Members in Attendance:
Atglen Borough/Charles Palmer; Caln Township/Jane Kennedy; City of Coatesville/James Logan; Honeybrook Borough/Chandler Matlock; Honeybrook Township/John McHugh, Sal Digiacomo; Modena Borough/Jennifer Daywalt; Parkesburg Borough/Josh Mellinger; South Coatesville Borough/Monica Watson; Valley Township/Kathy O'Doherty; West Brandywine Township/Ryan McLaughlin

Also attending: Chester County Digital Alliance/Whitney Hoffman, Jim Mercante; Comcast/Jessica Sibley; Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce (WCCCC)/Rachel Cathell; Joy Hurst, COG Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Josh Mellinger at 7:01 PM. Josh turns meeting over to Chester County Digital Alliance who will be talking about Broadband Feasibility.

Whitney Hoffman shares who she is and explains how Digital Alliance got started. In this they discovered the internet was a necessity.

They did a study in Southern Chester County to show where there was internet connectivity as well as where there are connectivity issues with a grant received from Department of Industry. They are now interested in doing this for the rest of the County now that the funds are available.

Jessica states that there is a possibility that they may not get awarded any funds.

The Broadband Development Authority will be in charge of distributing the money, so local governments can partner up with ISP's for the grants.

The overall presentation of Whitney, Jim and Jessica was to get try to get local municipalities to help with the ISP's to understand what connectivity issues they are experiencing, where they are, who needs last mile connection and who's underserved.

In conclusion, the WCCCOG does not find it feasible for the municipalities to help collect information for this project. It was suggested that a phone number be given to the residents to be able to contact the Alliance themselves.

New Business
Website Updates

Rachel shared the 1st draft sent to her to see if everyone liked the layout and colors. Rachel has the list compiled when the group met with Bradon.   She will send this over for them to fill in on the website.

If anyone has photos, they will need to send them to Rachel.

Old Business
EAC

Nothing new for now.

You do not have to be a COG delegate to come to the meeting, but only delegates have voting rights.

John would like the EAC to meet 15 minutes before the regularly scheduled WCCCOG meeting.

Trash & Recycling

Josh states letters will go out in the next week or so. There was a good group of people interested in continuing this discussion, so this project is worth continuing.

Jennifer Daywalt made a motion to approve the August 2023 Minutes as presented, seconded by Chandler Matlock. Motion carried unanimously.

Officer Reports

- President
  - Nothing at this time
  - Please be at the Municipal Luncheon. It's a goodtime to both support and update the Chamber
  - Please support Modena Borough's car show/run
  - November 5 is Honeybrook's Veterans Ceremony Tel Hai
  - If you are running next year, make sure the County has your paperwork

- Vice President
  - Nothing at this time
  - Elections are coming up; be nice to each other
  - Animal Control to bee 30 minutes prior of next meeting
  - Remember there are Google Sheets with WCCCOG Information and resources. A tab will be added for events. Please update your information

- Treasurer
  - Beginning Balance $13,837.56
  - Website and Quickbooks -$770.02
  - Ending balance $13,067.54

ACTION

Next meeting October 25, 2023 – hybrid and in person at Honeybrook Township, virtually via GoToMeeting.

November meeting will be in Valley Township; skip December for now and look at Coatesville for February 2024 meeting.

Motion to Adjourn meeting at 8:44 PM moved by Jennifer Daywalt, seconded Chandler Matlock. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy Hurst