

# UPPER DAUPHIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Regional Cooperation and Issues of Municipalities in Upper Dauphin County



## MINUTES

Thursday, January 20, 2005  
Lykens Township Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Vice-President Michael Welker with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The following persons were in attendance:

Michael Welker	Dauphin Borough
Michael Brown	Elizabethville Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Clayton Sitlinger	Lykens Township
Ray Deppen Jr.	Lykens Township
Jean Deppen	Lykens Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Jim Watson	Washington Township
Terry Adams	PENN-DOT
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the November 18 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Mrs. Norma Shearer, seconded by Mr. Jim Watson. (Unan.)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Checking Account:

Balance November 18	\$1,798.35
Receipts	-0-
Expenditures	420.00
Balance January 20	<u>\$ 1,378.35</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance November 18	\$6,751.50
Interest	16.82
Balance January 20	<u>\$6,768.32</u>

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Mr. Jim Watson, seconded by Mr. Ray Kissinger. (Unan.)

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Tri County Regional Planning Commission Newsletter was received.
- A letter was received from Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) announcing the Technical Committee Meeting on Friday, February 11 at 9:00 a.m. and the Coordinating Committee Meeting on Friday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m.
- A copy of the 2004 edition of the Council of Governments Directory was received from the Department of Community and Economic Development Governor's Center for Local Government Services.
- PCCA (Pa Construction Codes Academy) training and testing brochures were received.
- A letter was received from the U.S. Census Bureau advising that they will expand the American Community Survey (ACS) throughout the nation beginning in late December. Some households will be receiving the ACS survey form and they are asking that we encourage them to complete the form and return it as soon as possible.
- A letter was received from Asphalt Zipper asking if we would be interested in having a demonstration of their equipment.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

It was discussed and agreed to postpone the election of officers for 2005 until the next meeting because there was not a quorum of the membership present.

It was questioned whether we need to have an intergovernmental agreement for the Appeals Board. It was also discussed whether we have a formal agreement with Light Heigel and whether there is a time limit on that agreement.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Terry Adams, Planning and Programming Manager for District 8-0, PENN-DOT, was our guest speaker. He announced that Andy Green has retired and our new County Manager is Rich Garchinsky. He can be reached at 787-5391 Ext. 333. John Lyter is the manager at the Elizabethtown Annex and most people in our area deal directly with John.

Mr. Adams discussed the Agility Program. Anyone wishing to set up agreements for the Agility Program can contact Sherman Wright at 787-4381. He also discussed the Enhancement Program projects in upper Dauphin County which include the pedestrian bridge on Peters Mountain, the Millersburg train station, the Lykens railroad station, and the Lykens Valley rail trail.

Mr. Adams also reviewed pending road projects in upper Dauphin County. These include four bridge replacements:

- Bridge on Hoy Road over Little Wiconisco Creek in Upper Paxton Township  
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- Bridge on Millers Church Road over Armstrong Creek
- Church Street Bridge over Little Wiconisco Creek in Washington Township
- Bridge on 209 in front of Williams Valley High School ( "Harold's Bridge")

Some of the other roadwork in the upper end of the county was discussed including the bypass on Route 225 at the Mountain House, and the roadway from Halifax to Elizabethville. Route 225 from Elizabethville to Berrysburg will be done this summer.

Mr. Adams also reviewed the process of how PENN-DOT selects and pays for road projects and discussed the HATS technical and coordinating committees, their membership and purpose.

Mr. Michael Brown then gave the Audit Report for 2004:

2004 Beginning Balance		<u>\$7,822.93</u>
Receipts:		
Dues	3,232.64	
Interest	105.88	\$3,338.52
Expenditures		\$3,014.78
2004 Ending Balance		<u>\$8,146.67</u>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The February 17 meeting will be held in the Elizabethville Borough Building. This will be a business meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Albert Morgan, seconded by Mr. Mark Long.