed. The plan for the Comprehensive Plan update is to work with Shippensburg University’s Center for Land Use Partnership to get some surveys started.

**Mount Holly Borough –** Katie Daniels reported the Borough had cleanup on May 4th. About thirty-five volunteers showed up. The mayor is resigning because he is moving. The Borough plans to build a new garage for the police department. There will be a Memorial Day Celebration at the Mount Tabor Church on Saturday, May 25th at 10AM.

**Newburg Borough** – Sara Rhine mentioned that the Borough is completing the permit process for its two street projects. The crew has been extremely busy mulching and weeding in preparation for curb painting. Newville Borough helped them hang street flags today. The Borough will be hosting a Memorial Day Celebration on Sunday, May 26th.

**Newville Borough** – Mike Fry mentioned that the trailhead park project is completed. The Borough hired the Gulotta Group to help with some redevelopment projects in the Borough. The Fountain Festival will be held on June 14th and 15th. They expect 130-150 cars to be involved in the car show on Saturday, June 15th. They have begun cutting grass, weeding, trimming, and curb painting.

**North Newton Township** – Mike Gutshall said the Township held its spring clean-up days. They filled six thirty yard dumpsters. Approximately $1,000 worth of scrap metal was collected. The road crew will begin roadside mowing tomorrow. They will be cleaning ditches and replacing some pipes.

**Penn Township** – Gary Martin reported that the Township continues to be riddled with springs popping up everywhere. There is a real bad one on the south side of Interstate 81 that runs down along Smith Road. The road crew did some gutter work, installed a new box, and placed eighty-eight cement blocks on Smith Road. They would like to pave it next. The Township purchased over two hundred 5’ x 5’ x 2’ cement blocks from a sale for $7 each. Water continues to drain from the warehouse on the Ickes property onto the Vic Barrick property and is eroding his farm. DEP was called and they said the water was filtered and is okay. The Township will be replacing a culvert pipe on Beetom Hollow Road with low-volume road grant monies. One resident is refusing permission this project because he doesn’t want to lose a 6” in diameter tree.

**Shippensburg Borough** – Kevin Plasterer mentioned that the Borough hired two sanitation drivers. They just completed clean up week. The FEMA maps are scheduled to be released tomorrow, May 14th. Kevin questioned how long the municipal review process will take, before the maps become official. He also asked if the Borough would be allowed to use the WCCOG’s UCC Appeals Board. PMCA is their inspection agency, not MDIA. Marcus will check with the Department of Labor and Industry.

**West Pennsboro Township –** Wayne Myers reported the Clay Road project is completed. The road crew has been spraying the weeds along the guardrails. They also started roadside mowing. They continue to do equipment maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m. on a Sangialosi/Martin motion.

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

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WCCOG Attendance Record:

Pat Sangialosi, Cooke Township

Larry Barrick, Dickinson Township

Katie Daniels, Mount Holly Borough

Sara Rhine, Newburg Borough

Mike Fry, Newville Borough

Mike Gutshall, North Newton Township

Gary Martin, Penn Township

Kevin Plasterer, Shippensburg Borough

Wayne Myers, West Pennsboro Township

Derek Snyder, 193rd District

Vince DiFilippo, Cumberland County Commissioner

Ron Yoffee, MDIA

Marcus McKnight, WCCOG Solicitor

Karen M. Heishman, WCCOG Administrator