

## MINUTES

Thursday, November 16, 2006  
Halifax 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. The following persons were in attendance:

Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Harry Shiro	Gratz Borough
Bonnie Lidle	Halifax Borough
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Ken Hoover	Halifax Township
Flo Mallonee	Halifax Township
Dale Shoop	Halifax Township
Colton Weber	Millersburg Borough
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Katharine Radomsky	Washington Twp./Dauphin Co. Recycling Coordinator
Robb Wentzel	Medic 6
Sue Helm	Representative for 104 <sup>th</sup> District
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

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

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the October 19 meeting were approved as read. It was also noted that meeting minutes are posted on the COG website [www.udcog.org](http://www.udcog.org).

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

#### Checking Account:

Balance October 19	\$3,483.17
Receipts	-0-
Expenditures	458.00
Balance November 16	<u>\$3,025.17</u>

#### Money Market CD:

Balance October 19	\$5,064.89
Interest	17.36
Balance November 16	<u>\$5,082.25</u>

A bill for was received from Enders Technology for \$45.00 for website design.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received from Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS). Technical Committee meeting will be held December 1 at 9:00 a.m. and Coordinating Committee will be held December 15 at 9:00 a.m. All HATS meetings are held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room of Capital Area Transit offices, 901 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg.

A brochure was received from PCCA (Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy) announcing December – February course schedule.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### PENN-DOT Mandated Sign Upgrades

Mr. Dale Shoop, Roadmaster for Halifax Township has agreed to spearhead the Sign Purchase project. Mr. Shoop has contacted the secretaries of the COG municipalities and asked them to complete a listing of signs they will need to purchase. COG members also discussed purchasing of posts. It was agreed this project will probably go on for several years, since most municipalities will probably only be able to replace a certain number of signs each year due to the cost of the project. It was discussed it would be feasible to apply for a grant each year the project is runs to help defray the costs.

### Recycling

COG members discussed the Upper Dauphin County Clean up day. It was agreed that probably the ideal locations would be the same locations as the current recycling centers. The disposal of electronic equipment and hazardous waste was also discussed. It was agreed to apply for grants from the county to help defray the cost.

### UCC Appeals Board

Colton provided members with a sample intergovernmental agreement for the joint Appeals Board. We will have this document retyped and ready for adoption by COG municipalities as soon as possible. Check the website for access to the document.

### Act 537

Katharine Radomsky reported she had talked to DEP and they agreed to have Tim Wagner, of their Sewage Enforcement Division, attend the January 18 COG meeting to discuss Act 537 and address some of the issues facing the Upper Dauphin County municipalities.

### Windmills

Nothing new to report on the windmills, other than Colton reported the proposed Windmill Ordinance is being “fine tuned” to keep it in compliance with the zoning ordinances.

### Amendment to By-Laws

If your municipality has not adopted and returned a copy of the resolution to amend the By-Laws to require only 1/3 of membership present for a quorum rather than ½, please do so as soon as possible. We have now received copies of Resolutions from the following municipalities to approve this amendment:

Boroughs  
Berrysburg  
Dauphin  
Elizabethville  
Gratz  
Pillow  
Lykens

Townships  
Halifax  
Jackson  
Lykens  
Reed  
Washington  
Williams  
Jefferson

Website Enhancements

Travis has made enhancements to the COG Website.

Gypsy Moth Spraying

Nothing new to report. We will ask John Orr to attend January meeting to keep us updated.

Medic 6

Rob Wentzel, Treasurer for Medic 6, then gave an update on Medic 6. He thanked the communities that contributed to Medic 6 in 2006 and suggested that the same guidelines be used to determine the 2007 donations. He also reported that Medic 6 will be giving updates on responses to calls in the Upper Dauphin Sentinel. The 2007 membership drive has been sent out and they have applied for a grant for new equipment etc.

**NEW BUSINESS**

COG members agreed to keep the 2007 dues at 12 cents per capita.

Sue Helm, Representative for the 104<sup>th</sup> District, then reported on the new member orientation and also discussed location of her office in Upper Dauphin County.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

COG will not meet in December. The next meeting will be January 18, 2007 in Washington Township or Millersburg Borough.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.