MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, January 20, 2011
Halifax Township Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Alan Loesch with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following persons were in attendance:

Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Gary Miller	Wayne Township
Jim Watson	Washington Township
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Bonnie Lidle	Halifax Borough (non-voting)
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Robin Snyder	Berrysburg Borough
Michael Ward	Berrysburg Borough
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Michael Hubler	Dauphin County Conservation District

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – 2011

President Loesch asked for nominations for the office of President for 2011. Alan Loesch nominated Ron Hepner. Jim Watson seconded the motion. Ray Kissinger motioned that nominations for this office be now closed, seconded by Ken Bechtel. Both motions passed unanimously.

Alan Loesch then asked for nominations for the office of Vice-President for 2011. Shirley Radel nominated Alan Loesch. Ray Kissinger seconded the motion. Ken Bechtel motioned that nominations for this office be now closed, seconded by Gary Miller. Both motions passed unanimously.

A motion to reappoint Robyn Loesch as Secretary-Treasurer for 2011 was made by Ray Kissinger. Shirley Radel Kissinger seconded the motion. Ken Bechtel motioned that nominations for this office be now closed, seconded by Gary Miller. Both motions passed unanimously. Both motions passed unanimously. Salary will remain unchanged from 2010.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Shirley Radel made a motion to approve as written the minutes of the September 16, 2010 meeting; and the minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting Seconded by Alan Loesch. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance November 18, 2010	**$1845.70**
Expenditures November	$218.95
Expenditures December	$218.95
Receipts - dues	$790.02
Balance January 20, 2011	**$2197.82**

Money Market CD:

Balance October 30, 2010	**$3071.46**

Interest now paid quarterly (Halifax National Bank)

Bills to be paid at the November 18, 2010 meeting

Enders Technology	$19.95
Robyn Loesch	$199.00
Halifax Township – meeting - waived	0
	$ 218.95

Financial Report
The financial records for the COG for 2010 were audited before the start of this meeting by Ron Hepner and Shirley Radel. The following is a summary of the financial activity of the COG for 2009.

2010 AUDIT SUMMARY

2010 Beginning Balance (2813.06 CK ; 2,999.46 CD)			$5812.52
Receipts:			
Dues	3,601.50		
Interest CD		72.00	
			$3673.50
Expenditures:			
Website		324.30	
Salary of Sec-Treas		2388.00	
Hosting Meetings		15.00	
Tax Prep		25.00	
Postage & Supplies		44.00	
Liability Insurance		1290.00	
Attorney		691.00	
Supplies, printing		229.46	
			-$5006.76
2010 Ending Balance (1407.80 CK ; 3071.46 CD)			**$4479.26**

Jim Watson made a motion to accept the 2010 financial report, seconded by Mike Ward. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE HATS meeting schedule, Construction Code Academy, Clear Choice Energy.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mike Ward asked if anyone from this area goes to the HATS meetings. Ken Bechtel thought that Audrey Maul from the local Human Services did. Mike said that he is going to some of their meetings to see if there was anything that might be a benefit for his area.

GUEST SPEAKER – Mike Hubler, District Manager of the DCCD. Last October, Mike took over as district manager, after the retirement of John Orr. Mike has been with the district since 1989. On of his tasks/goals is to get out to more of the local community meetings. He has not made many changes since October, but has done some re-organization and eliminated the position of assistant district manager. Ron Hepner asked him about the possibility of new stormwater regulation coming from DEP; this is troubling because all of the local municipalities just had to update their Stormwater Ordinances to comply to County-wide changes. Mike said that more new regulations seem probable; for example the threshold for triggering a NPDES permit might be lowered to one acre of site disturbance. He also discussed the State reimbursement program for municipal stormwater enforcement; currently not funded as a line item in this year's legislative budget, but the possibility still exists for reimbursement. Mike was asked if the new FEMA floodplain maps are available; he answered that they are not out yet.

OLD BUSINESS

- Recycling - COG will contact with Kelly Wolf to see if there are any more meetings planned with the six local municipalities that have County recycling bins. Shirley Radel said that she copied the phone number from the bin site and call the County every time she sees that the Halifax bins are full. There was a question raised about whether the Halifax bin site is on Borough or Township properties, and they will look into this.

PROJECTS

County EIT - The EIT committee is working on the Berkheimer contract for Halifax School District and it's four municipalities. With the Halifax area dropping out of the UDITO, it will raise the audit costs for the other remaining municipalities and school districts that did not switch tax offices this year. Alan Loesch has heard from the auditors that the 2010 audit of the UDITO is not complete, as all of the information has not been provided by the UDITO. Also, the UDITO has taken on collecting the Millersburg local tax and the books were not separated; this will make it even more difficult and more expensive to audit. We will need to re-enter into audit contracts for the UDITO for 2011 and half of 2012.

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NEW BUSINESS

- The Humane Society has sent new contracts to the municipalities. The new contract has resolved most of the issues that were in the previous year's contracts, many municipalities were pleased with the changes.
- Mifflin Township is interested in joining the COG UCC Appeals Agreement. According to the rules of the current intermunicipal agreement. A majority of the twelve municipalities that currently use the Joint UCC Appeals Board need to agree to include Mifflin. Votes were obtained from the representatives of the following municipalities during the meeting; Gratz, Lykens Borough, Halifax Township, Upper Paxton, Jefferson, and Washington all voted Yes, to include Mifflin. Seven municipalities are needed, the other six not in attendance will be emailed for their vote.
- Potential Guest Speakers for 2011 meetings were discussed.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be on February 17, 2011. The Meeting will again be held in Washington Township. The Washington Township Municipal Building is located at*185 Manors Rd, Elizabethville, PA. 17023*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 on a motion made by Ray Kissinger, seconded by Shirley Radel. Unan.