

# UPPER DAUPHIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

*Regional Cooperation and Issues of Municipalities in Upper Dauphin County*



## MINUTES

Thursday, March 17, 2005  
Lykens 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
Charles Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Donna Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Travis Enders	Elizabethville Borough
Larry Shade	Gratz Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Claudia Maffei	Lykens Borough
Paul Reitz	Mifflin Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Howard Frenya	Williamstown Borough
Irv Spoonhour	Light Heigel
Chris Hoover	Light Heigel
Alan L. Gesford	Penn State University
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

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

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the February 17 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Mr. Michael Welker, seconded by Mrs. Claudia Maffei. (Unan.)

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Checking Account:	
Balance February 17	\$3,160.43
Receipts	924.36
Expenditures	282.00
Balance March 17	<u>\$ 3,802.79</u>
Money Market CD:	
Balance February 17	\$6,776.88
Interest	8.58
Balance March 17	<u>\$6,785.46</u>

The Treasurer reported that 2005 dues had been received from all municipalities except Elizabethville Borough, Lykens Borough and Rush Township.

The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Mr. Travis Enders, seconded by Mr. Paul Reitz. (Unan.)

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) will hold their Technical Meeting on Friday, April 8, at 9:00 a.m. and their Coordinating Committee on Friday, April 22, at 9:00 a.m.
- The Planning Commission of Dauphin County will hold a public meeting on the Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Swatara Township Municipal Building and on Thursday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elizabethville Borough Municipal Building.

## **OLD BUSINESS (Part 1)**

Mr. Irv Spoonhour, Light-Heigel, gave an update on the enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code. He introduced Chris Hoover who is a new building inspector for Light-Heigel and will be working in our area. He also answered questions on the process for permits and how the municipalities are being notified of new and completed projects.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Alan L. Gesford, P.E. Penn State University, representing the American Public Works Association, then discussed the services and training available through the APWA and LTAP. He invited all municipalities to take advantage of these programs and services. He provided an outline of the events and contact for APWA. He also discussed the dirt and gravel road program and work zone traffic control.

## **OLD BUSINESS (Part 2)**

Mr. Travis Enders reported that the website for COG has been established. It can be accessed at [www.udcog.org](http://www.udcog.org). He asked for input on what to include on the website. COG members suggested a question and answer forum and a calendar of upcoming events. Mr. Enders asked that each municipality provide a name and e-mail contact for their municipality. On a motion by Mrs. Norma Shearer, seconded by Mr. Alan Loesch the bill for \$91.95 for the webhosting and domain registration for one year was approved for payment. (Unan.)

Mr. Enders then distributed a copy of the EMS-Fire Calls in the upper Dauphin County area. He also discussed the funding for Medic 6 and other emergency medical services. On a motion by Mr. Alan Loesch, seconded by Mrs. Norma Shear, it was agreed to form a committee to study the financial data of Medic 6 and make a recommendation to the COG what they felt would be a feasible way to assist in funding Medic 6 as well as other emergency medical services. Mr. Enders will chair this committee along with representatives from Jefferson Township, Lykens Borough and Halifax Township.

## **DISCUSSION**

Elizabethville Borough is currently negotiating with Lykens Borough to provide police services for them rather than the current setup with Millersburg Borough.

Halifax Township discussed their funding for the recreation authority and the idea to get groups using the facilities involved to help in raising funds to support these areas.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Gratz Borough is holding their Bi-Centennial celebration in 2005. There are events going on all year long with the big celebration to be held July 8, 9, and 10 at the Gratz Fairgrounds.

The April 21 meeting will be held in the Millersburg Borough Building. Mr. Travis Ender will give a demonstration on the new COG website. We will also have an update on the funding of Emergency Medical Services.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Alan Loesch, seconded by Mr. Ray Kissinger.