

UPPER DAUPHIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Regional Cooperation and Issues of Municipalities in Upper Dauphin County



MINUTES

Thursday, October 20, 2005
Millersburg Borough Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:50 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
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robin Loesch	Jefferson Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
James Bullock	Millersburg Borough
Skip Wingard	Millersburg Borough
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Randy Witmer	Upper Paxton Township
John Orr	Dauphin Co. Conservation District
Donna Fabry	Dauphin Co. Conservation District
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the June 16 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Mrs. Norma Shearer, seconded by Mr. Larry Shade. (Unan.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance June 16	\$ 3,312.86
Receipts	-0-
Expenditures	1,888.00
Balance October 20	\$ 1,424.86

Money Market CD:

Balance June 16	\$ 6,823.25
Interest	52.58
Balance October 20	<u>\$ 6,875.83</u>

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Mr. Travis Enders, Seconded by Mr. Albert Morgan. (Unan.)

A bill from Penn National Insurance for \$162.00 for the COG's general liability insurance was approved for payment on a motion by Mr. Michael Welker, seconded by Mr. James Bullock. (Unan.)

CORRESPONDENCE

- Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy (PCCA) Course Catalog for Fall 2005 was received.
- Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) will hold their Technical Committee Meeting on October 7 at 9:00 a.m. and their Coordinating Committee Meeting on October 28 at 9:00 a.m.
- Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Newsletter was received.
- An Application and Guidelines for the Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence was received from the Department of Community and Economic Development.
- A letter was received from Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. A draft of their Public Education/Public Involvement Plan is available for review on their website, <http://www.tcrpc-pa.org/text/tcrpc/PEPI.pdf>. Comments are being accepted through November 18, 2005.

OLD BUSINESS

The proposed amendment to the By-Laws to decrease the amount of municipalities required for a quorum from a simple majority to one third of the voting membership was discussed. To date we have received signed resolutions approving the change from the following municipalities: Elizabethville Borough, Gratz Borough, Pillow Borough, Halifax Township, Jackson Township, Lykens Township, Reed Township, Washington Township, and Williams Township. A letter was received from Berrysburg Borough stating their wish that the original By-laws be kept in place. No action was taken at this time on the proposed amendment.

The PENN-DOT mandated sign upgrades were then discussed. Municipalities were advised to do an inventory to see how many signs they would be needing. The possibility of purchasing these signs as a group to obtain the lowest cost was discussed. Mrs. Robyn Loesch is going to look into the feasibility of purchasing these signs as a group.

COG members then discussed the UCC Appeals Board. We need to have a minimum of three people to serve on the board. They should have knowledge of architecture, construction, and/or code enforcement. It was agreed to place an article in the local paper to see if anyone is interested in serving on this Board. Our third party inspector, Light-Heigel, was also discussed and it was agreed to invite them to the November 17 meeting for an update on the enforcement of the code.

The requested financial support for UDCES-Medic 6 was then discussed. The letter and info was sent out by the COG EMS committee in July 2005. It was agreed on a motion by Mr. Alan Loesch, seconded by Mrs. Norma Shearer, that the COG send a second letter this fall so that municipalities preparing their budgets are reminded again to consider the financial needs for these emergency medical services when allocating funds for their 2006 budgets.

COG members then discussed a leadership program for students to involve local students in our local government programs. A committee consisting of Colton Weber and Robyn Loesch was formed to begin working on this idea.

Election of Officers – 2006

President Weber asked for nominations for the office of President for 2006. Mrs. Norma Shearer nominated Alan Loesch. Mr. Ray Kissinger seconded the motion. Mr. Larry Shade then moved the nominations for the office of President be closed. Mr. Travis Enders seconded the motion. (Unan.)

President Weber then asked for nominations for the office of Vice-President. Mrs. Norma Shearer nominated Michael Welker. Mr. Alan Loesch seconded the motion. Mr. Ray Kissinger moved the nominations for the office of Vice-President be closed. Mr. Travis Enders seconded the motion. (Unan.)

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

The vote was then cast by acclamation and the officers for 2006 were elected as nominated.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. John Orr, Dauphin County Conservation District, then gave a presentation on DCCD's Mission and reviewed the programs that DCCD is involved in, and how they impact the upper Dauphin County area.

DISCUSSION

Municipalities discussed cable franchise agreements and negotiating these agreements with the cable providers. It was agreed to try to have more information on this subject available at the November 17 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be November 17 and it will be held in the Elizabethville Borough Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Michael Welker, seconded by Mr. Larry Shade.

