MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday,
September 20, 2012
Lykens Borough Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Ron Hepner with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following persons were in attendance:

Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Margaret Peterson	Jefferson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Pam Crum	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Michael Ward	Berrysburg Borough
Christopher Blose	Halifax Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Carole Wertz	Lykens Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Rich Keeney	Mifflin Township
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Nancy Warfel	Wayne Township
Larry Smeltz	Millersburg Borough
Harold Smith	Williams Township
Lynn Zeller	Williams Township
Steve Boyer	Medic 6
Robb Wentzel	Lifeteam
Mike Hubler	Dauphin County Conservation District
Marty Sowers	Light-Heigel

There were eleven municipalities represented, seven are needed for a quorum.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Shirley Radel made a motion to approve, the minutes of the June 21, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Pam Crum. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance June 21, 2012	**$2103.60**
Expenditures June meeting	199.00
Expenditures July	199.00
Receipts	0
Balance Sept. 20, 2012	**$1705.60**

Money Market CD:

Balance June 21, 2012	**$3122.06**
Interest now paid quarterly (Halifax National Bank)	

Bills to be paid at the Sept 20, 2012 meeting

Robyn Loesch - Aug. and Sept.	$389.00
Robyn Loesch (stamps)	27.00
	$425.00

A motion to pay the bills was made by Margaret Peterson, seconded by Tom Billow. (Unan.)

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

GUEST SPEAKERS - Marty Sowers, Light – Heigel gave a presentation about UCC issue. Marty stressed that it is best to contact him as soon as possible if your municipality has any UCC complaints or problems. L& I is currently conducting a three year accessibility audit. L&I will select three commercial projects and do a complete file review. A follow-up letter is then sent to the municipality and Light-Heigel. This is a learning, and not an enforcement review; no changes need to be made to the completed structures. Some recent legislation impacts building permits; all permits and approvals extended under Act 46 are now extended until July 2, **2016.** There was a general discussion of ways to handle property owners beginning building projects without permits. Some municipalities have ordinances that include a higher permit fee for applications after the start of construction; this is not a penalty, but to cover the administrative costs of notices of violations and site visits. Ron Hepner asked if flood damaged property repairs required UCC inspection. Marty answered that UCC inspection is required only if there is structural damage or damage to the primary egress. Keith Crum asked how long after the final inspection, is the Certificate of Occupancy issued. Marty answered that they should be issued the same day, and the Municipality should be receiving a copy. In October, Light-Heigel will be starting a new automatic permit application that will send e-mail notifications to the municipalities. It was also noted that the SEO and UCC permits are totally independent processes.

CORRESPONDENCE – COG sent a letter of support to the Gaming Grant Board on behalf of Medic6/Community LifeTeam. They had applied for a grant for two new ambulances. Thanks to all of the COG municipalities who responded to the email requesting a vote for a consensus of COG support.

OLD BUSINESS

- EIT – Larry Smeltz gave an update from the last County (Dauphin County Tax Collection) Committee meeting. Next week, Keystone will begin the process of delinquent EIT collection. Atty. Confair had emailed the municipalities about the current problems with the turnover of data from Powell Rogers & Speaks to Keystone.
- Lykens and Tower City have similar EIT issues; as the previous collector, Centax, has gone out of business but not completed the municipal distributions.

PROJECTS –Radios – no new information,

NEW BUSINESS

- There was a general discussion about Right-to-Know requests for property tax information.
- There have been recent changes to the laws governing Small Games of Chance. These changes may affect local non-profit fundraisers.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

There was a general discussion about the possibility of municipalities coordinating/sharing the rental of large equipment such as street-sweepers and boom-mowers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be October 18, 2012. The May meeting will be held in Lykens Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 on a motion made by Shirley Radel, seconded by Pam Crum. Unan.