MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, October 20, 2011
Upper Dauphin Human Services 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. The following persons were in attendance:

Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Margaret Peterson	Jefferson Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Michael Ward	Berrysburg Borough
Robin Snyder	Berrysburg Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Jim Watson	Washington Township
Mike Hubler	DCCD
Gil Hirschel	DCCD
Marty Sowers	Light-Heigel
Janine Park	Tri-County Regional Planning

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

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Mike Ward made a motion to approve as written, the minutes of the Sept. 15, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Jim Watson. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Checking Account:

Balance Sept 15, 2011	**$1735.97**
Expenditures Sept. meeting	218.95
Receipts	0
Balance October 20, 2011	**$1527.00**

Money Market CD:

Balance Oct. 19, 2011	**$3096.57**
Interest now paid quarterly (Halifax National Bank)	

Bills to be paid at the Oct. 20, 2011 meeting

Enders Technology	$19.95
Robyn Loesch	$199.00
Robyn Loesch (stamps)	15.84
	$234.79

A motion to pay the bills was made by Ray Kissinger, seconded by Joe Snyder. (Unan.)

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – Marty Sowers, gave an update about Light-Heigel's Building Code Department. There will be changes to the UCC fee schedule for 2012. Home construction for as been down in 2011, but housing starts for homes over 5,000 sq.ft. are increasing. Also, home additions have become very large.

CORRESPONDENCE - **None**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

GUEST SPEAKERS

- Gil Hirschel, DCCD, gave a presentation about understanding stormwater management. The slideshow highlighted Chapter102 regulations, and the basics of what the Municipalities must do to implement these regulations.

- Jeanine Park, Tri-County Planning, distributed handouts and discussed several TCRPC issues including the nomination of a local representative to the TCRPC Plan Development Northern Group (as Jim Bullock will be retiring). She asked that municipalities, that have not yet signed the MOU supporting Tri-County's Regional Growth Management Plan, contact her and sing on to the MOU. There will be a FEMA Community Rating System meeting on Thursday, October 27th at the Conservation District Office. On November 3, 10, & 17, there is a TCRPC sponsored course on zoning.

OLD BUSINESS

- Floodplain Ordinance – New map release date is now perhaps as late as March.
- Recycling – things have been made worse by the flood debris

PROJECTS – UDITO
Alan Loesch reported the latest issues with the UDITO and Powell, Rogers & Speaks. There was a general discussion about this issue.

NEW BUSINESS - The County EIT Committee is recommending that municipalities contact their local school district and request that they include your municipality in their efforts to solve problems related to the EIT collection transfer to Keystone and issues with Powell, Rodgers and Speaks, and the UDITO. Also, municipalities should agree to provide financial support, including reasonable payment for costs, based on percentage of aggregate tax collections.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be November 17, 2011. The meeting will be held in Gratz Borough. Ron Hepner will arrange for a guest speaker from PEMA..

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 on a motion made by Alan Loesch, seconded by Jim Watson. Unan.