

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, September 19, 2019
Hosted by Upper Paxton Township

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Chris Blose. The following persons were in attendance:

Christopher Blose	Halifax Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Carole Wertz	Lykens Borough
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Luanna Zimmerman	Upper Paxton Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
John Orr	Upper Paxton Township
Jane Lahr	Wayne Township
Glenn Stoneroad	Washington Township,
Sue Helm	State Representative 104 th
Logen Zigner	Sue Helm's Office
Cpl. Vicki Spencer	PSP-Lykens
Angela Gregg	US Census Bureau
Jeff Connelly	US Census Bureau
Jerry Duke	TCRP

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

MINUTES

Jeanette Crabb made a motion to accept the Minutes of the June 20, 2019 meeting, Seconded by Trish Barder. All in favor

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance June 2019	\$3310.21
July and August Bills	-398.00
Interest	<u>.31</u>
	3307.53

Bills to be paid at the Sept 2019 meeting 199.00

Jeanette Crabb made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for the September 19, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Trish Barder. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE – PSATS sent notice of requirements for CDL Supervisory training. This training is a Federal mandate.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Sue Helm said that the Legislature is back in session this week. She wanted everyone to meet Logen Zigner who is now at Sue's Millersburg office. Sue is on the House Committee to eliminate homelessness, and she asked about any local housing needs. She will also be contacting Rep. Tobash's office about the rough condition of Rt. 209 through Gratz.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Cpl. Spenser, from PSP, gave an update an update about local PSP activity for the period from August 1st to today. There have been 491 calls which include 117 criminal calls with 76 cleared, 83 criminal arrests, 27 crashes, 9 DUI,

301 citations, 131 warnings. In Upper Paxton Township alone, there were 11 crashes, 2DUI, 86 traffic stops and one drug overdose. PSP has also been conducting school safety checks for seatbelt.

Jeff Connelly, US Census Bureau, gave an update about the 2020 census. This is the 10 year census which determines representation in Congress, can result in redistricting at the State level, and determines the distribution of Federal grants. It is important to have a high participation rate in the Census. In 2010, Dauphin County had a 78% response rate. It is important to let the population know that the Census is safe, easy and important. There will be options for filling out the Census by using paper forms, or by telephone (toll-free), or on-line. They will be adding more public access computer facilities. Dauphin County has a Complete Count Committee to increase Census participation. The Census Bureau tries to hire local people as Census workers because they know the local population and area the best.

Gerry Duke, TCRP, said that they are also working with the Census Bureau Complete Count Committee and would like more representation from our upper Dauphin area. Jerry also discussed the Premier Project Awards which recognizes projects that meet the community, environmental and economic goals of the county's comprehensive plan. The award application period is now open. He is also working on the Dauphin County Stormwater plan. There are no MS4 designations in our area. DEP is now looking at nutrient load counts for water quality assessment. He also said that Millersburg Borough is working on a Comprehensive Plan.

OLD BUSINESS – Chris Blose asked Jeanette Crabb for an update about issues in Lykens Borough. She reported that George Connors, DCED, had contacted the Borough and explained some of the details of HUD rentals and the voucher program. Many properties in our area have cheaper rental costs than Harrisburg rentals. Also, HUD renters are made aware that there is no public transportation system in our area.

PROJECTS – Recycling. There was a long discussion about the recycling at UPT. John Orr reviewed the costs incurred by UPT for this program. He also had details about the usage by residents of all of the various local municipalities. Currently, the County sends one worker to the recycling events, and UPT provides two workers. UPT needs help for these events. It is not just a matter of cost, as their workers do not want to work on all of these weekends. It was decided that COG would contact the municipalities and have a sign-up sheet to schedule which month they will pick to provide two workers and run the recycling event.

NEW BUSINESS – The municipalities need to get certified for the Lanternfly Program. Dauphin County is now in the quarantine area.

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES – NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be at Lykens Township on October 17th.

ADJOURNMENT Ron Hepner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trish Barder. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.