

MINUTES

Thursday, January 18, 2007
Washington 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
Larry Shade	Gratz Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Bonnie Lidle	Halifax Borough
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Claudia Maffei	Lykens Borough
Carl Slough	Lykens Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Paul Reitz	Mifflin Township
Colton Weber	Millersburg Borough
Jim Bullock	Millersburg Borough
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Jim Watson	Washington Township
Doris Kauffman	Washington Township
James Wilbert	Washington Township
Katharine Radomsky	Washington Twp./Dauphin Co. Recycling Coordinator
Robb Wentzel	Medic 6
Tim Wagner	Department of Environmental Protection
Matt Davies	Dauphin Co. Solid Waste Management
Dave Smith	Light Heigel
Marty Sowers	Light Heigel
Jason Scott	Citizen Standard
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

Also citizens Fern Smith, Karen Wiest, Pauline Sweigard, Gary Sweigard, Wilson Straub. and Robert Straub were present. There were twelve municipalities represented.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the November 16 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Mrs. Norma Shearer, seconded by Mr. James Bullock. (Unan.) It was also noted that meeting minutes are posted on the COG website www.udcog.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance November 16	\$3,025.17
Receipts	-0-
Expenditures	490.00
Balance January 18	<u>\$2,535.17</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance November 16	\$5,082.25
Interest	34.48
Balance January 18	<u>\$5,116.73</u>

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS). Technical Committee meeting will be held February 9 at 9:00 a.m. and Coordinating Committee will be held February 23 at 9:00 a.m. All HATS meetings are held in the 2nd Floor Board Room of Capital Area Transit offices, 901 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg.

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

NEW BUSINESS (Part 1)

Election of Officers – 2007

President Loesch asked for nominations for the office of President for 2007. Mrs. Norma Shearer nominated Alan Loesch. Mr. Joe Snyder seconded the motion. Mr. Colton Weber then moved the nominations for the office of President be closed. Mrs. Claudia Maffei seconded the motion. (Unan.)

President Loesch then asked for nominations for the office of Vice-President. Mr. James Bullock nominated Mrs. Norma Shearer. Mr. Alan Loesch seconded the motion. Mr. Colton Weber moved the nominations for the office of Vice-President be closed. Mrs. Claudia Maffei seconded the motion. (Unan.)

President Loesch then appointed Linda Bechtel to the office of Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Claudia Maffei seconded the motion. Linda accepted the appointment for 2006, but stated that this will be her 30th and last year to serve as Secretary-Treasurer for the COG.

The vote was then cast by acclamation and the officers for 2007 were elected as nominated.

Financial Report

Mrs. Norma Shearer then reported that the financial records for the COG for 2006 had been audited. The following is a summary of the financial activity of the COG for 2006:

2006 Beginning Balance		<u>\$7,486.59</u>
Receipts:		
Dues	3,202.22	
Interest	201.74	
		<u>\$3,403.96</u>
Expenditures		
Salary of Sec-Treas	2,625.00	
Envelopes	74.70	
Postage	234.00	
Liability Insurance	162.00	
Website	142.95	
		<u>\$3,238.65</u>

2006 Ending Balance \$7,651.90
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The Financial Report for 2006 was accepted on a motion by Mr. Jim Watson, seconded by Mr. Albert Morgan. (Unan.)

OLD BUSINESS

PENN-DOT Mandated Sign Upgrades

Mr. Dale Shoop, Roadmaster for Halifax Township is spearheading this project. Municipalities are asked to do an inventory of how many signs they will need. This project will probably be eligible for a shared municipal services grant.

UCC Appeals Board

Colton is drawing up the documents for the Inter-governmental Cooperation Agreement. The four individuals who have agreed to serve on the Appeals Board are Gary Grimm (Architect), James Eppley (Engineer), Randy Snyder and Lester Stence (Contractors).

Recycling

COG members discussed the Upper Dauphin County Clean Up Day. The disposal of electronic equipment and hazardous waste was discussed. It was decided to do the individual municipal cleanup days for 2007 and start working toward an Upper Dauphin County Clean Up Day for 2008. A committee was appointed to start working on this project—Claudia Maffei, Katharine Radomsky, and Carl Slough.

Windmills

Nothing new to report on the windmills.

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 1/2, please do so as soon as possible. We still need signed Resolutions from the following municipalities to approve this amendment:

Boroughs
Halifax
Millersburg
Williamstown

Townships
Jefferson
Mifflin
Upper Paxton
Wayne
Wiconisco

Blank resolutions can be obtained on the COG Website or by contacting Linda Bechtel.

Website Enhancements

Travis has made enhancements to the COG Website.

Gypsy Moth Spraying

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

Medic 6

Rob Wentzel, Treasurer for Medic 6, then gave an update on Medic 6.

NEW BUSINESS (Part 2)

Mrs. Norma Shearer then made a motion that the host municipality for COG meetings be reimbursed \$15 toward costs of refreshments. Mrs. Claudia Maffei seconded the motion. (Unan.)
Mr. Jim Watson declined to accept the \$15 for Washington Township for the January meeting.

Mr. Tim Wagner, Department of Environmental Protection, then explained Act 537 to COG municipalities. He stressed that the purpose of the plan is to protect public health, control and plan for new development, and to protect the waterways of the Commonwealth. He explained that there is not set time limit for municipalities to upgrade or adopt new plans, the time to adopt a new plan is whenever the current plan is no longer effective and is inadequate for the amount of development occurring in the municipality. The emphasis on “on lot” maintenance and management was discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be February 15 at Halifax Township. Guest speaker will be John Orr.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.