

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, February 18, 2016
at Washington Township

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:

Robin Snyder	Berrysburg Borough
Michael Ward	Berrysburg Borough
Dwight Davis	Gratz Borough
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Trudy Paden	Millersburg Borough
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Ron Kolva	Mifflin Township
Rich Keeney	Mifflin Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Donna Sitlinger	Washington Township
Fred Shetterly	Washington Township
Cindy Stout	Washington Township
Leah Eppinger	TCRP
Bill Spocht	TCRP
Matt Stoneroad	Staff, Sen. Tobash Office, 125 th District

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

ELECTION OF 2016 OFFICERS

Ron Hepner was appointed Temporary Chair on a motion by Alan Loesch, seconded by Ron Koppenhaver; All in favor, unanimous. Ron asked for nominations for Chairman.

Mike Ward made a motion, seconded by Ron Koppenhaver to retain all of the current officers. All in favor, unanimous.

Ron Hepner will remain Chairman for 2016; Alan Loesch Vice-Chairman; Robyn Loesch Secretary/Treasurer.

PREVIOUS MEETING There was no quorum at the January meeting. There was a short review of what was discussed.

The 2015 finances were audited at the January meeting by Janette Crab and Trish Barder. Everthing was fine.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance January 21, 2016	\$2,647.21
Expenditures Jan. (no quorum)	987.61
DUES	<u>489.02</u>

Balance February 18, 2016 **\$2,148.62**

Bills to be paid at the February 18, 2016 meeting

Robyn Loesch –Feb.	199.00
Laudenslager for tax preparation	<u>25.00</u>
	224.00

Tom Billow made a motion, seconded by Dwight Davis to pay the bills. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE -

- Millersburg is hosting an LTAP class on Asphalt maintenance.
- PSATS has provided a list of codification vendors. Several municipalities previously used Keystate Publishing, which has closed.
- PSATS sent information of upcoming building code training.

PUBLIC COMMENT - Tom Billow wanted to thank Bob Crabb and Washington Township for helping Mifflin Township during the recent storm. Two of Mifflin's trucks were in for repairs. He also thanked Keith Crum for the information about alternative salt suppliers.

GUEST SPEAKER -

Leah Eppinger gave an update about Tri-County Regional Planning activities. Cumberland County has recently pulled out of TCRP, but all of Dauphin County services will remain unchanged. The 2015 TCRP report shows 125 plans were submitted in Dauphin County. This is similar to the 2014 sub-division level. In 2015, TCRP provided 716 man-hours in planning assistance to local Municipalities. It was noted that Berrysburg will soon be getting a Dollar General.

She reminded anyone applying for the next round of PA DCNR **C2P2** grants need to include a support letter from the County. Please contact TCRP before the April 4th cut-off date. The kick-off for the County Comprehensive Plan will begin this March with a survey. Leah mentioned the current transportation projects for freight and congestion management. In March, TCRP has educational training for zoning administration. The classes will be Tuesdays, March 8, 15, 22; cost is \$35. May 5th is the TCRP 2016 Annual Dinner & 50th Anniversary Celebration. It will be held at the Harrisburg County Club. There has been a staff change at TCRP, Larry Portzline is the new Communications Coordinator.

NEW BUSINESS

- Most of the municipalities have applied for preliminary PEMA/FEMA snowstorm disaster assistance.
- The possibility of a joint COG gaming grant application was discussed. The possibility of sharing a piece of equipment was discussed. Proposed items were a street sweeper, sign-post installer, and a leaf blower. No one has found a suitable piece of equipment to effectively blow leaves out of ditches/culverts.
- House Bill 1747 was discussed. This Bill would require municipal approval before the State could abandon and turn over a road to a municipality.
- There is the possibility of holding a flagger training class, if there is enough interest.
- The County recently held a Local Government Forum. One of the topics covered was a program to upgrade streetlights. It was also mentioned that the County had possible grant money available for new medical facilities. Sue Helm's office will be contacted for more information.

OLD BUSINESS

- The UDITO litigation – No update.

PROJECTS

- Recycling – Ron Hepner said that participation has been steady. Gratz has again volunteered to take over as the host municipality for the April recycling.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The March 17, 2065 meeting will be hosted by Gratz Borough. Berrysburg will host April's meeting. Mifflin will host the May meeting, June will be at Jefferson, and the September meeting will be at Upper Paxton/Ned Smith Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Ron Hepner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan Loesch. Meeting adjourned at 8:10.