

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, June 18, 2009
Carsonville Volunteer Fire Company 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
Charles Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Donna Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Jim Watson	Washington Township
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton
Tom Shaffer	Upper Paxton
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Robb Wentzel	Medic 6
Steve Boyer	Medic 6
Amy Kaunas	Humane Society

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Shirley Radel, seconded by Charles Gallagher. (Unan.)

TREASURER’S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance May 21, 2009	\$4698.91
Expenditures May	\$263.95
Receipts - dues	0
Balance June 18, 2009	<u>\$4434.96</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance June 18, 2009	\$2.964.00
Interest now paid quarterly	

Bills to be paid at the June 18, 2009 meeting

Enders Technology	\$19.95
Robyn Loesch	\$199.00
Carsonville Vol. Fire Co.– meeting	\$15.00
	<u>\$233.95</u>

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

GUEST SPEAKER - Amy Kaunas, Executive Director of the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area, gave a presentation of their programs and services. Some of the available services are vaccination programs, micro- chipping, low cost spay/neuter clinics, and feral cat programs. There was a general discussion about exploring the possibilities of a COG group contract for stray animals.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

PROJECTS

UCC Appeals Board

Norma Shearer reported that East Hanover Township has already joined Capitol Area COG and will be using that COG's UCC Appeals Board.

EMS

Robb Wentzel said that the Chiefs of the four local EMS organizations (Medic 6, Williamstown, Halifax, and Millersburg) had met June 15th and signed a reciprocity agreement for BLS service. Citizens must be members of their "home service", local BLS service to be covered by the new reciprocity agreement. Membership coverage for ALS service is not covered under this agreement.

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office

Alan Loesch reported that the UDITO had entered into a two year auditing contract with McKonly & Asbury. Also, in July, each municipality will have to appoint a representative to the County EIT Committee. On July 27nd, the members of the UDITO Advisory Board will be meeting to discuss the possibility of Upper Dauphin joining together and appointing a single representative to the County EIT Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

As COG does not meet again until September, Charles Gallagher made a motion for pre-approval of the expected/ normal bills over the summer. Seconded by Norma Shearer. (Unan.)

Bulk Energy Jim Watson brought up the bulk electricity purchase program sponsored by the PA League of Cities and Municipalities. Jeanette Crabb said that Lykens Borough had already joined, and there was a one-time set-up fee of \$100.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dauphin County will be sponsoring a MusicFest at Fort Halifax on July 18.
Ned Smith Center - 16th annual Nature and Arts Festival – July 24-25.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2009. The meeting will be held in Berrysburg, starting at 7 p.m., a social period will be held before the meeting, starting at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.00 p.m. on a motion by Charles Gallagher, seconded by Ray Kissinger.