

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, April 16, 2009
Lykens Borough Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:05 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
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Charles Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Donna Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Carl Slough Jr.	Lykens Borough
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Sean Grimm	Millersburg Borough
Sheila Keiter	Jefferson Township
Jody Sheesley	Jackson Township
Ron Kolva	Mifflin Township
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Jim Bullock	Tri-County Planning Comm.
Dohn Fetterhoff	Halifax EMS
Robb Wentzel	Medic 6
Steve Boyer	Medic 6

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the March 19, 2009 meeting were approved as amended on a motion by Carl Slough, seconded by Ron Hepner. (Unan.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance March 19, 2009	\$5225.71
Expenditures Mar.	\$275.95
Receipts - dues	\$67.80
Balance April 16, 2009	<u>\$5017.56</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance March 19, 2009	\$2,954.44
Interest Mar.	\$4.53
Balance April 16, 2009	<u>\$2,958.97</u>

Bills to be paid at the April 16, 2009 meeting

Enders Technology	\$19.95
Enders Technology (domain & webhost)	\$99.70
Robyn Loesch	\$199.00
Lykens Borough – meeting	waived
	<u>\$318.65</u>

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

The Money Market CD is at maturity. Ron Hepner made a motion to move the CD from Susquehanna Bank, to a local bank that has the best interest rate. Seconded by Carl Slough. (Unan.)

GUEST SPEAKER

Robb Brady, DCED, gave a presentation about assistance his department can provide to municipalities for developing regional partnerships of fire and emergency services. He also discussed some of the new

legislation (Acts 7,8,9, & 31) that deal with these issues. Our current reciprocity issue was discussed. Robb Brady stayed after the meeting to discuss this issue with the local EMS representatives that were at tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CORRESPONDENCE

HATS, 2008 Annual Report
Dauphin County – New recycling center

OLD BUSINESS - None

PROJECTS

Recycling

Dauphin County has opened a new recycling center in Harrisburg and details will be posted on the COG website. This new facility also recycles computers, so at this time COG will not make any plans for a computer recycling event.

PENN-DOT Mandated Sign Upgrades

Alan Loesch has talked to Dale and the current COG sign project no longer seems to be the best cost saving option; LTAP has a new municipal discount sign purchase program. Alan thanked Dale for all of his work leading this project.

UCC Appeals Board

Norma Shearer contacted the members of the Appeals Board about the financial interest statements, and all were very cooperative. There were a few questions about filling out the forms and Robyn will get back to these people about their questions.

EMS - topic of guest speaker

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office - no update

Humane Society - A guest speaker is scheduled for the June COG meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

Jim Bullock gave an update of the TCPC project on expanding Park & Ride facilities. Currently, there is no official Park & Ride location in Upper Dauphin. The commission is evaluating potential locations. Please call Jim at 692-3896 with any suggestions for this project.

USAD grant/loan

Robb Wentzel asked if COG could sign a letter of support to the USDA grant/loan program for Medic 6. Norma Shearer mad a motion to send this letter of support, seconded by Carl Slough. Unan)

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - There was a general discussion about the problems that some municipalities have experienced with unruly public participation at municipal meetings. Right-to-Know requests have also caused some difficulties.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The latest PA Township News has an article on that interviewed Norma about the COG UCC Joint Board of Appeals.

The Fort Halifax Festival will be on May 2nd. The Millersburg Cherry Blossom Festival will also be held on May 2nd.

The next meeting will be May 21, 2009. The meeting will be held in the Lykens Township Municipal Building starting at 7 p.m., a social period will be held before the meeting, starting at 6:30. The Lykens Township Municipal Building is located at 2073 East Middle Rd. Lykens, PA 17048 - (in the new brown building)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. on a motion by Carl Slough, seconded by Charles Gallagher.