

MINUTES

Thursday, March 16, 2006
Lykens 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 Brown	Elizabethville Borough
Larry Shade	Gratz Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Tom Hepler	Gratz Borough
Harry Shiro	Gratz Borough
Bonnie Lidle	Halifax Borough
Claudia Maffei	Lykens Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Ray Deppen	Lykens Township
Jean Deppen	Lykens Township
Clayton Sitlinger	Lykens Township
John Fetterhoff	Lykens Township
Paul Reitz	Mifflin Township
Colton Weber	Millersburg Borough
Jim Bullock	Millersburg Borough
Skip Wingard	Millersburg Borough
Jim Watson	Washington Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Kelly Wolf	Dauphin Co. Recycling Coordinator
Jeff Haste	Dauphin Co. Commissioner
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the February 16 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Mr. Michael Brown, seconded by Mrs. Shirley Radel. (Unan.) It was also noted that meeting minutes are posted on the COG website www.udcog.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance February 16	\$2,092.58
Transfer from MMCD	2,000.00
Receipts	307.64
Expenditures	315.95
Balance March 16	<u>\$4,084.27</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance February 16	\$6,928.38
Transfer to Checking	2,000.00
Interest	15.52
Balance March 16	<u>\$4,943.90</u>

The Treasurer reported that dues were not received from the following municipalities:

<u>Boroughs</u>	<u>Townships</u>
Berrysburg	Halifax
Elizabethville	Jefferson
Gratz	Wiconisco
Lykens	

The Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion by Mr. Michael Brown, seconded by Mrs. Claudia Maffei. (Unan.)

CORRESPONDENCE

- Course Schedule for April – June 2006 was received from PCCA (Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy)
- Letter was received from Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS). Technical Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. and Coordinating Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 28, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

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 have construction backgrounds, Gary Grimm, architect, and Jim Eppley, engineer. A meeting is scheduled for April 4 with the candidates and Mitch Hoffman of DCED to see what the process is to have these people appointed to the Appeals Board.

TV Franchise Agreements

Colton reported he has received copies of agreements from two 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. The ISO 100 and 700 training are required by September. John Brabbitts will be setting up a class room training session, probably at Millersburg for people who don't want to complete the training online.

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

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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. Nothing new to report on this topic other than Lykens Township also advised that they have been notified to adopt a 537 plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Kelly Wolf, Dauphin County Recycling Coordinator, and Dauphin County Commissioner Jeff Haste then discussed the Recycling Program with COG officials. The Recycling Program is a much bigger success than ever anticipated. Residents are using the recycling centers and the need for more bins and more frequent pickups is being addressed.

The hours for the haulers has been changed to ten hour days so they can cover the area in one day. They have also added part time employees to help with the clean up and weekend pickups. The need to educate the public on proper disposal (breaking down cardboard and flattening plastic) was discussed. Possibly we could have handouts at the election places, put notices in municipal newsletters, have articles in the newspaper and on local television station. A hotline number for officials to call when bins are full was also discussed. Enforcement of violations to recycling rules was discussed, as well as advertising on bins and trucks to help defray costs.

The county also provides a pickup of hazardous items and an electronic recycling event. The e-recycling will be held on May 20 at HACC. They are also adding another recycling center at Williamstown which should help alleviate some of the problems at Lykens.

Kelly also agreed to attend the COG meetings and work with the COG in improving the recycling process. This project has been a huge success, we just need to work together to keep up with this tremendous success.

DISCUSSION

President Loesch briefly discussed the proposed windmills in Rush and Upper Paxton Township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Michael Brown announced that those municipalities that use the PA Energy Consortium to purchase fuel the deadline for having your estimates in is two weeks earlier than last year.

The next meeting will be April 20, 2006 and it will be held in the Lykens Borough Municipal Building. It was agreed to invite the candidates for State Representative from the 104th district.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Jim Watson, seconded by Mr. Colton Weber.

