

**MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG**

Thursday, January 18, 2024  
Hosted by Williamstown EMS

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by 2023 President Chris Dietz. The following persons were in attendance:

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| Chris Dietz        | Millersburg Borough                        |
| Alan Bowman        | Millersburg Borough                        |
| Jessica Hoy        | Millersburg Borough                        |
| Colby Snyder       | Millersburg Borough                        |
| Alan Loesch        | Jefferson Township                         |
| Robyn Loesch       | Jefferson Township                         |
| Keith Crum         | Jefferson Township                         |
| Pam Crum           | Jefferson Township                         |
| Deb Everly         | Jefferson Township, TCRP                   |
| Carole Wertz       | Lykens Borough                             |
| Jeanette Crabb     | Lykens Borough                             |
| John Shetterly     | Mifflin Township                           |
| Bob Stoner         | Upper Paxton Township                      |
| Bob Coleman        | Upper Paxton Township                      |
| Rich Wiest         | Upper Paxton Township                      |
| Luanna Zimmerman   | Upper Paxton Township                      |
| Jane Lahr          | Wayne Township                             |
| Ron Pinchorski     | Wiconisco Township                         |
| Jeff Shuttlesworth | Williamstown Borough                       |
| Dane Williard      | Williamstown Borough                       |
| Ronald Paul        | Williams Township                          |
| Candy Schade       | Williamstown EMS                           |
| Beth Hern          | Williamstown EMS                           |
| Ivy Drum           | Williamstown EMS                           |
| Garrett Miller     | Williamstown EMS                           |
| Tim Hand           | Williamstown EMS                           |
| Adam Koppenhaver   | Williamstown EMS                           |
| Steve Boyer        | Lifeteam                                   |
| Eric Durham        | Lifeteam                                   |
| Barry Albertson    | Lifeteam                                   |
| Matthew Kratz      | EHFS                                       |
| Donald Shutt       | EMS Committee member                       |
| Matt Stoneroad     | Office of Rep. Kerwin, Washington Township |
| Jerry Duke         | DCPC/Tri-County Regional Planning          |

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

**ELECTION of 2024 OFFICERS** Alan Loesch made a motion, seconded by Jeanette Crabb to keep the current officers; Chris Diets, President; and Alan Bowman, Vice President. All in favor.  
Carole Wertz made a motion to keep Robyn Loesch as Secretary Treasurer. Seconded by Keith Crum and all in favor.

**MINUTES** - Pam Crum made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 18, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Jeanette Crabb. All in favor.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

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| Balance September 30, 2023 | \$3,868.80 |
| Robyn Loesch (Dec, Jan)    | -\$398.00  |
| Cloud 5 Solutions          | -\$579.00  |
| Custer & Faust             | -\$ 38.00  |

Interest                   .06

Balance Jan 2024 \$2,943.86

Bob Stoner made a motion to accept the Treasures report, seconded by Carole Wertz. All in favor.

Prior to the meeting the 2023 bank statements and invoices were audited by Carole Wertz, Jane Lahr and Luanna Zimmerman.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- PSATS has a website listing grants. Google - "PSATS Show Me the Money"

**COMMENTS - NONE**

**GUESTS**

Guest Speaker- New County Commissioner, Justin Douglas introduced himself to the municipal representatives and thanked them for their work. He discussed his background. As a new Commissioner, he talked about his interest in prison reform and prison staffing.

Guest Speaker - Bill Minsker talked about the America250 PA program. He reviewed the status of twenty-eight activities; twenty of which are organized and in the process of finalization. There are eight projects still in development. The first activity scheduled is an air show. He asked that the municipalities pass a resolution of support to be part of the celebration. He discussed the construction of a log cabin liberty tree planting, and time capsule in Detweiler park.

Guest Speaker – Jerry Duke, TCRP. The planning commission is working on their annual building report for housing and commercial projects. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the regional transportation plan will be on the TCRP website and available for your review. If any municipalities have any questions about their municipal land development and subdivision process, he will come to your municipality and work with you.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was a general discussion about 2024 dues. Carole Wertz made a motion, seconded by Alan Loesch to return COG dues to the pre-covid level of .18 per capita. All in favor.

Jane Lahr made a motion for COG to sign the EMS Memorandum of Understanding between COG and Upper Paxon Township. Seconded by Alan Loesch, all in favor.

So far, seven municipalities have returned their individual Municipal EMS Memorandums of Understanding.

There was an update about the Dauphin County Gaming Grant for the EMS study. There was a group hearing for the grant, and we may hear back about grant awards in March. The Request for Quotation for the study is being sent out.

Chris Dietz asked Matt Kratz, Emergency Health Services Federation about EMS response time trends in our area. Chris said that the EMS study will be defining and documenting our local options for EMS support and response times.

**PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES** Alan Loesch asked if other municipalities were still waiting for their State Winter Maintenance funds. Matt Stoner asked how the municipalities manage dead trees along roadways that are outside of the right-of-way. Alan Loesch answered that this is covered in the Township Code and landowners can be given 30 days notice to remove the tree themselves. After that the Township can remove the tree and may bill them if they have an ordinance in place.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting date, not yet decided.

**ADJOURNMENT** Carole Wertz made a motion to adjourn at 7:45. Seconded by Jane Lahr. All in favor