MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday,
April 18, 2013
Mifflin Township 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 with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following persons were in attendance:

Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Deb Libby	Berrysburg Borough
Michael Ward	Berrysburg Borough
Skip Memmi	Dauphin County DCED
Christopher Blose	Halifax Borough
Justin Hoover	Jackson Township
Al Simmoneau	Jackson Township
Carol Wertz	Lykens Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Rich Keeney	Mifflin Township
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Ron Kolva	Mifflin Township
Wanda Hockenberry	Mifflin Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
John Orr	Upper Paxton Township
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Marty Sowers	Light-Heigel
Travis Enders	Cloud5 Solutions
Mike Hubler	Dauphin County Conservation District
Sue Helm	State Representative 104th District

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
Tom Billow made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Justin Hoover. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Bills to be paid at the April 18, 2013 meeting

Checking Account:

Balance March 21, 2013	**$5284.99**
Expenditures March	266.45
Bank charge	3.00
Receipts – Dues	220.08
Balance April 18, 2013	**$5235.62**
Robyn Loesch – Apr. meeting	$199.00

A motion to pay the bills was made by Albert Morgan, seconded by Justin Hoover. (Unan.)

CORRESPONDENCE Upper Dauphin Chamber of Commerce is soliciting dues and memberships.

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

GUEST SPEAKERS

Marty Sowers, Light Heigel. reviewed recent changes to ACT 46. These changes to Act 46 have extended all local and UCC permits until 2016.This does not extend Federal permits, such as NPDES permits. Most UCC permits are usually good for up to five years as long as there is some permit activity every 180 days. All of the open UCC permits are also now extended until 2016/ A municipality may still require an application for an extension of a local permit but they can't expire the permit. This Act was to alleviate hardship and stimulate building during the economic downturn.
There was a general discussion about permit applications from renters, and verifying building permit applications with the actual property owners.

Travis Enders, Cloud 5 Solutions, gave a presentation about municipal information technology. He discussed a wide range of topics. The new Open Records legislation increases the need for municipalities to establish policies for data backup, email and document retention. An offsite computer backup was recommended. Municipalities should also have a usage policy for their wireless connection. Many municipalities have found that their websites have cut down on direct mailing costs. Many are also using Twitter and having a Facebook page.

Sue Helm, handed out folders of information on all of the local PennDOT projects. PennDOT would like feedback from the municipalities on the possibility of a Turnback program for the Section of Powells Valley Road, from Mountain House Rd. to Lykens.

Skip Memmi. DCED, talked about the new Dauphin County Infrastructure Bank. The county is working with the PennDOT to provide $30 million over the next three years for low-interest loans for qualifying transportation projects, such as roads and bridges. Note that currently there are no loans for sewer and water projects, but the program may expand to cover these items in the future. The interest rate may be as low as ½ of a percent. There are application forms on the DCED website

OLD BUSINESS

- EIT – no new information

PROJECTS

- Recycling – municipalities that want to hold County pick-up, electronic recycling events will need to have an enclosed building to house the County collection boxes and a forklift.

NEW BUSINESS

- A sample road material bid form was distributed.
- The Sunbury Daily Item has expanded circulation into our area. The Patriot News is no longer a daily paper.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES – There was a general discussion about compensation and coverable expenses for the local Emergency Management Coordinator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be May 16,,2013 The meeting will be held at the Dauphin County Human Services Building on Route 209. TCRP will provide the Guest Speaker. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 on a motion made by Justin Hoover, seconded by Tom Billow. Unan.