

MINUTES

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Wayne Township Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Alan Loesch with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The following persons were in attendance:

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Bonnie Lidle	Halifax Borough
Carl Slough	Lykens Borough
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Dale Shoop	Roadmaster Halifax Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township, Secretary-Treasurer
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Melissa Stahl	Elizabethville Borough
Jim Watson	Washington Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
W. Lee Warfel	Wayne Township
Robb Wentzel	Medic 6
Kathy Wolfe	Millersburg Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Lori Henninger	Susquehanna Bank
Andrea Turasky	Susquehanna Bank
Sharon Baker	Susquehanna Bank

There were ten municipalities represented, seven are needed for a quorum.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the May 15, 2008 meeting were approved as read, on a motion by Carl Slough, seconded by Shirley Radel. (Unan.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance May 15, 2008	\$4,871.82
Receipts	-0-
Transfer from CD	\$2500.00
Expenditures	\$1084.00
Balance June 19, 2008	<u>\$ 6287.82</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance May 15, 2008	\$5,391.53
Interest	17.33
Transfer to checking	\$2500.00
Balance June 19, 2008	<u>\$2,908.90</u>

Bills to be paid at June meeting	
Enders Technology	\$15.00
Wayne Township	\$15.00
Robyn Loesch	\$199.00
US Postmaster	\$44.85
Upper Dauphin Sentinel	\$136.92
	<u>\$ 410.77</u>

The Treasurer's report and a motion to pay the bills was approved and on a motion by Bonnie Lidle, seconded by Carl Slough. (Unan.)

CORRESPONDENCE

HATS, standard meeting notice

Williams Township, emailed that they have no legal comments on the UCC Intermunicipal Agreement. Butler County COG sent a questionnaire asking for information about our COG.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

PROJECTS

PENN-DOT Mandated Sign Upgrades

Dale Shoop reported that he is working on the sign project and the possibility of an intergovernmental cooperation grant (\$12,500) through DECD. The deadline for mandatory sign upgrades has now been extended to the year 2015.

UCC Appeals Board

Norma Shearer polled the municipalities present as to how many have reviewed the UCC Intermunicipal agreement. {Halifax Twp., Jefferson Twp., Halifax Borough, Gratz Borough, Upper Paxton Twp., Washington Twp., Lykens Borough, Williams Twp.- via email}. Jim Watson had questions about the fee structure in the UCC Intermunicipal agreement and his municipal solicitor will contact Att. Laskowski. To date. The solicitor for Halifax Twp. has reviewed the agreement, and Washington and Williams Twps. will be reviewing it. Concerns from these Attys. will be forwarded to Atty. Laskowski and revisions to be considered in the final draft.

Recycling

The COG sponsored computer recycling event was held on Saturday June 14, 2008. Dale Shoop reported that seventy-five cars and trucks brought in recyclable equipment. The Computer Barn of Carlisle came and removed a forty foot truckload of used equipment. The Computer Barn will not be billing COG for the removal. For future recycling events, we will ask Susquehanna Bank about the possibility of advertising on their light-board.

The possibility of the municipalities joining together to recycle other types of items was discussed. Suggested were the possibility of coordinating recycling event dates, and the idea of municipalities with established recycling events extending this service to neighboring municipalities without recycling events on a pay per use basis.

Recycling of televisions may become an issue next year as many households convert to digital TVs. Ron Hepner volunteered to look into finding out if there are any TV recyclers available.

Medic 6 - Robb Wentzel reported that in the past month two more municipalities, Lykens Township and Pillow, have made a contribution to Medic 6. Medic 6 will be looking at replacing two of their ambulances in the near future, and they are actively seeking equipment donations from a local dealership. Medic 6 is currently financially stable and will be having their election of new Officers in the coming weeks.

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office

Alan Loesch has contacted the Tax Office Attorney, Jeff Engle, and set up a meeting with to address our concerns with the Tax Office. This meeting will be held on July 1, 2008, 3PM, at the Polk Building in Millersburg. Issues to be discussed are determining exactly who is in charge of the Tax Office, conveying the need for an immediate audit, and finding a new auditor. Custer & Faust can not continue as the auditor for the 2006-07, and 2007-08 tax years as they performed some of the actual day to day work at the Tax Office during this time period.

Riparian and Stormwater rule changes.

Carl Slough has no new information from DCC. The next meeting at DCC is in July. Ron Hepner is also planning on going to the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Speaker

Andrea Turasky of Susquehanna Bank gave a presentation on all of the financing options for municipal equipment purchases now available through her bank.

Open Records Law

Jeanette Crabb has been to the seminar on changes to the open records laws and has volunteered to do a presentation on this subject during a future COG meeting.

Light-Heigel

Norma Shearer has spoken to Marty Sowers from Light-Heigel about the adding a penalty fee for people who do not apply for UCC permits until after the start of construction. COG supports the concept of charging an appropriate additional fees to cover additional administrative costs. However, since this fee must be based on costs, the responsibility for setting the fee amounts resides with Light-Heigel. Alan Loesch made a motion, seconded by Ron Hepner that: "The Upper Dauphin Council of Governments support the proposal from Light-Heigel & Associates to charge additional appropriate fees to cover extra costs associated with administering UCC permits when someone starts construction before obtaining the proper permits. I further move to request Light-Heigel to notify COG and all municipalities of their new fee schedule when it is established." Nine municipal representatives were for the motion; one opposed, motion passed.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

Jim Watson brought up the problems of DEP compliance deadlines under the Act 537 regulations. COG may ask Tim Wegner from DEP to come to a future COG meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be August 21th. The meeting will be held in the Halifax Township Municipal Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. on a motion by Shirley Radel, seconded by Carl Slough.