MINUTES

Thursday, October 16, 2008
Lykens Township Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by President Alan Loesch with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following persons were in attendance:

Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Norma Shearer	Halifax Township
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Marty Sowers	Light-Heigel
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Ray Deppen	Lykens Township
Sean Grimm	Millersburg Borough
Charles Gallagher	Berrysburg Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Bonnie Lidle	Halifax Borough

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the September 18, 2008 meeting were approved as read, on a motion by Bonnie Lidle, seconded by Charles Gallagher. (Unan.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance September 18, 2008	$5213.11
Expenditures	$349.30
Balance October 16, 2008	**$4863.81**

Money Market CD:

Balance September 18, 2008	$2,924.83
Interest	$4.97
Balance October 16, 2008	**$2,929.80**

Bills to be paid at October meeting

Enders Technology	$15.00
Robyn Loesch	$199.00
US Postmaster	$42.00
	$256.00

The Treasurer's report and a motion to pay the bills was approved and on a motion by Ray Kissinger, seconded by Charles Gallagher.(Unan.)

CORRESPONDENCE – PCCA : courses available at the construction code academy
– HATS : meeting notice

PUBLIC COMMENTS –Berrysburg Fire Company is having a scrap metal recycling event on November 8th . Details of this event will be emailed to each municipality and posted on the COG website. Alan Loesch noted that the COG website can add links to each municipal website, so let us know if you want your municipality included. Millersburg Fire Company is having an Open House on 19th from 2 to 6 PM. Alan Loesch was contacted by the Sentinel and an article about COG will be in the Sentinel's mass mailing edition.

OLD BUSINESS

Outside Boilers Charles Gallagher said that Berrysburg has passed an outside boiler ordinance, and that they also have a inspection checklist. He talked to Sue Helm about having manufacturing standards for these outside boilers. He also contacted Sen. Holden's office but was referred to Washington. Berrysburg's outside boiler ordinance and a new model ordinance from DEP will be posted on the COG website. Outside boiler ordinances were also recently passed in Elizabethville and Millersburg.

PROJECTS

Recycling Robyn Loesch reported that we will plan on having another computer recycling event next spring. Carsonville Salvage Wreckers (362-9616) can be contacted about free removal of junk cars. One Stop recycling in Lykens was also mentioned as a local resource for metal recycling. Hazelton Automotive has a program where they bring temporary oil and battery recycling containers to a municipality; Robyn will contact Dale Shoop because he had also found an oil recycling vendor.

PENN-DOT Mandated Sign Upgrades

No report. Alan Loesch commented that as we are already considering next years' municipal budgets and that there is now an time extension on the required sign upgrades – we will probably just regroup and revisit this project next year.

UCC Appeals Board

Norma Shearer reported that although Jim Facinelli cannot serve on the UCC Appeals Board, Jack Shiley has said that he is willing to serve on the board. Norma led a discussion about setting the appeal fee. Marty Sowers commented that at least $1000 was usual in other areas. Ray Deppen said that Lykens Twp. had one zoning appeal go as high as $1300 and that the majority of the costs were attorney and stenographer's fees; they had only set their up-front fee at $600 and never recovered the rest of the appeals cost. Alan Loesch made a motion to set the UCC Appeal Board fee at $1500.00; motion seconded by Ray Deppen. (Unan.)

Medic 6 - No report

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office

Alan Loesch received an email from David Blain with an update on the Tax Office. At this point, it was agreed by all present that they will be waiting until after the audit before tackling the issue of the overpayment distribution issue.

Open Records Law

The Pennsylvania Office of Open Records will be holding a workshop on Nov. 12th at the Wayne Township Building. This workshop will be open to any interested party.

NEW BUSINESS

Sean Grimm wanted to ask why Medic 6 now only has one MICU in Elizabethville and Lykens Borough ; and that now a paramedic is going on BLS unit calls. He is concerned that this might create coverage problems. We will ask Robb Wentzel to come to the next COG meeting. It was discussed that Medic 6 had talked about having a COG representative on their board.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES – none

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be November 20. The meeting will be held in the Wayne Township Municipal Building. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. on a motion by Bonnie Lidle, seconded by Norma Shearer.