

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, February 18, 2010
Washington Township Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Alan Loesch with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following persons were in attendance:

Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Jim Watson	Washington Township
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Charles Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Donna Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Gary Wert	Wert Bookbinding

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the January 21, 2010 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Jim Watson, seconded by Charles Gallagher. (Unan.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance January 21, 2010	\$2813.06
Expenditures Jan. meeting	\$494.20
Receipts - dues	\$1857.80
Balance Feb. 18, 2009	<u>\$4176.66</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance Feb. 18, 2009	<u>\$2,999.46</u>
Interest now paid quarterly (Halifax National Bank)	

Bills to be paid at the February 18, 2010 meeting

Enders Technology	\$19.95
Robyn Loesch	\$199.00
Washington Twp. – meeting	\$15.00
Caldwell & Kearns	\$286.00
Robyn Loesch – postage	\$5.98
Keith Laudenslager – tax prep	\$25.00
Selective Insurance – package liab. + E/O	\$1290.00
	<u>\$ 1840.93</u>

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

- PACOG – membership application, decision was not to join.

GUEST SPEAKER

Gary Wert, of Wert Bookbinding, gave a presentation of the services provided by his company. Established in 1960, Wert Bookbinding now specializes in library bindings. The company re-binds, digitalizes and preserves books and records of for many organizations and businesses such as libraries, municipalities, school districts and churches. Loose copies of Minutes and Ordinances can be indexed and bound. Municipal record books can be copied and/or digitalized. Digital re-printing of records is available (@ approx. 20 cents/page). One advantage to digitalizing Municipal records is that they can be posted to a website, and are text searchable; this makes it easy to find a topic or event within a large volume of records and also makes public access easier.

OLD BUSINESS

- Floodplain – DCCD held meetings about the floodplain maps and ordinances. Maps are in the 90-day appeal process. Township will receive notice after these 90 days to move forward with adoption of new maps and new ordinance. Ron Hepner said that DCCD just received the funding for this project.
- 2010 Dues – So far, dues has been received from 15 out of 20 COG municipalities.
- Spring clean-up days/recycling events - Upper Paxton Township clean up day will be April 17th, they are still looking into the County bringing up a truck to drop off electronic recycling items. Jefferson Twp. is still considering paying to join a neighboring municipality clean up day. Alan Loesch said that County recycling and hazardous waste information is posted on the COG website, but we have to get this information out to people to have them use these resources. Jim Watson said that they put this information in their Township newsletter.

PROJECTS

EMS - No report

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office

Alan Loesch reported that Atty. Laskowski has reviewed and updated the EIT contract and that Ann Jackson will be sending copies to each municipality for feedback. The next meeting of the UDITO Advisory Board is March 22nd, they will be discussing the contract but the decision to adopt the contract will be up to each individual municipality.

County EIT

The County EIT meeting was last night and the By-Laws have been set up. Atty. Beneventano has been appointed Right to Know Officer, and he has also developed the RTK policy, Ethics policy and document retention policy papers. These policies will be voted on at the next EIT meeting. At this point DCED has fronted about \$4,000 to cover the committee start up costs, this will be eventually reimbursed by the municipalities. The Committee is also discussing changing the weighed vote system to a "one municipality-one vote" system. The County-wide EIT takeover will happen in 2012, or possibly 2011 depending on how soon the RFP can be accomplished.

NEW BUSINESS

Charles Gallagher wanted to say thanks to all of the COG members, this is his last meeting as he is resigning from Berrysburg Borough.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be March 18, 2010. The Meeting will be held at the Elizabethville Borough Municipal Building located at 14 North Market Street, *Elizabethville, PA. 17023*; starting at 7 p.m., a social period will be held before the meeting, starting at 6:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a motion by Charles Gallagher, seconded by Ray Kissinger. All in favor.