

**MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG**

Thursday, January 19, 2023  
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 Vice President Chris Dietz. The following persons were in attendance:

Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Ann Jackson	Millersburg Borough
Alan Bowman	Millersburg Borough
Alexis Campisi	Millersburg Borough
Colby Snyder	Millersburg Borough
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Deb Everly	TCRP, & Jefferson Township
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Jeff Enders	Halifax Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Carole Wertz	Lykens Borough
Glenn Stoneroad	Washington Township
Jane Lahr	Wayne Township
John Orr	Upper Paxton Township
Matt Stoneroad	Representative Kerwin's office
Don Shutt	EMC
Frank Klinger	Halifax Ambulance
Brian Leiter	Williamstown EMS
Garrett Miller	Williamstown EMS
Candy Schade	Williamstown EMS
Barry Albertson	Lifeteam UMPC
Joel Hocking	Lifeteam
Steve Boyer	Lifeteam
David Roadcap	Millersburg EMS

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

**Election of Officers for 2023.**

Alan Loesch made a motion to keep the current slate of officers. Chris Diets, President; Alan Bowman, Vice President; Robyn Loesch, Secretary Treasurer. Seconded by Jeanette Crabb. All in favor and motion passed.

**MINUTES**

Ken Bechtel made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 15, 2022, meeting. Seconded by Janette Crabb. All were in favor.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Balance January 19, 2023	\$4082.99
Bills to be paid	
Robyn Loesch	\$199.00
Cloud5	\$390.61
Selective Insurance (estimate)	\$560.00

Carole Wertz mad a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Alan Loesch. All in favor.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- The PA Senate has passed Bill #114, amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in terms and courses of study, further providing for firefighter and emergency service training and establishing the Secondary Education Fire Training Pilot Program and the Fire Training Fund”
- Comcast has partnered with Dauphin County to expand local internet access in our area.
- **The Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System** has given too much toward some municipal retirement plans. There will be a claw back.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Matt Stoneroad said that Representative Kerwin will be having a local open house event on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**GUEST SPEAKER** - Jeff Enders, Director of Public Safety for Dauphin County, led a discussion about the local struggles to fund and staff our area EMS providers. He emphasized that missed calls by local EMS services are usually caused by their being called away to backfill other areas. Many of the EMS services in the entire county have lost employees. Colby Snyder Talked about how the EMT salary is too low and cannot support a family, He said that he would like to see a county-wide system. He said that a risk assessment needs to be done. Carole Wertz asked if there could be a county-wide project and Jeff Enders replied that it might not result in an optimal benefit for this area. He suggest that COG come together and identify some goals and ask the County to perform a study. Glen Stoneroad said that an ambulance is tied up for three hours on a call. He asked if it was possible to have a small local emergency room to stabilize patients. Jeff Enders said that this area does not have a population large enough to make that feasible. There was a discussion about EMS versus ES taxes. Chris Dietz asked if there was anything on the business side that we could help with. Don Shutt who is a member of the Emergency Health Service Federation, Advisory Council also felt that a study of local EMS services was a good idea. John Orr made a motion to have the COG President draft a letter to all the COG municipalities, expressing concern about local EMS services and for him to chair a committee to look into this issue. This letter should be run by the EMS services before it is distributed. Motion seconded by Glen Stoneroad and all in favor.

**OLD BUSINESS** – We are still looking for more members for the COG UCC appeals board. Trish Barder suggested Jim Stotelmeyer and Galen Lentz.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Trish Barder made a motion to keep the 2023 COG dues at the one-half price. Carole Wertz seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

**PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES** – NONE

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Wayne Township.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Jeanette Crabb made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carole Wertz. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.