# MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, June 17, 2010
Jefferson Township, Carsonville Volunteer Fire Co. Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Alan Loesch with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following persons were in attendance:

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| Alan Loesch | Jefferson Township |
| Ron Hepner | Upper Paxton Township |
| Robyn Loesch | Secretary-Treasurer |
| Michael Ward | Berrysburg Borough |
| Tim Weaver | Berrysburg Borough |
| Albert Morgan | Lykens Township |
| Bonnie Lidle | Halifax Borough |
| Joe Snyder | Upper Paxton Township |
| Dory Kauffman | Washington Township |
| Mark Long | Gratz Borough |
| Trish Barder | Lykens Borough |
| Ron Koppenhaver | Rush Township |
| Larry Smeltz | Millersburg Borough |
| Gary Miller | Wayne Township |
| Lee Warfel | Wayne Township |
| Keith Crum | Jefferson Township |
| John Witmer | Carsonville Fire Company |
| Jeff Haste | Dauphin County Commissioner |

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

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the May 20, 2010 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Dory Kauffman, seconded by Albert Morgan. (Unan.)

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Checking Account:

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| Balance May 20, 2010 | **$3391.63** |
| Expenditures April meeting | $386.38 |
| Receipts - dues | 0 |
| Balance June 17, 2010 | **$3005.25** |

Money Market CD:

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| Balance June 17, 2010 | **$3035.15** |

Interest now paid quarterly (Halifax National Bank)

Bills to be paid at the June 17, 2010 meeting

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| Enders Technology | $19.95 |
| Robyn Loesch | $199.00 |
| US Postmaster | $44.00 |
| Carsonville Vol. Fire Co..– meeting | $15.00 |
| | **$ 277.95** |

A motion to pay the bills was made by Bonnie Lidle, seconded by Mark Long (Unan.)

**PUBLIC COMMENT –** None

**CORRESPONDENCE -** None

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Floodplain Ordinances –The final FEMA floodplain maps have not yet been sent to the municipalities. Municipalities should now be in the process of adopting a new updated floodplain ordinance. Both DCED and DCCD have developed model ordinances and are working with the municipalities.
- Road Bids. This year, there has been wide variation in roadwork bid prices to neighboring municipalities, and some municipalities did not have any bidders .Last month, COG sent out a vendor list so that bids can be mailed or emailed out directly to the vendors (after the bid has run in the newspaper); municipal secretaries were asked to send any other suggested bidders to add to this list. This has already helped some municipalities find bidders for their roadwork projects. Alan Loesch said that next January and February COG could work at coordinating the advertising of our road bids to hopefully get us the best price and bring more vendors to our area. Municipalities should also review their roadwork bid advertisements and contracts with the PennDot district engineer to make sure that all of their expectations and special provisions are met ( i.e. washed stone, curb cuts).
- There was a recent article on seal coating in the Township News, this information will be forwarded to the COG boroughs.
- Ron Hepner would like organize a LTAP road maintenance workshop seminar in our area.
- Several municipalities are still having issues with repeated calls from construction journal business that try to "fish" for additional information before sealed bid openings. These companies ask for "cost estimates" and information as to which vendors have picked up bid packets. According to the PennDot Liquid Fuel auditors, Secretaries should take the callers name and phone number and contact the Atty. General's Office about problems with this issue.
- PEMA – Several municipalities have already received a notice for their snowstorm reimbursement.
- Bulk electric - COG will try to find out if their are any bulk electric programs available for streetlights, and who will be responsible for streetlight maintenance if a third party electric vendor is utilized.

**GUEST -** County Commissioner Jeff Haste gave an overview of the County Recycling project. The recycling bins are a self funding project that is not funded by tax-payer dollars. The recycling fund is an escrow account that relies on revenues from the sale of recycled materials. Several municipalities are having problems with overflowing recycling bins. The County is looking into buying more bins and also reworking the bin pick up schedules. Alan Loesch asked if municipalities can call in when they have full bins. Jeff Haste said yes, and it was best to call in on Thursdays before the weekend pick- ups. The County electronic recycling center is also going to expand its hours to all Saturdays and Wednesday evenings; if we have a local electronic recycling event the County will send a truck up to our area for pick-up. Other recycling bin issues such as snow removal, security cameras and vandalism were discussed. Jeff Haste offered to come back to our next COG meeting and bring Kelly Wolf (Director, Dauphin County Dept. of Solid Waste Management & Recycling)

**PROJECTS**

EMS - no report

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office - no report

County EIT The County EIT Committee has sent out for quotes (RFPs) for a replacement county-wide EIT tax collection agency. The bids will be reviewed in July, and the selection of the new agency will be in August. A bank has been selected to handle the funding of the interim start-up costs.

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**NEW BUSINESS -** None

**PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES -** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be September 16, 2010. The Meeting will be held in Lykens Township, The Lykens Township Municipal Building is located at 2073 East Middle Rd. Lykens, PA 17048 - (in the new brown building)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 on a motion by Mark Long, seconded by Bonnie Lidle (Unan.)