MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday,
March 21, 2013
Gratz Borough

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

Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Dwight Davis	Gratz Borough
Harry Shiro	Gratz Borough
Christopher Blose	Halifax Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Rich Keeney	Mifflin Township
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
John Orr	Upper Paxton Township
Robb Wentzel	Community Life Team
Mike Hubler	Dauphin County Conservation District
Steve Boyer	Medic 6
John Logan	Medic 6
Keith Kepler	Dauphin County Solid Waste

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
Albert Morgan made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Ron Koppenhaver. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Checking Account:

Balance February 21, 2013	**$6681.99**
Expenditures February	1597.00
Receipts – Dues	
Balance March 21, 2013	**$5284.99**

Bills to be paid at the March 21, 2013 meeting

Robyn Loesch – Mar.	$199.00
Robyn Loesch, EMC dinner	67.45
	$266.45

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

CORRESPONDENCE
Tri-County Regional Planning will be holding a free seminar on the municipal impacts of gas exploration and drilling; April 23 from 3-5 p.m. and again from 7-9 p.m. at the Dauphin County Conservation District.

PSATS has sent a brochure about their new insurance programs; life, medical, dental. PSATS said that these programs may also be available to Boroughs.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Robb Wentzel asked about the COG sponsored EMC dinner. Alan Loesch reported that the meeting went very well. Alan noted that one interesting point, was that the municipalities might want to formalize advance contract prices with some of the vendors in their disaster resource manual. Steve Libhart, Director of Dauphin County EMA had come up and led the EMC meeting. Several topics were discussed including disaster declarations and chain-of-command issues. Some of the Fire Company members had wanted to be included, and this could be a goal of a future meeting. Steve Libhart offered to work with COG and possibly have the County host a larger meeting between EMA and the Fire Chiefs down at the Conservation District Building. The general COG consensus was that we should start with a regional meeting for the Upper Dauphin area.

GUEST SPEAKERS
Keith Kepler, Director, Dauphin County Solid Waste Management & Recycling gave an update about the changes and improvements that he has made to the local recycling bin program. There are increased pick-ups, some new personnel and two new trucks provide by DEP. There are now site inspectors that investigate dumping at the recycling sites. The County also sponsors the household hazardous waste pick-up program. This free program provides a six gallon capacity kit, call 1-800-449-7587 to schedule the curbside collection. Keith discussed the new Act 108, the covered device recycling act. All electronics must be recycled and not put out for waste haulers. There was a general discussion about holding local electronics recycling events, and the possibility of having a permanent location for electronics recycling in our area. Two of the major site requirements are a covered, locked storage area, and a forklift to load the County truck.

OLD BUSINESS

- PA State Police are looking for updated municipal contact information.
- EIT – no new information

PROJECTS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

- Millersburg Borough has asked if any other municipalities are interested in attending an LTAP course on regulatory signs
- The Federal Surplus program was discussed. There are many items available at the Harrisburg location.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES – NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be April 18, 2013 The meeting will be held at the Mifflin Township Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 on a motion made by Alan Loesch, seconded by Tom Billow. Unan.