

MINUTES

Thursday, June 15, 2006
Halifax Township Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Vice-President Michael Welker with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The following persons were in attendance:

Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Michael Welker	Dauphin Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Larry Shade	Gratz Borough
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Mike Decker	Halifax Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Norman Bakeleor	Lykens Township
Tom Shaffer	Upper Paxton Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Katharine Radomsky	Washington Twp./Dauphin Co. Recycling Coordinator
Dennis Coffman	Candidate for 104 th District
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

There were eight municipalities represented. There are twenty members so ten are needed for a quorum.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the May 18 meeting were approved as read. It was also noted that meeting minutes are posted on the COG website www.udcog.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance May 18	\$4,647.87
Receipts	-0-
Expenditures	218.00
Balance June 15	<u>\$4,429.87</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance May 18	\$4,977.28
Interest	17.06
Balance June 15	<u>\$ 4,994.34</u>

CORRESPONDENCE

The HATS Coordinating Committee Meeting scheduled for June 23 at 9:00 a.m. has been changed to July 14 at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Decker thanked the COG for sponsoring the Candidates Night so all candidates for the 104th district could meet local officials and discuss their issues. Mike also discussed road closed barriers in the event of an emergency.

OLD BUSINESS

Amendment to By-Laws

Members then discussed the proposed resolution to amend the By-Laws to require only 1/3 of membership present for a quorum rather than 1/2. This was started in 2005 and eleven municipalities had passed a resolution to approve the amendment. Berrysburg Borough had written a letter opposing it and no response was received from the other municipalities. It was agreed that we need to amend the By-Laws. A copy of the proposed resolution will be posted on the website for members to download for approval by their municipalities.

PENN-DOT Mandated Sign Upgrades

Colton Weber distributed information on the requirements for the new signs. All signs must be purchased from a PENN-DOT approved manufacturer. All regulatory traffic signs must be upgraded within the next seven years. It was discussed that the COG would investigate whether it would be feasible and less expensive to purchase the signs as a group rather than individually.

Colton also advised members that free "Yield to Pedestrian" signs are available from PENN-DOT as part of their Public Safety Program. Contact David Holcombe, Engineering District 8-0, 717-783-2450 or Email dholcombe@state.pa.us.

UCC Appeals Board

The four candidates have agreed to serve on the Appeals Board. They are Randy Snyder and Lester Stence, who have construction backgrounds, Gary Grimm, architect, and Jim Eppley, engineer. Colton is working with Mitch Hoffman to prepare the necessary paperwork for the board to be formally appointed. Each municipality will need to adopt a resolution and the COG will also need a resolution to act on behalf of the municipalities. Committee will be working on the drafting of documents over the summer.

Civic Day and Act 537 – Nothing new to report

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 training is required by September 30. Basically, all officials must have ISO 700. Any responders must have ISO 100, 200 and 700 and any fire company people must also have 800.

Website Enhancement

It was discussed to have a section on the website that is accessible just for COG officials. Was also agreed to post updates on all ongoing programs. Travis has agreed to set this up for us in addition to maintaining the site. Everyone agreed that this is a good idea and a good resource for municipal officials.

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Windmills

Colton reported that DEP now has a sample model ordinance for regulating windmills. They can be obtained at www.DEP.state.pa.us Keyword: wind energy.

Colton also mentioned that PP&L's rate cap expires on December 31, 2009 and energy prices could raise dramatically at that time.

Recycling

Katharine Radomsky reported on the Recycling situation. The E-Recycling was held May 20 at HACC and was a huge success. A third truck has been ordered, and a new weekend person will be hired mid July. Kelly is also drafting a press release to advise what items are illegal to dump at the recycling centers.

Kelly would like to include this info in any municipal newsletters that are sent out to residents. The county has bins available for community clean up days and special events and they will be glad to bring them to your location and assist in setting up a clean up event.

If you have any recycling questions or problems with the bins in your community, here are the numbers to call:

Recycling Center Hotline 780-6351.
Kelly Wolfe – Same as Hotline or 780-6352
Katharine Radomsky – 362-3267

The following numbers should only be used Monday thru Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m:

For newspaper, aluminum or glass – call Jeff at 350-9492
For plastic or cardboard – call Darren at 350-9490

Tom Shaffer also discussed the possibility of having hazardous waste included in the clean up day events. It would be easier to have residents bring their hazardous waste to one location and then have the county pick it up, rather than have each resident order a box from the county and then have that box picked up. Katharine was going to check into why Dauphin County does not provide this option.

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office

COG members then discussed the situation with the Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office that collects and distributes the earned income tax to Upper Dauphin County municipalities and school districts. Each municipality is on a Board that approves the budget of the tax office. This budget is to be approved by June 30 each year. Members were concerned that this budget is not in place and checks are not being distributed in a timely manner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COG will not meet in July and August.

The next meeting will be September 21, 2006 and it will be held in the Gratz Borough Municipal Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.