

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, March 16, 2023
Hosted by Wayne 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
Alan Bowman	Millersburg Borough
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Keith Crum	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
Jay Romig	Wayne Township
John Orr	Upper Paxton Township
Bob Stoner	Upper Paxton Township
Jerry Duke	TCRP
Kyle Snyder	PA Broadband Development Authority

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

MINUTES

Ken Bechtel made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January, 19, 2023 meeting. Seconded by Jane Lahr. All were in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance March 16, 2023	\$3493.45
Bills to be paid	
Robyn Loesch	\$199.00
Selective Insurance (actual)	\$866.00
USPS	\$ 12.60
Receipts	
Interest	\$.05
Dues	<u>\$1419.68</u>
	\$3835.58

Jeanette Crabb mad a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Carol Wertz. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The Dauphin County Board of Elections sent a letter to the municipalities asking them to confirm positions on the May ballot.
- PennDOT is still working on some winter maintenance payments that have not yet been processed.
- There are several volunteers to join a COG committee to look at local EMS issues. Chris Dietz will be selecting members and setting a meeting date.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

GUEST SPEAKER - Kyle Snyder, PA Broadband Development Authority, gave a presentation about all of the different broadband programs. The PA Broadband Authority was signed into law in 2021 and is a part of DCED. There is a board of eleven members that is charged with distributing infrastructure money. Federal money is available from three different funds. There is a fund to expand the infrastructure; another to provide digital equity; and a fund to buildout the "middle mile". Each state received one hundred million dollars to bring internet to the unserved and underserved. Underserved is defined as areas that have slow internet speeds. Chris Dietz asked if there are any current local projects. Kyle said that the only current project is the Comcast partnership project with Dauphin County. John Orr said that there is a DCED meeting about broadband on April 12th. Kyle said that the current time frame is some money will become available this spring and the rest of the funds will be available in 2024.

Jerry Duke, TCRP, talked about the land development approval process. Currently, six Upper Dauphin municipalities do not have their own land development plans. These areas are under County approval and the County asks the municipalities for local concerns and comments. Jerry said the TCRP is there to also help the municipalities that have SALDOs. He offered to have a COG training exercise.

OLD BUSINESS –

Jeff Enders said that there were no changes in the local EMS coverage. Bob Stoner said that the anticipated Millersburg-Halifax ambulance merger seems to be faltering.

We are still looking for more members for the COG UCC appeals board. Several names were suggested.

NEW BUSINESS – NONE

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES – NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be on June 15th at Jefferson Township.

ADJOURNMENT. Carole Wertz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trish Barder. Meeting adjourned at 9:20