

## MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, September 14, 2022  
Hosted by Halifax 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
Deb Everly	TCRP, & Jefferson Township
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Glenn Stoneroad	Washington Township
Jane Lahr	Wayne Township
Bob Stoner	Upper Paxton Township
Steve Deck	TCRP
Matt Stoneroad	Representative Kerwin's office

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

**COG RESOLUTION** A resolution to change the number of meetings to four per year was passed by a majority of COG municipalities. Sixteen municipalities passed the resolution, fourteen were needed to meet the necessary 2/3 majority. We plan to meet in January, March, June, and October.

### **MINUTES**

There was a review of the June 2022 dinner meeting at Jefferson Township. There was not a quorum and there were no business decisions at the June meeting.

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

Balance August 30, 2022	\$4231.85
Bills to be paid	
Robyn Loesch	199.00

2022 dues were set at one half of previous year, as we did not meet very often (covid). So far, the 2022 dues has been paid by sixteen municipalities.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- American Recovery Act payments were received on September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Municipalities will have to pass a new tax waiver resolution because of changes to State Act 57.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS NONE**

### **GUEST SPEAKERS -**

**Steve Deck** – Executive Director of TCRP, talked about a possible Regional approach for the new stormwater regulations, He has been doing a tour of all of Dauphin OCounty to discuss the new WREP program to deal with

stormwater and flooding issues. Groups of municipalities can go after funding as a group. He discussed a Londonderry Township Conewago Creek trial project to meet MS4 requirements. This is a four-county plan which yielded sedimentation reduction credits for other municipalities. The new WREP program will have a \$500 per municipality buy-in cost. TCRP has sent out WREP agreements. There was a general discussion about possible local benefits and projects.

Deb Everly asked about broadband expansion in Upper Dauphin and if the State is developing a program and if TCRP has a regional taskforce on this issue.

**OLD BUSINESS – None**

**NEW BUSINESS** – Alan Loesch made a motion to appoint Raymond Urich to the COG UCC Board of Appeals. Jane Lahr seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Jane Lahr made a motion for Alan Bowman to fill the COG Vice-President position. Seconded by Alan Loesch and all were in favor.

**PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES** – John Orr has met with Commissioner Chad Saylor about the Millersburg and Halifax Ambulance Associations planned merger. There was a discussion about having a study of EMS services in our area.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be in January, location is not finalized.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Jane Lahr made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt Stoneroad. Meeting adjourned at 9:00.