

MINUTES

Thursday, September 20, 2007
Halifax 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
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Bonnie Lidle	Halifax Borough
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Carl Slough	Lykens Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Jim Bullock	Millersburg Borough
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Judy Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Shirley Shoop	Wayne Township
Paul Shoop	Wayne Township
Rob Wentzel	Medic 6
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the June 21 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Mrs. Bonnie Lidle, seconded by Mrs. Judy Snyder. (Unan.) It was also noted that meeting minutes are posted on the COG website www.udcog.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance June 21	\$4,524.47
Receipts	-0-
Expenditures	751.00
Balance September 20	<u>\$3,773.47</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance June 21	\$5,200.46
Interest	51.68
Balance September 20	<u>\$5,252.14</u>

The Treasurer's report was approved on a motion by Mr. Jim Bullock, seconded by Mr. Albert Morgan. (Unan.)

CORRESPONDENCE

- Information on courses was received from the PCCA (Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy)
- A copy of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Newsletter was received.
- A letter from HATS (Harrisburg Area Transportation Study). Their Technical Committee meeting will be held on October 5, at 9:00 a.m. and the Coordinating Committee meeting will be held October 19 at 9:00 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Board Room of Capital Area Transit offices, 902 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg.
- HATS also submitted new guidelines for review and selection of projects
- A letter was received from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development asking that any applications for the Award for Local Government Excellence be submitted by Friday, November 16.

OLD BUSINESS

It was agreed to place an ad in the paper for the Secretary-Treasurer's position. It was in last week as part of the September meeting notice, but COG members felt we should advertise it again, requesting that all resumes be sent in by October 12 so that they can be reviewed at the October 18 meeting.

PROJECTS

PENN-DOT Mandated Sign Upgrades

Mr. Dale Shoop, Roadmaster for Halifax Township, who is spearheading this project, has completed and distributed the forms for municipalities to list the type and quantity of signs they will need. He has received completed forms back from five municipalities. Municipalities are urged to have these forms completed and returned to Dale as soon as possible.

UCC Appeals Board

Mr. Carl Slough was appointed to replace Colton on this project. The people have been appointed and agreed to serve on the Board. 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). The next step is to have municipalities adopt a Resolution and have By-Laws adopted for the Appeals Board.

It was also agreed that we should invite Light Heigel to attend a meeting to update us on UCC and address issues and concerns of municipalities.

Windmills

Mr. Alan Loesch reported that the windmill project on Peters Mountain has been dropped because it is not economically feasible. Wayne Township reported they have one farm looking into erecting a windmill. Upper Paxton Township has just adopted a resolution regarding windmills. They will supply a copy to COG members for their information.

Recycling

Upper Dauphin County is still interested in having an area wide clean up day in spring 2008. The county has agreed to help coordinate this event. Claudia Maffei is spearheading this project.

Resolution – Meeting Quorum

The resolution to change the number of members present for a quorum from one half to one third has now been approved by every municipality except Halifax Borough. Mrs. Bonnie Lidle reported that Halifax Borough would like an explanation why this Resolution is necessary. The Secretary will send them a letter with an explanation.

Resolution – Amend the Amendments

The resolution to change the number of municipalities required to amend the amendments from 100% to 2/3 majority has been approved by all municipalities except Berrysburg Borough, Halifax Borough, Millersburg Borough, Jefferson Township, Lykens Township and Rush Township.

Medic 6

Rob Wentzel then gave an update on Medic 6. The 2008 membership drive as been mailed out. They have been approved for a \$9,000 DCED grant, but the \$180,000 grant has not been approved. They have also committed to purchasing a new vehicle for next summer and they are pursuing additional grants. They have received the 2006 Audit from Custer and Faust and they gave a copy to the COG.

Gypsy Moth Spraying

The deadline to sign up for spraying is October 1. The township's portion to pay will be \$8.50 an acre. This charge can be billed to the landowner. COG members discussed the need for a preventative program, rather than just spraying where the infestation is the worst.

Pa Energy Consortium

Jim Bullock is spearheading this project. He thought it would be helpful if we knew how many gallons of fuel we are talking about. The Secretary will send a form out to each municipality asking them to estimate how many gallons of gasoline, regular and on and off road diesel they use a year. They are also invited to include their fire and emergency vehicle use.

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office

Judy Snyder, who is spearheading this project, then reported she send a letter to the Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office on July 2 requesting a copy of their By-Laws and 2006 Audit, as well as a time and date for their 2007 Board meeting. She has had no response. She has also requested, on behalf of Upper Paxton Township where she is tax collector, a per capita list for the township. Again, she has had no response. Alan Loesch said he would stop in at the Tax Office, as President of COG, and request the information.

Shirley Radel reported that the Dauphin County Association of Township Officials will be holding their meeting on October 4 at the Halifax Ambulance Club fro 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Mr. David Blain, who addressed the COG on earned income tax, will be their guest speaker. Any COG members are invited to attend this meeting. Contact Shirley at 362-3505 by September 25. Cost is \$15.00 per person for dinner.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next COG meeting will be October 18 in the Halifax Township Municipal Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Shirley Radel, seconded by Mrs. Judy Snyder.