

MINUTES

Thursday, November 20, 2008

Wayne Township Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by President Alan Loesch with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following persons were in attendance:

Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Dale Shoop	Halifax Township
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Sean Grimm	Millersburg Borough
Melissa Stahl	Elizabethville Borough
Charles Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Donna Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Bonnie Lidle	Halifax Borough
Ron Kolva	Mifflin Township
Gary Miller	Wayne Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
John Shoop	Wayne Township
Robb Wentzel	Medic 6
Steve Boyer	Medic 6
Sue Helm	104 th District Representative

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the October 16, 2008 meeting were read (two corrections made by Sean Grimm). Corrected minutes approved on a motion by Charles Gallagher, seconded by Shirley Radel. (Unan.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance October 16, 2008	\$4863.81
Expenditures	\$256.00
Balance November 20, 2008	<u>\$4607.81</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance October 16, 2008	\$2,929.80
Interest	\$4.81
Balance, November 20, 2008	<u>\$2,934.61</u>

Bills to be paid at November meeting

Caldwell & Kearns	\$135.00
Penn National Ins.	\$164.00
Enders Technology	\$15.00
Robyn Loesch	\$199.00
Wayne Twp. (Nov. Meeting + Open Records Workshop)	\$30.00
	<u>\$543.00</u>

The Treasurer's report and a motion to pay the bills was approved and on a motion by Charles Gallagher, seconded by Ray Kissinger.(Unan.)

CORRESPONDENCE – Enders Technology; new fee schedule for 2009

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

OLD BUSINESS

Outside Boilers Charles Gallagher said that Berrysburg ordinance may be contested. He also asked Sue Helm about the possibility of the State Legislature or DEP passing regulations on these boilers. It was also mentioned that questions about outside boilers have come up at public meetings at Jefferson and Wayne Townships.

PROJECTS

Recycling A list of recycling resources and vendors was sent to COG municipalities.

PENN-DOT Mandated Sign Upgrades

Dale Shoop reported that he has applied for a matching grant from the Government Center. We will need to put the signs out for bid and include cost of sign installation (labor) in the project. We have until February 16th to apply.

UCC Appeals Board

Norma Shearer reported that the UCC Appeals Board met and put in place their operating procedures. Ryan Rhoades, Chairman, wanted legal representation at future meetings or appeals hearings. He also asked that the municipality holding the UCC appeal provide their municipal secretary to act as secretary during their appeals process.

The initial UCC Appeals application fee was set at \$1500 at the October 16, 2008 COG meeting. Norma Shearer said that Marty Sowers had discussed this fee with Mitch Hoffman – it was their recommendation that it should be made clear in the application documents that, “ If the initial application fee is not fully expended during the appeal process, the balance will be refunded to the applicant. “Norma Shearer made a motion to add this language to the appeals document, seconded by Ron Hepner (motion passed – Shirley Radel abstained).

Norma also said the local municipalities need to have copies of all the UCC Appeals forms and that we should also post the forms on the COG website.

Medic 6

Steve Boyer gave a presentation on Medic 6 services in our area. Topics covered; common acronyms; ALS/BLS; EMT vs. paramedic and training requirements; type of ambulance units and their staffing requirements; how calls are dispatched and assigned. Robb Wentzel discussed Medic 6 financial status and level of municipal donation. Many municipalities have still not been making a donation to Medic 6. Charles Gallagher asked if Robb could provide a sample of the actual BLS/ALS costs to take to his municipal board to try to raise awareness of the need for more municipal support.

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office

Alan Loesch reported that the UDITO advisory board will meet on Nov 24th to go over the audit results.

Open Records Law

The Pennsylvania Office of Open Records was held on Nov. 12th Shirley Radel gave an update of the meeting. Although many were happy that the meeting was held in our area, the workshop fell short in many areas. Some incorrect information was given during the presentation and COG has contacted workshop participants with an update. Sue Helm's office will be sent updates of any problems that we have with Open Records.

NEW BUSINESS

Dues

The dues for 2009 were then set at 12 cents per capita based on the latest available school census information on a motion by Shirley Radel, seconded by Gary Miller. (Unan.)

E/O insurance

The secretary will obtain quotes for E/O insurance for COG. Motion by Shirley Radel, seconded by Gary Miller. (Unan.)

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

Dogs

Ray Kissinger asked for information about local dog problems. He asked if any other municipality has suggestions on dealing with dogs running loose, aggressive dogs, and getting help from the Dog Warden with this problem. The Dog Warden has not been helpful or responsive.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be January 15 2009. The meeting will be held in the Halifax Township Municipal Building. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m. on a motion by Alan Loesch, seconded by Ron Hepner.