



Western Chester County Council of Government

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Held at Borough of Parkesburg, 315 West 1st Avenue, Parkesburg, PA 19365

Members in Attendance:

Atglen Borough/Charles Palmer; East Fallowfield Township/John Nielsen, Katja DiRado; Honey Brook Borough/Rich Florio; Honeybrook Township/Sal DiGiacomo; Modena Borough/Jennifer Daywalt; Parkesburg Borough/Joe Reali, Rhett Lipscomb; South Coatesville Borough/Monica Watson; Valley Township/Sharon Yates; West Brandywine Township/Ryan McLaughlin

Also attending: Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce (WCCCC)/Rachel Cathell; Joy Hurst, COG Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Daywalt at 7:00 PM. Jennifer started with the pledge of allegiance, followed by roll call.

Old Business

Regional Animal – Will meet at 6:30pm right before the next scheduled WCCCOG meeting.

Regional Trash – Jennifer Daywalt read the intent letter that will go out to the municipalities within the next few days. Recycling will be taken out of the letter. Municipalities will have until April 1st to respond to the letter.

The municipalities would come together as the COG to create a Regional Trash Authority much like a sewer authority. All would have a say, but there will be a Board, not having to rely on a commercial services that are killing municipalities with fees that they have no control over

The letter is to engage municipalities interest in it.

EAC – John Nielsen will take over this committee if there is any interest. Sharon Yates states Valley Township is interested, and she is willing to help him spearhead the group. They will meet at 6:30pm right before the next scheduled WCCCOG meeting.

John briefly spoke on the Green Team Rally (April 20th) in West Chester and handed out a flyer for everyone to review. He also mentioned municipalities that have Green Teams.

Website – Rachel Cathell is trying to secure the DNS server. Everything else ready to go.

Local Government 201 – Rachel Cathell stated how it was nice to see everyone come out.

Legislative Round Table is coming up. A chance to ask legislators questions. If you are unable to make it, give someone your questions, so they may still be answered for you.

Rachel Cathell will send all the handouts to everyone.

New Business

Planning/Zoning

MS4/Stormwater

Parks & Recreation

Trails and watersheds

Regional Fire/EMS

Rachel Cathell reminded everyone to get her their events if they wanted them to make the Chester County Life Magazine.

The magazine is printed in February and July.

Ryan McLaughlin made a motion to approve the February 2024 Minutes as presented, seconded by Rich Florio. Motion carried unanimously.

West Brandywine Township will host the March meeting.

Jen went over the shared google drive for events and equipment, urging delegates to please take advantage of this tool.

Treasurer's Report

Charles Palmer states \$2,000 in dues paid with \$429.80 spent, leaving balance of \$1,570.20 for 2024. The total balance to date is \$14,311.37.

Monica Watson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Katja DiRado. Motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

▪ President

Nothing to report

▪ Vice President

Nothing to report.

▪ Treasurer

- Spent \$429.80
- Savings Balance is \$14,311.37
- Dues letter to go out.

ACTION

Next meeting March 27, 2024 – 7:00pm at West Brandywine Township

Motion to

Adjourn meeting at 8:17 PM moved by John Nielsen, seconded Monica Watson. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy Hurst