

UPPER DAUPHIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Regional Cooperation and Issues of Municipalities in Upper Dauphin County



MINUTES

Thursday, June 16, 2005
Elizabethville Borough Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:35 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
Travis Enders	Elizabethville Borough
Larry Shade	Gratz Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Bruce Harmon	Jackson Township
Robin Loesch	Jefferson Township
Claudia Maffei	Lykens Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Paul Reitz	Mifflin Township
Robb Wentzel	Dauphin County EMA
Kim Moreland	Humane Society
Jill Troutman	Humane Society
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

A roll call attendance was taken. There were ten municipalities present.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the May 19 meeting were reviewed. No additions or corrections were noted.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance May 19	\$ 3,439.78
Receipts	169.08
Expenditures	296.00
Balance June 16	\$ <u>3,312.86</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance May 19	\$ 6,810.49
Interest	12.76
Balance June 16	\$ <u>6,823.25</u>

CORRESPONDENCE

- A letter was received announcing that the final public meeting for the Lykens Valley Rail Trail will be held Wednesday, June 22 at 7:00 p.m. at Kevin's Place Restaurant in Lykens. The consultant will present the final report on the feasibility study at that time.

OLD BUSINESS

The minutes and treasurer's reports as submitted at the April 21 and May 19, and June 16 meetings were approved on a motion by Mrs. Norma Shearer, seconded by Mr. Travis Enders. (Unan.)

Mr. Travis Enders reported that the committee formed to study the financial data of Medic 6 and other emergency medical services had completed their task. The committee felt that at this time the funding needed to support emergency medical services could be met through donations from the municipalities receiving the services. The committee felt that, if the municipalities could contribute approximately \$45,000 annually, which is basically the cost of the workmen's comp insurance, the EMS could continue to operate on donations, subscriptions and billings from services provided. The committee presented a proposal of donations for each of the municipalities based on the service they receive and their population. It was also decided that it would be beneficial to have Medic 6 attend the April meeting each year to advise municipalities of their financial standing and give the municipalities an estimate of the need for funding for the following year's budget for EMS services.

The new Upper Dauphin Council of Governments website www.udcog.org is now up and running and the forum section is open.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Kim Moreland, Executive Director of the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area, Inc. then reviewed the services and programs provided by the Humane Society. She also reviewed and answered questions regarding the municipal contracts with the Humane Society. At this point, there seems to be a communication problem with some of the municipalities receiving information from the Humane Society. It was also suggested that the COG would be a good venue for meeting with the upper Dauphin County municipalities in the future.

DISCUSSION

On a motion by Mrs. Claudia Maffei, seconded by Mr. Larry Shade (Unan.), the EMS Committee was given approval to prepare a letter to go out to all the COG municipalities advising them of their findings regarding the EMS funding, and their recommendation for municipal donations to provide this funding.

Mrs. Claudia Maffei made a motion that the COG donate \$1,000 to Medic 6. Mrs. Norma Shearer seconded the motion. (Unan.)

It was then discussed to amend the By-Laws to change the number required for a quorum to 1/3 of the majority of members rather than ½ the majority of members. On a motion by Mr. Travis Enders, seconded by Mrs. Norma Shearer (Unan.), it was agreed to begin the process to adopt this amendment to the By-Laws.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COG will not meet in July and August. Next regular meeting will be September 15 in the Halifax Township Municipal Building.