

UPPER DAUPHIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Regional Cooperation and Issues of Municipalities in Upper Dauphin County



MINUTES

Thursday, February 16, 2006
Halifax Township Municipal Building

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

Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Michael Welker	Dauphin Borough
Larry Shade	Gratz Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Mike Decker	Halifax Township
Linda Ruff	Halifax Township
Flo Mallonee	Halifax Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Paul Reitz	Mifflin Township
Colton Weber	Millersburg Borough
Jim Bullock	Millersburg Borough
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Tom Shaffer	Upper Paxton Township
Jim Watson	Washington Township
Gary Miller	Wayne Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the January 19 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Mr. Jim Watson, seconded by Mrs. Norma Shearer. (Unan.) It was also noted that meeting minutes are posted on the COG website www.udcog.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance January 19	\$ 571.60
Receipts	1,816.98
Expenditures	296.00
Balance February 16	<u>\$2,092.58</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance January 19	\$ 6,914.99
Interest	13.39
Balance February 16	<u>\$ 6,928.38</u>

The Treasurer reported that dues were received from the following municipalities:

<u>Boroughs</u>	<u>Townships</u>
Halifax	Jackson
Millersburg	Lykens
Williamstown	Reed
	Upper Paxton
	Washington
	Williams

A bill for \$97.95 for the website for one year was also received.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- Course Schedule for March – May 2006 was received from PCCA (Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy)
- Letter and flyer were received from PA COG (Pennsylvania Association of Councils of Governments)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Decker reported that a schedule for classes for emergency management coordinators will be posted on the COG website. He also reported that Robb Wentzel has resigned as Dauphin County Emergency Management Director.

OLD BUSINESS

PENN-DOT Mandated Sign Upgrades

This project is on hold until PENN-DOT releases official guidelines and requirements for the signs.

UCC Appeals Board

Colton reported that we have four suggested people to serve on the UCC Appeals Board. They are Randy Snyder and Lester Stence, who both have construction backgrounds, Gary Grimm, architect, and Jim Eppley, engineer. Colton is going to see what we need to do to appoint these people to serve on the Appeals Board.

TV Franchise Agreements

COG members again discussed TV Cable company franchise agreements. It is still uncertain whether municipalities would be eligible to renegotiate if there is a buyout by another company. At this time the only municipality negotiating an agreement is Halifax Township. It was agreed to gather a master list of COG municipalities and when their agreements were due for renewal. Municipalities should send a copy of their franchise agreements to Colton Weber so the COG can compile a list of things to consider when negotiating franchise agreements.

It would also be helpful if municipalities would supply the names of their Solicitor, Engineer, SEO, etc. and how long they have been employed so that we can post it on the website as a reference to other municipalities.

Civic Day Program

Colton and Robyn will be meeting again to work on this program. Nothing new to report at this time.

ISO -700 NIMS Training

The required ISO training was then discussed. There are three links to sites for the training on the COG website. Some of the officials reported that they had taken the tests online and received their certification. There will also be training sites available locally for those who do not wish to do the testing online.

Dauphin County Recycling Bins

President Loesch reported that he had talked with Kelly Wolf, Dauphin County Manager of Solid Waste and Recycling, about the problems with the recycling bins in Upper Dauphin County. It was agreed to invite Ms. Wolf to the March meeting to discuss some solutions to the problems.

Act 537 Update

There are new on lot sewer system regulations required by DEP for municipalities updating their 537 plans. They state that all approvals for new homes or new development not served by public sewer will require a site specific hydro geologic report. If this exceeds DEP's limit, they will be required to install a sewage system to remove nitrates. It also requires that an ordinance be adopted that requires all existing systems be pumped and inspected every three years. The homeowner is required to send proof of the pumping and inspection to the township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be March 16, 2006 and it will be held in the Lykens Township Municipal Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m. on a motion by Mike Welker, seconded by Jim Watson.