

UPPER DAUPHIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Regional Cooperation and Issues of Municipalities in Upper Dauphin County



MINUTES

Thursday, February 17, 2005
Elizabethville Borough Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Colton Weber with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The following persons were in attendance:

Colton Weber	Millersburg Borough
Michael Welker	Dauphin Borough
Michael Brown	Elizabethville Borough
Travis Enders	Elizabethville Borough
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Kenneth Hoover	Halifax Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Paul Reitz	Mifflin Township
Sal Zanghi	Millersburg Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Katharine Radomsky	UDACAC
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

A roll call attendance was taken to insure that a quorum was present.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance January 20	\$1,378.35
Receipts	1,990.08
Expenditures	208.00
Balance February 17	<u>\$ 3,160.43</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance January 20	\$6,768.32
Interest	8.56
Balance February 17	<u>\$6,776.88</u>

The Treasurer reported that 2005 dues had been received from the following municipalities:

<u>Boroughs</u>	<u>Townships</u>
Gratz	Halifax
Halifax	Jackson
Millersburg	Jefferson
Pillow	Lykens
Williamstown	Reed
	Upper Paxton
	Washington
	Williamstown

Mr. Michael Brown made a motion that the Treasurer's Report, the January 20 minutes, the November 18 minutes, the 2004 audit and any other business that was conducted at the January 20 meeting be approved since there was not a quorum present at that meeting. Mr. Michael Welker seconded the motion. (Unan.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Katharine Radomsky, UDACAC, then gave an update on the status of the landfill and urged everyone to attend the Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Dauphin Area Middle School Auditorium. If anyone wants to register to be a speaker at the hearing they can contact Katharine or Cynthia Wolfe at DEP (717-705-4703) by Wednesday, March 2.

CORRESPONDENCE

- PCCA (Pa Construction Codes Academy) training and testing brochures were received.
- The first draft of the Lykens Valley Rail Trail Feasibility Study was received.

OLD BUSINESS (Part 1)

The role of Light Heigel in the enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code was discussed. It was agreed to invite Irv Spoonhour from Light Heigel to attend the March meeting to answer questions and report on the status of the code enforcement.

We are looking for qualified people who would be willing to serve on the Appeals Board. They should be knowledgeable in construction and be a resident of upper Dauphin County.

Mr. Michael Brown reported that he is going to have a meeting with Medic 6 to review their financials.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

President Weber asked for nominations for the office of President. Mr. Alan Loesh nominated Colton Weber. Mrs. Norma Shearer seconded the motion. Mr. Paul Reitz then moved the nominations for the office of President be closed. Mr. Kenneth Hoover seconded the motion. (Unan.)

President Weber then asked for nominations for the office of Vice-President. Mrs. Norma Shearer nominated Michael Welker. Mr. Albert Morgan seconded the motion. Mrs. Norma Shearer moved the nominations for the office of Vice-President be closed. Mr. Paul Reitz seconded the motion. (Unan.)

President Weber then asked for nominations for the office of Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Michael Brown nominated Linda Bechtel. Mr. Alan Loesch seconded the motion. Mrs. Norma Shearer moved the nominations for the office of Secretary-Treasurer be closed. Mr. Michael Welker seconded the motion. (Unan.)

The vote was then cast by acclamation and the officers for 2005 were elected as nominated.

Mr. Michael Brown made a motion that the salary for the Secretary-Treasurer be increased by 5%. That would be an increase of \$125 per year, raising the salary from \$2,500 to \$2,625 for 2005. The salary has been at \$2,500 per year since 1988. Mr. Michael Welker seconded the motion. Mrs. Norma Shearer then requested that the Secretary-Treasurer report what her duties are.

President Weber then discussed new requirements for road and street signs and also the minimum requirements for a road crew. There must be a flagman at both ends of any road working crew..

Mr. Michael Brown reported that as of November 30, 2004 municipalities can now sell their delinquent tax liens. One of the companies buying these tax liens is Xpand. Mr. Brown agreed to prepare information on this process and what is involved for the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS (Part 2)

COG members then discussed the role they would like the COG to play and what they expect to get from the COG. The consensus seemed to be that the information sharing and working together on projects such as we did on the Uniform Construction Code, were very beneficial to everyone. COG members discussed future projects such as training, insurance, equipment sharing and creation of a website. Mr. Michael Brown then made a motion that Travis Enders set up a website for the COG in an amount not to exceed \$100 per year. Mrs. Norma Shearer seconded the motion. (Unan.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Michael Brown explained the proposal for the new expansion planned for the Kepler Home in Elizabethville Borough.

The March 17 meeting will be held in the Millersburg Borough Building. We will invite a representative from Light Heigel and we will also have a representative from the American Public Works Association.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Kenneth Hoover, seconded by Mr. Alan Loesch.