



Mayors' Partnership for Progress
September 13, 2018
Ohio University Inn & Conference Center
Athens, Ohio

Member

Attendees:

Gary Goosman	Mayor of Amesville
Steve Patterson	Mayor of Athens
Randy Heath	Mayor of Jackson
Kim Wortman	Mayor of McArthur

Representative

Attendees:

Jack Frech	VISTA Volunteer
Randy Lambert	VISTA Volunteer
Jeanne Wilson	Office of Senator Sherrod Brown
Fred Vogel	Ohio Dept. of Transportation
Glenda Bumgarner	JobsOhio
Susan Schell	Ohio EPA
Joseph Pheil	Ohio Rural Water Association
	Le-Ax Water
Ian Christie	Attorney General's Office
Wil Lloyd	Office of Congressman Steve Stivers
John Thompson	Village of McConnelsville

Voinovich School:

Amista Lipot	Voinovich School
Christiana Botic	Voinovich School

SUMMARY

Call to Order

Mayor Goosman called the meeting to order.

Financial Report

Mayor Goosman reported there is \$2,303.47 in the MPP account as of September 12th, 2018.

Mayor Heath approved the treasurer's report

Mayor Patterson seconded the motion.

Old Business

Mayor Patterson moved to approved the August 9th minutes.

Mayor Wortman seconded the motion.

New Business

Randy Lambert is working on reaching out to municipalities to determine updated contact information and how they would prefer to be contacted.

Randy Lambert sent out a newsletter last month. Plans are to get something out at least quarterly. If you have an item that should be included please send it to Randy.

The group will continue to look at moving the meeting locations around the region to better accommodate all members and encourage additional participation.

There was discussion around revisiting the idea of a Legislative Day in Columbus. Glenda Bumgarner with JobsOhio offered their space downtown and her assistance in inviting legislators. JobsOhio has done this for several regions through the state.

The October meeting is in Logan and is a business meeting. Mayor Fraunfelter asks that mayors cruise through the downtown and look at the flower arrangements and Hometown Hero flags before they come down to the restaurant. Dinner will be at the Olde Dutch Restaurant and cost \$15.00 for dinner. Buffett or menu ordering will be available. He is open to topic discussions. A few that have been considered are Opportunity Zones and Entertainment Zones. If you have additional suggestions please let us know.

Information Roundtable Discussion

Do not forget the Apple Festival in Jackson is coming up. September 18th – 22nd.

The EDNOW conferences are still ongoing. If you plan to attend in Piketon there are scholarships available.

Attorney General's office: applications for bulletproof vests are being accepted now. Contact the Attorney General's office or Ian Christie for more details.

The villages of McConnelsville and Malta are beginning work on their bridge and roundabouts on each side of the bridge. Construction will be approximately one year.

Heritage Days in McConnelsville will be October 20 this year.

The City of Athens is coping with administering their sign ordinance, particularly on move-in weekends. They would welcome feedback from other communities with sign ordinances.

The Pawpaw festival is September 14 – 16.

The City of Athens has signed an MOU with Drive Ohio. They are working on a potential autonomous vehicle loop within the city and campus. They have specific requirements on paths they will pilot. Ohio University's aviation program is also involved in regards to autonomous aircraft.

The City of Athens and Ohio University received the 2018 Town/Gown award. Only one of these is given out each year. These awards spotlight universities and cities who have an excellent working relationship and collaboration.

The Village of McArthur and Vinton County is coping with the opioid crisis and specifically the jail overcrowding issue. There are no spaces for female prisoners and at one point they had to drive a male prisoner 3 ½ hours to a facility. We must encourage our state legislators to get involved in this crisis in a meaningful way.

The Village of McArthur is also considering a needle exchange program. Discussions are prevalent at this time. Mayor Wortman would welcome feedback from others who have piloted this type of program in their community.

Senator Brown recently worked to secure 400M for the continued cleanup at Piketon. Piketon is the largest federal project in the state of Ohio.

He also was able to secure \$165M for the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Senator Brown is also working very hard on the union pension issue and their risk of losing their pensions. He is working across the aisle with Orrin Hatch on this issue.

The summer manufacturing camps that Senator Brown's office conducted during the summer were a big hit and they are expanding it to urban areas and additional rural areas this coming year.

The Propel Ohio conference will be October 12 at Cleveland State University this year.

The Ohio Women's Leadership Summit will be in Cincinnati on October 6th.

VISTA Update

Medicaid expansion – Jack testified recently on the topic.

TANF funds – there has been no progress to date. The Center for Community Solutions is currently doing a study and the Washington Post is working on an article on this issue.

MPP candidate questionnaire was sent to both party headquarters and finally has reached all of the campaigns via e-mail.

Items of further interest that VISTA Frech is working on include: needle exchange programs, sober houses, 12 step meetings, and bail reform.

WATER ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Susan Schell presented on the Ohio EPA's asset management program and the requirements from SB2 that affect every water system run by an organization or municipality in the state of Ohio. October 1st was the statutory deadline for implementation but they are working with everyone and as long as you are headed in the correct direction, they are pleased.

The Ohio EPA does have a revolving loan fund to implement this program. It is 0% for 5 years and they accept rolling applications.

The Ohio EPA also has an emergency generator grant program right now. It is for municipalities of 2000 people or less and a maximum amount of \$10k. There is an additional FEMA grant available that might

want to be considered, as it might be able to be used as match. You may contact susan for any details on any of these programs.

Susan's presentation will be available soon for upload to the MPP website and well as dissemination via e-mail.

Next Meeting:

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Dinner and meeting: 6:00

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Olde Dutch Restaurant, 12791 St. Rt. 664 South, Logan, OH