

MINUTES

Thursday, April 19, 2007
Gratz Borough 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
Harry Shiro	Gratz Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Larry Shade	Gratz Borough
Tom Hepler	Gratz Borough
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Dale Shoop	Halifax Township
Carl Slough	Lykens Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Robb Wentzel	Medic 6
Sue Helm	104 th District Representative
Skip Memmi	Dauphin County Commissioners
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the March 15 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 March 15	\$5,057.89
Receipts	93.24
Expenditures	296.00
Balance April 19	<u>\$4,855.13</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance March 15	\$5,150.94
Interest	15.53
Balance April 19	<u>\$5,166.47</u>

The Treasurer reported that dues had been received from all municipalities except Lykens Borough and that a bill for the \$30.00 for two months of website maintenance had been paid. Millersburg Borough and Gratz Borough both declined accepting the \$15 for refreshments for hosting the COG meeting.

The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the Annual Report for the Harrisburg Area Transportation Study (HATS) was received.

OLD BUSINESS

PENN-DOT Mandated Sign Upgrades

Mr. Dale Shoop, Roadmaster for Halifax Township, who is spearheading this project reported that forms will be sent out to municipalities within the next few weeks for them to list the type and quantity of signs they are interested in purchasing. The group also discussed the bidding, purchase and billing of the signs.

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

Municipalities then discussed their planned clean up days, what they accept and the cost of funding the project. They also discussed problems associated with collecting some of the electronic items, tires, and hazardous waste.

Windmills

Upper Paxton Township had a controversial meeting on the windmills on Mahantango Mountain. At this time, there is not any control over the structures since no one has any resolutions in place or has addressed this item in their comprehensive plans.

Amendments to By-Laws

A letter was sent out to the five municipalities that had not submitted their resolution to amend the By-Laws to change the number needed for a quorum from half to one-third. We still need signed Resolutions from Halifax Borough, Wayne Township and Wiconisco Township.

A resolution for an amendment to the By-Laws which would require a 2/3 approval to make an amendment to the By-Laws, rather than by every member municipality was distributed to the group. It was agreed to send copies of this resolution to all municipal secretaries in the next mailing for the May meeting.

Copies of the By-Laws were also distributed to those present.

Act 537

COG members then discussed some of the requirements of Act 537, pumping of on site sewage systems. It was agreed to invite Tim Wagner from DEP to another COG meeting.

Gypsy Moth Spraying

Alan Loesch reported that he had talked to John Orr and at this time there are only 300 acres in upper Dauphin County that are scheduled for spraying this year. COG members then discussed the advantages of a suppression program rather than waiting until there is an infestation.

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. Rob also reported that they are applying for an AFG Grant for new equipment for Medic 6 and he urged everyone to contact Tim Holden and ask him for his support for this grant.

Pa. Energy Consortium

Jim Bullock who chaired this committee was not present. It was agreed that in order for this to be a feasible program we would need participating vendors in upper Dauphin County.

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office

It was agreed that we need to have a representative of the Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office attend a COG meeting and educate the COG members on how the monies they collect are distributed.

NEW BUSINESS

Representative Sue Helm reported that Route 209 from Lykens to Williamstown is scheduled to be resurfaced in July. She also reported that Thursday, April 26, will be a breakfast at Kevin's and that the Senior Expo will be held at Kevin's on October 12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be May 17 at Lykens Township Municipal Building.

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