

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, June 16, 2016
at Jefferson Township, Carsonville Volunteer Fire Company 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
Christopher Blöse	Halifax Borough
Justin Hoover	Jackson Township
Cathy Hoover	Jackson Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Rich Keeney	Mifflin Township
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Wanda Hockenberry	Mifflin Township
Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Ann Jackson	Millersburg Borough
Trudy Paden	Millersburg Borough
Joy Breach	Millersburg Borough
Benjamin Brown	Washington Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Nancy Warfel	Wayne Township
Donna Miller	Wayne Township
Glenn Miller	Wayne Township
Jim Shoop	Wayne Township
Jay Romig	Wayne Township
Tim Reardon	Dauphin County Planning Commission
Sue Helm	State Representative 104 th District
Keith Kepler	Dauphin County Recycling

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

MINUTES Tom Billow made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 2016 meeting and the summary of the May 2016 meeting. Seconded by Trudy Paden. All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account

Balance May 19, 2016 **\$3597.22**

Bills to be paid at the May & June meeting

Robyn Loesch –May.	199.00	
PSATS flagger course (reimb. To Robyn)		50.00
Robyn Loesch		<u>199.00</u>
		448.00

CORRESPONDENCE - NONE

OLD BUSINESS - NONE.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- NONE

GUEST SPEAKERS

Tim Reardon, Executive Director Tri-County Regional Planning, gave a review of some of the projects at TCRP. The Regional Connections program has taken over some of the smaller DCED projects and has \$100,000 for small transportation project. These grant program projects can be for non-construction projects, such as planning, and mapping, Local municipalities must make a 20% cash match, and applications are due by August 8th. Group, inter-municipal projects, will be considered. The Dauphin County Comprehensive Plan survey was closed at the end of May. The Upper Dauphin area was well represented in the survey with 13% of the respondents being from this area. In 2017, TCRP would like to start a “healthy communities” project that would encourage green-spaces and mixed-use areas, walkability, and access to healthy foods. In the more rural municipalities, it would encourage natural resource preservation and promote agriculture.

Keith Kepler, Director, Dauphin County Solid Waste Management & Recycling, talked about how the County recycling has changed over the years. Participation has increased while the prices for recyclables is way down. For example, as recent as three years ago, the County could sell glass to a recycler. Then the recycles would only take glass for free, and today it is difficult to find anyone that will even take glass. Currently glass is recycled in Hamburg. It was noted that glass can be mixed in with the regular household waste and that goes to the Harrisburg incinerator. Scrap metal that used to be worth seven cents per hundred pounds has dropped to four cents. The County collection bins are often overflowing on the Mondays after a holiday. The greatest problem has been cardboard. Businesses are often dumping their cardboard at the bins; these bins are not for commercial use. If the municipality find commercial dumping, please contact the County. The County electronic recycling has been very successful. However, the County recycler contract has a limit of 2.5 million pounds per year. The County asks if the municipalities would help out by confirming (by driver’s license) that people that drop off electronic recyclables are from Dauphin County. Also, it would help if the Municipal electronic recycling days could be spread out. It was noted that recyclers will not take stripped down TVs that have all of saleable items stripped out of them. Also the plastics recycling bins says #1 +2 only, plastic # 1-7 can be recycled. The County will be trying a pilot project, where all of the various types of bins are unloaded into one truck and taken as a “single stream” to a sorter-recycler. If this works, it will simplify the bin emptying schedule and help with overflow.

Sue Helm, State Representative 104th District, gave an update on recent legislation. The next State budget is due on June 30th and she is hopefully that they will make the deadline. The liquor bill has made some progress and is a compromise between the Governor’s and the Speaker’s positions. The pension reform bill was sent to the Senate; it only proposes changes for new employees. She also, brought us copies of the recent PennDOT project books.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a **general** discussion about municipalities having issues obtaining DEP permits to repair and replace pipes. The cost of these permits have become a serious problem for the municipalities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The September 16th meeting will be hosted by Upper Paxton Township at the Ned Smith Center.

ADJOURNMENT

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