



## Mayors' Partnership for Progress

December 13th, 2018

Ohio University Inn and Conference Center  
Athens, Ohio

### Member Attendees:

Gary Goosman  
Joe Matthews  
Mike Lorentz  
Kim Wortman  
Fred Redfern  
Randy Heath  
Luke Feeney  
Steve Patterson  
Greg Fraunfelter

Mayor of Amesville  
Mayor of Marietta  
Mayor of Belpre  
Mayor of McArthur  
Mayor of Crooksville  
Mayor of Jackson  
Mayor of Chillicothe  
Mayor of Athens  
Mayor of Logan

### Representative Attendees:

Jack Frech  
Randy Lambert  
Misty Crosby  
Bret Allphin  
Fred Vogel  
Vince Paulmier  
Bryn Stepp  
Ty Giffin  
Tom Caldwell

VISTA Volunteer  
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Buckeye Hills Regional Council  
Buckeye Hills Regional Council  
Ohio Department of Transportation  
USDA  
Secretary of State  
Congressman Johnson  
SSUF

### Voinovich School:

Amista Lipot  
Maggie Wolf

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## SUMMARY

### Call to Order

Mayor Goosman called the meeting to order.

### Financial Report

- Mayor Lorentz reports that there is \$2,328.47 in the account.
- Mayor Heath motioned to approve account balance.
- Mayor Feeney seconded.
- Motion approved.

### Old Business

- Meetings minutes from November were adjusted and updated. Mayor Lorentz presented the financial report, not Mayor Matthews as was originally listed in the minutes.
- Mayor Heath motioned to approve November minutes with the update.
- Mayor Lorentz seconded.
- Minutes approved.

The Voinovich School honors tutorial student Maggie Wolf has been working on updating the MPP website. Minutes, newsletter, annual report and other items can be located there. She is also updating contact information as she finds it. The map has also been updated. If you have ideas for the newsletter please send them to Amista.

### New Business

In 2019, there are three confirmed off-site meetings at this time. One meeting in Jackson on September 12<sup>th</sup>, a second meeting in Marietta on May 9<sup>th</sup>, and the third is the Legislative Advocacy Day on March 14, 2019. A fourth possible off-site meeting would be on July 11, 2019 in Portsmouth. Amista will reach out to the city of Portsmouth to inquire about their interest.

### Information Roundtable Discussion

- The City of Chillicothe's pilot curb-side recycling program is seeing very successful results so far.
- The City of Athens's pilot curb-side compost program is receiving good feedback and is well liked by the residents.
- Mayor Patterson has been elected to the National League of Cities Board Legislative Action Committee!
- Wastewater treatment operators and the lack of employees to fill the jobs was discussed. Buckeye Hills might be interested or willing to hire a full time employee (with benefits) who could work across the counties to fill needs if that is of interest.
- Bryn Stepp from the Secretary of State's office said that the office has finished up the audit of the counties' election results and is headed towards transition.
- Vince Paulmier from the USDA discussed the Broadband Bill.
- The City of Marietta has passed an increased income tax and is working on an issue where the college wants the city to give up streets to them.
- The City of Belpre has installed solar panels on their fire department and a car charging station at the park. It seems to be getting a lot of use. Their recycling company wants to bump up their fees by 14 cents a week per customer.
- The village of McArthur passed their policy replacement levy last election.
- The village of Crooksville is looking for funding available to help them in paving their streets and the curbs.
- Discussion of the agenda for Legislative Day in March possibly consists of hearing an overview from JobsOhio, APEG's strategic plan, a partnership with OML, and then the legislators coming to the JobsOhio office for discussion with the mayors at the end of the day. Problems that the mayors want to prioritize and present to the legislators will be discussed during the January meeting.
- Randy Lambert will be surveying villages and cities social media at the beginning of the new year, with a focus on whether they use someone in house or have someone handle their village or cities' social media out of house.
- Jack Frech is working on the water assistance program, which should be implemented into Athens, any day now. Additionally, he is focusing on new legislation that could be passed at the state and federal level regarding food stamps. The Daycare centers also seem to be taking off across the state with the exception of the counties represented by

the MPP. A quick reminder also that HB 336 Create driver's license reinstatement fee amnesty initiative will go into effect at the end of January.

- The City of Amesville should have their water upgrade complete within the next two weeks.

Mayor Feeney motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Matthews seconded the motion.

Motion passed.

**Next Meeting:**

- ***Mayors' Partnership for Progress  
Lunch and Meeting: 12:00  
Thursday, January 10, 2019  
Ohio University Inn and Conference Center, Athens, OH***