

MINUTES

Thursday, October 19, 2006
Lykens Township Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Alan Loesch with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The following persons were in attendance:

Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
John Windish	Dauphin Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Bonnie Lidle	Halifax Borough
Linda Ruff	Halifax Township
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Norman Bakeleor	Lykens Township
Ray Deppen	Lykens Township
Jean Deppen	Lykens Township
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Jim Watson	Washington Township
David Platt	Wayne Township
Donald Schwalm	Williams Township
Harold Smith	Williams Township
Katharine Radomsky	Washington Twp./Dauphin Co. Recycling Coordinator
Robb Wentzel	Medic 6
Dennis Coffman	Candidate for 104 th District
Sue Helm	Candidate for 104 th District
Carol Bashore	Coordinator – Volunteers Sue Helm
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the September 21 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Mrs. Normal Shearer, seconded by Mr. Jim Watson. It was also noted that meeting minutes are posted on the COG website www.udcog.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance September 21	\$3,701.17
Receipts	-0-
Expenditures	218.00
Balance October 19	<u>\$3,483.17</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance September 21	\$5,047.02
Interest	17.87

A bill for \$162.00 from Penn National Insurance Company for General Liability Insurance was approved for payment on a motion by Mrs. Bonnie Lidle, seconded by Mr. Ray Kissinger. (Unan.)

OLD BUSINESS

PENN-DOT Mandated Sign Upgrades

Mr. Dale Shoop of Halifax Township has agreed to spearhead the Sign Purchase project. We will be forwarding him a list of secretaries for all COG municipalities so he can get information from them for their municipalities. Each municipality should appoint someone to serve as a contact person to provide information for this project.

Recycling

Katharine Radomsky reported on the Recycling situation. A third truck has been received and should be on the road at any time. COG members also discussed the possibility of having an upper Dauphin County cleanup day and an e-recycling and hazardous waste pick-up in upper Dauphin County rather than traveling to the one at HACC. It was agreed one of the e-recycling days should be held in upper Dauphin county, rather than having them both at HACC. COG members also discussed the possibility of obtaining a shared services grant to help fund a recycling event.

UCC Appeals Board

Colton is working with Mitch Hoffman to prepare the necessary paperwork (rules/by-laws) 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.

Act 537

COG members discussed Act 537 requirements and how it affects local townships. The requirement for pumping of individual on site systems, the frequency of pumping and the problem of where to dispose of the waste was discussed. It was agreed to try to get a representative from DEP to attend a COG meeting.

Windmills

The City of Harrisburg has erected their test site to determine if the windmill proposal would be viable.

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. We have now received copies of Resolutions from the following municipalities to approve this amendment:

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| <u>Boroughs</u> | <u>Townships</u> |
| Berrysburg | Halifax |
| Dauphin | Jackson |
| Elizabethville | Lykens |
| Gratz | Reed |
| Pillow | Washington |
| Lykens | Williams |
| | Jefferson |

Please have your municipality pass this Resolution and send it in as soon as possible.

Website Enhancements

The maintenance of the COG Website was then discussed. Travis has not been making the enhancements or maintaining the website. COG will be contacting another MIS person to provide this service for the COG.

Gypsy Moth Spraying

Nothing new to report. We are still waiting to hear what the cost of the spraying will be.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob Wentzel, Medic 6, then discussed the funding and operation of Medic 6. Last year a committee from COG, Norma Shearer, Robin Loesch and Travis Enders, came up with a chart of proposed donations by each municipalities based on whether they had basic life support and advanced life support or just advanced life support. It was agreed to have this committee again review the figures with Medic 6 so that they can make a recommendation to the municipalities so they can allocate funds in their budgets.

The two candidates for the 104th Congressional District, Sue Helm and Dennis Coffman, then each addressed the COG on their plans and solutions to some of the issues that are facing the candidates in this election.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be November 16 and will be held in the Halifax Township Municipal Building.

COG will not meet in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Jim Watson, seconded by Mrs. Norma Shearer.

