

MINUTES

Thursday, March 15, 2007
Millersburg Borough Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice -President Norma Shearer. The following persons were in attendance:

Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Ann Jackson	Millersburg Borough
Jim Bullock	Millersburg Borough
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Robb Wentzel	Medic 6
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

There were six municipalities present, ten are needed for a quorum.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the January 18 meeting were approved as read. There were no minutes from the February 15 meeting. The weather was bad and there were only four municipalities present. No business meeting was conducted. John Orr from the Dauphin County Conservation District gave a presentation on the Gypsy Moth Spraying program. He discussed the difference between a control and a suppression program and the ways to fund the cost of spraying.

It was also noted that meeting minutes are posted on the COG website www.udcog.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance January 18	\$2,535.17
Receipts	3,090.36
Expenditures	567.64
Balance March 15	<u>\$5,057.89</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance January 18	\$5,116.73
Interest	34.21
Balance March 15	<u>\$5,150.94</u>

The Treasurer reported that dues had been received from all municipalities except Gratz Borough and Lykens Borough and that the bill for the website hosting for 2007 for \$97.89 had been paid.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS). Technical Committee meeting will be held April 13 at 9:00 a.m. and Coordinating Committee will be held April 27 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.

OLD BUSINESS

PENN-DOT Mandated Sign Upgrades

Mr. Dale Shoop, Roadmaster for Halifax Township, is spearheading this project. Forms listing the signs are being prepared for municipalities to inventory the signs they will need.

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

Committee members for Upper Dauphin County Clean Up Day - Claudia Maffei, Katharine Radomsky and Carl Slough were not present. Millersburg Borough reported that their Spring Clean Up Day has been set for April 21 and Halifax Township reported that theirs will be sometime in May.

Windmills

Nothing new to report on the windmills.

Amendment to By-Laws

We still need signed Resolutions from the following municipalities to approve the amendment to the By-Laws to change the number needed for a quorum from half to one-third:

<u>Boroughs</u>	<u>Townships</u>
Halifax	Mifflin
Williamstown	Wayne
	Wiconisco

A letter and blank resolution will be sent to these municipalities again, asking them to return it before the April 19 COG meeting.

COG members also discussed making an amendment to the By-Laws which would require a 2/3 approval to make an amendment to the By-Laws, rather than by each member municipality. A sample resolution will be presented at the April 19 meeting. Copies of the By-Laws will also be available to municipalities at April meeting.

Act 537

Nothing new to report.

Gypsy Moth Spraying

John Orr gave his presentation at the February 15 meeting. The biggest problem is how to fund this project. COG discussed the issue and agreed we need to keep informed on the status of this project. Robb Wentzel suggested that a possibility for funding by RC & D looked into.

Medic 6

Rob Wentzel, Treasurer for Medic 6, then gave an update on Medic 6. He is attending individual municipal meetings and also providing municipalities with audited financial information for Medic 6. They are also providing information to be included in municipal newsletters and local paper reporting on the calls and also the value of membership.

NEW BUSINESS

COG members then discussed the Central Pennsylvania Energy Consortium and benefits of purchasing energy/fuel etc. through such a group. It was agreed to look into the feasibility of purchasing diesel fuel through the Consortium. Jim Bullock was appointed to chair this project.

Jim Bullock then shared the experience Millersburg Borough has been having with parking meters and their need to be certified.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be April 19 at Gratz Borough.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

