

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

FALL CONVENTION

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP – PRESIDENTIAL CATERERS  
September 24, 2010

REGISTRATION AND GREETINGS

Following a Continental Breakfast sponsored by Pennoni, the 2010 Fall Convention of MCATO was called to order at 8:35 a.m. On Friday September 24, 2010 by President Keith Freed at the Presidential Caterers, East Norriton, Pa. Mr. Freed asked the attendees to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. He expressed his thanks to all the vendors who had participated in this FALL Convention and expressed his hope that everyone will get a chance to meet them and learn about their services and products. A Special Thanks was given to our Sponsors: Pennoni for the breakfast and Comcast for the luncheon.

President Freed then introduced Art Bustard, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Worcester Township, and the Host Community for this year's Fall Convention. Mr. Bustard introduced other members of the municipality who were in attendance. A video of the Township was then shown which gave some history of the Township and other information of Worcester.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES SPRING CONVENTION

The assembly approved the minutes by a unanimous vote.

TREASURERS REPORT

Kevin Beaver, the new Treasurer presented his report for the period from 1/1/10 to 8/31/10 with a balance of \$57,703.05 with some expenditures still outstanding. The report was approved.

P3 PROJECT FUNDING

Ron Wagenmann introduced Frank Rappaport who discussed the funding for Public Private Partnerships. He also suggested ways that Private money may be available for infrastructure construction. If the private sector feels there is a guaranteed revenue stream that this may enable public work being done by them. Some examples where there may be a possibility of creating an opportunity for Government to give the private sector to do jobs. Idea for this came from Europe and third world countries. Strong Contracts are imperative and Florida, California and Texas are in the forefront of this approach. Only one busted project so far and that is in San Diego. There was a hand out for this presentation.

IMPACTS OF HEALTH CARE LITIGATION: 2011 and Beyond

This was a presentation by Anna Linn and Stephen J. Fallon & Geoffrey Beauchamp of DVHIT. There was a hand out for this material that was presented. There are now more than 10,000 pages of regulations and they are still being written and it is not yet finalized.

ACT 44 - Financial Disclosure and Other Requirements for Pension Consultants  
Joseph C. Rudolf, Esq., of Reed, Smith discussed Chapter 7-A of Act 44 including the Disclosure forms due by 12/17/10. After the presentation the morning break was taken from 10:15 until 10:35 am.

#### UPDATE ON STORM WATER REQUIREMENTS

Michael Fox of Montgomery Township made a presentation on status of efforts to resolve the unfunded mandates that they have been trying to pass on to the local level. He noted that the permits have now been extended to June 2011. It appears that EPA is pushing the DEP. They are trying to get an audience with EPA directly and will try to have our Senators and Congress members help set up such a meeting.

#### PSATS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

John Haiko, President of PSATS discussed the attacks on municipalities by proposed legislation such as House Bill 2431. It is imperative that we keep the pressure on our elected state representatives to ensure that this letter to strip all powers from local government as well as consolidation proposals in the Senate be rejected.

Elam Herr, Assistant Executive Director of PSATS then reviewed many of the proposals in the state Legislature.

Dulcie Flaherty gave a brief presentation concerning the need to have our state legislature to enact a form of extraction fee to protect our environment as well as the individual municipalities.

#### TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS AND FUTURE FUNDING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Leo Bagley, Montgomery County Planning Commission gave an update on transportation in the county as well as the financial difficulties that exist and need to be addressed in order to get the necessary infrastructure work completed.

The convention then took a break at noon to see the exhibits and for the luncheon. At 1:36 pm, after the luncheon break all the federal, commonwealth and county officials in attendance were introduced.

The MCATO 2011 Dues for Members and Associate Members were reaffirmed at the same rate as this year. The MCATO Sponsored Resolutions that were adopted at the PSATS Convention were reviewed.

The SPRING Convention was set for Friday February 25, 2011 at the Presidential.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm.