**MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG**

Thursday,
October 18, 2012
Lykens Township 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:

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| Ron Hepner | Upper Paxton Township |
| Alan Loesch | Jefferson Township |
| Keith Crum | Jefferson Township |
| Pam Crum | Jefferson Township |
| Robyn Loesch | Secretary-Treasurer |
| Robin Snyder | Berrysburg Borough |
| Herb Engle | Gratz Borough |
| Harry Shiro | Gratz Borough |
| Christopher Blose | Halifax Borough |
| Justin Hoover | Jackson Township |
| Trish Barder | Lykens Borough |
| Jeanette Crabb | Lykens Borough |
| Carole Wertz | Lykens Borough |
| Albert Morgan | Lykens Township |
| Ray Deppen | Lykens Township |
| Jean Deppen | Lykens Township |
| Ronald Kolva | Mifflin Township |
| Rich Keeney | Mifflin Township |
| Ron Koppenhaver | Rush Township |
| Bull Watson | Washington Township |
| Shirley Radel | Wayne Township |
| Nancy Warfel | Wayne Township |
| Steve Boyer | Medic 6 |
| Robb Wentzel | Lifeteam |
| Mike Hubler | Dauphin County Conservation District |
| Bob Christoff | Dauphin County Conservation District |
| Sue Helm | State Representative 104th District |

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

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Bull Watson made a motion to approve as amended, the minutes of the September 20, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Pam Crum. All in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Checking Account:

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| Balance Sept. 20, 2012 | **$1705.06** |
| Expenditures Sept. meeting | 425.00 |
| Receipts | 0 |
| Balance October 18, 2012 | **$1280.06** |

Money Market CD:

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

Bills to be paid at the Oct. 18, 2012 meeting

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| Robyn Loesch - October. | $199.00 |
| Robyn Loesch (stamps) | 9.00 |
| Millersburg Working Together (donation) | 50.00 |
| | **$258.00** |

A motion to pay the bills was made by Shirley Radel, seconded by Albert Morgan. (Unan.)

**PUBLIC COMMENT –** John Logan and Robb Wentzel talked about the upcoming LifeTeam/Medic 6 subscription drive. LifeTeam/Medic 6 has submitted a Gaming Grant application for computers that would give the EMT real-time access to patient records. Also, LifeTeam/Medic6 is looking into a pilot program for Paramedic visiting health services.

**GUEST SPEAKERS –**

Bob Christoff, Dauphin County Conservation District**,** discussed a proposed amendment to the municipal Act 167 (Stormwater) plans. Most local municipalities adopted the model County Stormwater Plan. An amendment was proposed to allow small additions of "impervious cover" to large lots. DCCD will be sending out a letter and the proposed amendment. The revisions to the Act 167 plans will have to go through the entire DEP Approval process, advertising, public hearings, and adoption process, and require input from a Watershed Plan Advisory Committee. DCCD will be requesting that the Municipalities appoint a representative to this advisory committee.

Mike Heubler, Dauphin County Conservation District**,** talked about changes to the E&S/conservation plan for plowing and tilling. There are changes to the current requirements for animal concentration areas and feedlots. DEP has updated the manure management manual to include anyone who produces manure or uses manure brought in from another source; they will be required to have a management plan. There are no size limits, one horse will require a plan.

The Little Wiconisco Watershed (Upper Paxton, Berrysburg, and Mifflin) has been put on the impaired waters list. This area will have to have a plan to meet TMDL requirements and have a conservation plan and manure management plan. These plans are based on agricultural usage. DCCD has a secured a grant to fund to provide DCCD technical services to help write these plans. DCCD will also have workshops to help local farmers in this watershed write their manure management plans. They are already contacting local farmers. The first public meeting will be on Oct 29th, 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the Berrysburg Community Center. In November, DCCD will start going out to each farm and visit and offer help. There is a goal to meet the new requirements by September 2013.

Sue Helm reported that the legislative session has just ended. Legislation had concentrated on job creation and school choice. The bill for more charter schools was defeated. Marcellus shale impact fee monies will soon start coming in to the Commonwealth. Sue has also been in contact with Pinnacle Health about a recent closing of the only doctor's office in Halifax. Pinnacle said that Halifax's population did not warrant a doctor's office; and it is difficult to staff because most offices are staffed by a group rather than a single physician. Sue was asked if there was any change to the municipal prevailing wage requirements; she said that there were no changes this session.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Millersburg Working Together sent a thank you for the COG donation made in memory of Larry Smeltz.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- EIT – No new information.

**PROJECTS –**Radios – no new information

**NEW BUSINESS**

- At the County Township Convention, Holly Fishel of PSATS discussed a recent court decision that invalidates joint UCC Board of Appeals. PSATS advice is challenging this decision, so their best advice is to keep in contact with your solicitors and perhaps wait until this issue is settled before making any changes. COG has a UCC appeals board.

**PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES –** There was a question about different methods and formulas to compensate the local tax collectors.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be November 15, 2012. The May meeting will be held in Berrysburg Borough.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 on a motion made by Ron Hepner, seconded by Justin Hoover. Unan.