

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, May 21, 2009
Lykens Township Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:09 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
Charles Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Donna Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Bonnie Lidle	Halifax Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Ray Deppen	Lykens Township
Jean Deppen	Lykens Township
Lori Belack	Lykens Township
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Ron Kolva	Mifflin Township
Melissa Stahl	Elizabethville Borough
Dohn Fetterhoff	Halifax EMS

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the April 16, 2009 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Charles Gallagher, seconded by Bonnie Lidle. (Unan.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance April 16, 2009	\$5017.56
Expenditures April	\$318.65
Receipts - dues	0
Balance May 21, 2009	\$4698.91

Money Market CD:

Balance April 16, 2009	\$2,958.97
Interest April	\$5.03
Balance May 21, 2009	\$2,964.00

NOTE: CD moved on 4/30/2009 to Halifax National Bank; interest rate 2.4% APR.
Interest compounded quarterly.

Bills to be paid at the May 21, 2009 meeting

Enders Technology	\$19.95
Caldwell & Kearns	\$30.00
Robyn Loesch	\$199.00
Lykens Township – meeting	\$15.00
	<u>\$263.95</u>

A motion to pay the bills was made by Charles Gallagher, seconded by Melissa Stahl. (Unan.)

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CORRESPONDENCE

HATS – municipalities received a letter about additional stimulus monies becoming available for “shovel-ready” transportation projects. Municipalities have to respond by May 29th. This information will be posted on the COG website.

OLD BUSINESS

USAD grant/loan

Alan Loesch signed the COG letter of support for the USDA grant/loan program for Medic 6.

Right-to-Know

An example of municipal Rules for Public Records Inspection will be posted on the COG website.

PROJECTS

UCC Appeals Board

Marty Sowers had emailed about the possibility of East Hanover Township joining our COG in order to utilize the Appeals Board. A general discussion was held. Norma Shearer will ask the members of the Appeals Board for their opinion. There are several other questions that would also need answers; possibility of compensation for Board members, travel distance, estimate of potential increase in appeals.

EMS

Dohn Fetterhoff said that the four local EMS organizations (Medic 6, Williamstown, Halifax, and Millersburg) have met and are working on a reciprocity agreement. These EMS organizations also plan on having quarterly meetings. Several municipalities were unsure who determines the "second-due" EMS provider; it seems that the municipality can make this choice annually, by resolution, or they can defer this decision to the local EMS Federation. It was also noted that statewide legislation is being considered to require insurance companies to provide direct payment to the EMS provider, rather than the individual/patient; this will greatly reduce unpaid invoices for EMS services.

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office

Alan Loesch reported that at the last UDITO Advisory Board meeting, three members were selected to select the auditor to audit the next two-year audit. Alan, Ann Jackson, and Norma Shearer will review pending proposals from the auditors. Norma may be unavailable, and Bonnie Lidle volunteered to fill in if necessary.

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

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - There was a general discussion about the problem some municipalities are having with repeated calls from construction journals seeking additional information about road projects that have been advertized for sealed bid.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be June 18, 2009. The meeting will be held at the Carsonville Volunteer Fire Company Building (in Jefferson Township) starting at 7 p.m., a social period will be held before the meeting, starting at 6:30. The Carsonville Volunteer Fire Company is located at 2990 Powells Valley Rd., Halifax, PA.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. on a motion by Ray Kissinger, seconded by Charles Gallagher.