

MINUTES

Thursday, October 18, 2007
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 Vice President Norma Shearer with the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The following persons were in attendance:

John Windish	Dauphin Borough
Bonnie Lidle	Halifax Borough
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Linda Ruff	Halifax Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Paul Reitz	Mifflin Township
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Jim Bullock	Millersburg Borough
Judy Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Jim Watson	Washington Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Paul Shoop	Wayne Township
Rob Wentzel	Medic 6
John Orr	Dauphin Co. Conservation Dist.
Skip Memmi	Dauphin Co.
Linda Bechtel	Secretary-Treasurer

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the September 20 meeting were approved as read on a motion by Mr. Jim Watson, seconded by Mrs. Shirley Radel. (Unan.) It was also noted that meeting minutes are posted on the COG website www.udcog.org.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance September 20	\$3,773.47
Receipts	-0-
Expenditures	248.00
Balance October 18	<u>\$3,525.47</u>

Money Market CD:

Balance September 20	\$5,252.14
Interest	17.53
Balance October 18	<u>\$5,269.67</u>

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

A bill for \$164.00 from Penn National Insurance for General Liability Insurance was approved for payment on a motion by Mrs. Bonnie Lidle, seconded by Mrs. Judy Snyder. (Unan.)

CORRESPONDENCE

- Information on courses was received from the PCCA (Pennsylvania Construction Codes Academy)
- A letter was received from George Klaus at the South Central Assembly for Effective Governance. They will be holding a Conference on Intergovernmental Cooperation on January 31-February 1, 2008 at Harrisburg Area Community College's Wildwood Center in Harrisburg.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Paul Shoop then announced he had information on concerns for the land swap agreement in Stony Valley.

Mr. Skip Memmi, Deputy Director of the Dauphin County Office of Community and Economic Development then introduced himself and gave COG members his contact information. His office is a 2 South Second Street, Harrisburg. His phone number is (717) 783-6250, his fax number is (717) 257-1513 and his email is amemmi@dauphinc.org.

OLD BUSINESS

The position of COG Secretary-Treasurer was advertised in the Upper Dauphin Sentinel. Two phone calls were received by the Secretary requesting information and two resumes were received, Robyn Loesch and Stephanie McFadden. COG members reviewed the two resumes. Several COG members then spoke on the projects that Robyn Loesch has participated in with the COG and her past experience as a Secretary-Treasurer for Wayne Township. On a motion by Mr. Jim Watson, seconded by Mr. Joe Snyder, (Unan.) Robyn Loesch was selected to serve as the Sec. Treas. beginning in 2008.

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. 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

Upper Paxton Township will be providing the COG a copy of their Resolution on Windmills. This will be posted on the website for COG members info. Mr. Dale Shoop also reported that the trip to visit the windmills located off of 81 was cancelled. It was noted that PCN ran a program recently about windmills. The COG will try to obtain a copy of this tape for members to view for their information. It was also noted that the windmill project is a good example why the COG municipalities should begin regional planning.

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

All twenty-one member municipalities have now returned their signed resolutions to change the number of members present for a quorum from one half to one third. On a motion by Mr. Jim Watson, seconded by Mr. Albert Morgan, the COG officially adopted this resolution. (Unan.)

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, Jefferson Township, and Rush Township.

Medic 6

Rob Wentzel then gave an update on Medic 6. The 2008 membership drive has been mailed out. They have also paid off the mortgage on their building. They will be obtaining a new vehicle, and Rob also reported that they no longer do routine transports and doctor visits for the Manor at Millersburg.

Gypsy Moth Spraying

Mr. John Orr, Dauphin County Conservation District, then reported that they had 1,050 requests for spraying. The amount to be sprayed covers 11,237.62 acres. The largest area sprayed in previous years was around 8,000 acres. The cost of the spraying is \$190,000 (\$95,000 to be paid by the municipality/property owner and \$95,000 to be paid by the county.) John then gave a breakdown of acreage and cost to the municipalities present. The spraying should take place in early May 2008.

John also reported the County will be holding municipal workshops on Ag Security and Flood Plain Management for municipal officials.

Pa Energy Consortium

Mr. Jim Bullock the reported on the Pa. Energy Consortium. He said there is a one time fee of \$100 to join and that the COG could join as a group. Each municipality would not have to pay their own \$100 fee. They would all have to sign up and provide information to participate, but they could purchase under the COG umbrella.

The Secretary sent forms out to each municipality after the September meeting asking each municipality to estimate how many gallons of gasoline, regular and on and off road diesel they use a year. They were also invited to include their fire and emergency vehicle use. So far we have had responses from six municipalities. Please return your estimates as soon as possible so we can proceed with this project.

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office

Judy Snyder, who is spearheading this project, then reported she had received a copy of Corporate By Laws and an audit for the period to June 30, 2006 from the Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office. According to the By Laws they meet the third Wednesday of January at 10:00 a.m. Alan did stop in at the tax office and requested information and Shirley Radel reported on her conversation with the tax office. The COG still has questions on the collection and distribution of monies by the tax office. It was agreed that the school districts and municipalities need to work together to get these problems resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2010 Census was then discussed. Municipalities discussed the process of verifying the local update of census addresses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next COG meeting will be November 15 at the Upper Paxton Township Municipal Building. COG does not meet in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Jim Bullock, seconded by Mrs. Judy Snyder.

