

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, February 16, 2017
Hosted by Washington Township

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Christopher Blose. The following persons were in attendance:

Mike Ward	Berrysburg Borough
Robin Snyder	Berrysburg Borough
Christopher Blose	Halifax Borough
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Donna Sitlinger	Washington Township
Rick Stence	Washington Township
Ron Strohecker	Washington Township
Keith Heigel	Light-Heigel
Jerry Duke	Dauphin County Planning Coordinator
Ed Boito	DEP Local Government Liaison

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

MINUTES Ken Bechtel made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Trish Barder. All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account	\$1,198.85
Dues 2017	<u>+2,994.04</u>
Balance February 16, 2017	\$ 4,192.89

Bills to be paid at the February meeting

Robyn Loesch – Feb.	-199.00
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CORRESPONDENCE - DEP sent information that the PUC granted rate the utilities rate increases for the LED streetlights, which cuts into possible municipal savings for upgrading to LED streetlights. DEP also sent information about stormwater management grants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- NONE

GUEST SPEAKERS

Ed Boito, DEP Local Government Liaison, gave a presentation about DEP programs. DEP has programs for areas such as air quality, safe drinking water, Act 537 loans for septic repair, waste management, environmental clean-up and brown-fields. Act 537 loans are now available to homeowners that are tapping into municipal sewage lines for the first time. He discussed the progress made in the efforts to clean up the Chesapeake Bay. Keith Heigel joined the discussion about local problems, especially the difficulty in the municipalities obtaining GP permits. Keith Heigel will follow up with Ed Boito some of the details about local issues.

Jerry Duke, TCRP, gave a brief update about the revised comprehensive plan. They are working on the goals and objectives. The plan will be on-line and they will have focus groups. Also, he asked that everyone return their building permit survey. It was also noted that the 2020 Census will need all of the new municipal addresses

OLD BUSINESS

COSTARS has a vehicle fuel program that is available to the municipalities.

The group purchase of calcium chloride was discussed. The bulk purchase prices were not as good as we had hoped for. It is too late in the season, and this topic will be brought up next year.

PROJECTS – Local area recycling at Upper Paxton Township is still going well. The April recycling will be hosted and held at Gratz Borough.

NEW BUSINESS – The Conservation District sent notice of upcoming training courses for the Dirt & Gravel Roads Program. Most of the municipalities need to re-certify their flaggers. Justin Hoover will be contacted and we will work on setting up a training class.

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES – NONE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be on March 16th. The meeting will be hosted by Lykens Borough.

ADJOURNMENT

Ron Hepner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trish Barder. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.