

## MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, November 19, 2009  
Wayne Township Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:02 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
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Wanda Hockenberry	Mifflin Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
John Shoop	Wayne Township
Gary Miller	Wayne Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton
Brian Allen	Dept. of Corrections
Robb Wentzel	Medic 6

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

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the October 15, 2009 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Bonnie Lidle, seconded by Charles Gallagher (Unan.)

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Checking Account:

Balance October 15, 2009	<b>\$3529.16</b>
Expenditures Oct. meeting	\$263.20
Receipts - dues	0
Balance November 19, 2009	<b><u>\$3265.96</u></b>

Money Market CD:

Balance Nov. 19, 2009	\$2,981.58
Interest now paid quarterly (Halifax National Bank)	

Bills to be paid at the Nov.19, 2009 meeting	
Enders Technology	\$19.95
Robyn Loesch	\$199.00
Wayne Twp.- meeting	\$15.00
	<b><u>\$ 233.95</u></b>

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE**

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Brian Allen, Department of Correctional Industries gave a presentation about the inmate made products that are available to all municipalities and non-profits. Pennsylvania Correctional Industries provides a wide variety of items for sale; cleaning products, sheds, picnic tables, safety vests, license plates, and signs. One item of special interest to the municipalities was sign re-surfacing. Signs can be refaced with a new stick-on vinyl facing; for example the approximate cost to upgrade a stop sign was \$15. This could be a large savings when the Municipalities have to upgrade existing signs to the new PennDot requirements. Brian Allen's email address is [briaallen@state.pa.us](mailto:briaallen@state.pa.us). Website is [www.pci.state.pa.us](http://www.pci.state.pa.us).

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- HATS meeting schedule
- Email of minutes from regional police force feasibility meeting (also see the November issue of PSAT'S Township magazine which has a major article on this issue).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Humane Society – has still not called or emailed back about possible group rates. Robyn will re-contact her and look for other vendors.
- Floodplain Maps- have arrived. Shirley Radel said that the Municipalities will be getting a letter from the County about a FEMA meeting that will be held on Jan. 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> at the Halifax Ambulance Building.
- There was some misinformation given at the last COG meeting – the municipalities do not have to pass a new annual Resolution of NIMS compliance.

## **PROJECTS**

### EMS

1. Robb Wentzel reported that the municipalities have been mailed copies of the 2008 audit and call data.
2. The 2010 subscription drive is going well. Without subscriptions the billing does not cover expenses.
3. Last week, Medic 6 gave a presentation about their grant application for two new ambulances to the Gaming Advisory Board.
4. Robb asked if COG could again consider talking to DCED about an area-wide EMS strategic resources study.
5. Ray Kissinger asked that Medic 6 send the municipalities an annual a donation reminder.

### Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office

Alan Loesch reported that the UDITO postponed the Advisory Board meeting to Jan 25, 2010 because the auditors McKonly & Asbury said that they were having issues with the data provided by the Tax Office and the audit is not finished. In a general discussion, several municipalities said that in the past few months, their checks from the UDITO have been late an/or for unusual amounts.

Charles Gallagher discussed the new contract with the Upper Dauphin Tax Office. There has been some changes in the contract, their office is moving, there is a fee increase, Baylor Custer and Atty. Engle are Officers of the UDITO. After a general discussion, Shirley Radel made a motion that COG approve the expenditure of up to \$1000 to have an attorney review this contract.; seconded by Ray Kissinger (Unan.) Norma Shearer made a motion for COG to retain Atty. Stan Laskowski; seconded by Ron Hepner (Unan.)

### County EIT

Alan Loesch reported that the first County EIT meeting went poorly and was an unproductive five hour long meeting. Due primarily to objections by the City of Harrisburg, the entire process of the selection of a Solicitor (RFP) will have to be redone.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Norma Shearer asked if COG could coordinate the appointment of the area representative to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. There was a general discussion and it was decided that this decision should be left up to the individual municipalities. Our current representative is Jim Bullock, and Shirley Radel asked that we invite him to the January COG meeting for an update. Ron Hepner said that he would contact him.
- 2010 Dues. After a general discussion, Charles Gallagher made a motion to increase the 2010 COG dues rate by two cents per capita; seconded by Ron Hepner (Unan).
- Norma Shearer wanted to say thank you and goodbye to all of the COG members; it was her last meeting.

## **PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES – NONE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be January 21, 2010. Planned location (Ron Hepner will confirm) - will be a joint meeting by Millersburg and Upper Paxton to be held at the Millersburg Borough Building (located at Market Square Millersburg, PA 17061, starting at 7 p.m., a social period will be held before the meeting, starting at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by Ray Kissinger, seconded Albert Morgan. All in favor.