MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, April 21, 2011
Jackson 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 Ron Hepner with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following persons were in attendance:

Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Thomas Billow	Mifflin Township
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Justin Hoover	Jackson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Pam Crum	Jefferson Township
Margaret Peterson	Jefferson Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Justin Challenger	Dauphin County Conservation District

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

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Alan Loesch made a motion to approve as corrected, the minutes of the March 17, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Justin Hoover. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:	Balance March 17, 2011	**$3281.86**
	Expenditures March	347.85
	Receipts – dues	260.68
	Balance April 21, 2011	**$3194.69**
Money Market CD:	Balance October 30, 2010	**$3071.46**
	Interest now paid quarterly (Halifax National Bank)	

Bills to be paid at the April 21, 2011 meeting

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

A motion to pay the bills was made by Shirley Radel, seconded by Ken Bechtel. (Unan.)

CORRESPONDENCE - Information from Unique Paving.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

GUEST SPEAKERS – Justin Challenger of the Dauphin County Conservation District gave a presentation about municipal responsibilities under the new Chapter102 Soil and Erosion control laws. Disturbances over 5000 sq. ft. will need a written E&S plan filed with the DCCD; this site disturbance can be from home construction, driveways, septic field installations, new lawns, topsoil piles, and even municipal road work. Properly owner disturbances over one acre requires a NPDES permit; Timber harvests and Municipal road maintenance over 25 acres requires a NPDES permit.

Also, under separate DEP chapter 105 regulations, municipalities may, in certain instances, need a DEP permit for replacing pipes.COG will contact DEP to see if they can provide more specific guidance.

OLD BUSINESS

- Recycling - COG has again contacted with Kelly Wolf about planning a meeting with the six local municipalities that have recycling bins. Kelly has contacted emailed these six municipalities.
- Floodplain Ordinance – Alan Loesch has been in contact with Bob Christoff at DCCD about some more questions about issues with the model ordinances.

PROJECTS

County EIT - Alan Loesch reported that County EIT Committee appointed a subcommittee to finalize the contract with Keystone. The local representative to this committee is Gary Shade from Halifax School District. In this new contract, the Dauphin County EIT monies will be held in a separate account and the municipalities will receive the interest. All of the payroll for the Commonwealth of PA comes out of Harrisburg, and will flow through our EIT collection agency and the resulting increase in bonding costs is still under negotiation. The municipalities in our area will see about a 50% decrease in EIT collection costs under the new 2012 Keystone contract.

UDITO – The 2010 audit of the Upper Dauphin Income Tax office is still not complete. The auditors have not been provided all of the required documentation to complete the audit.

NEW BUSINESS

- Flagging- Justin Hoover has taken the PennDOT “Train the Trainer” course. He has volunteered to hold a local flagger training course. A possible date was chosen, Saturday May 21. The training workshop will be held in Wayne Township and COG will provide lunch. Final details will be mailed to the municipal secretaries.
- Signs - at the recent PSATS convention it was discussed that there is proposed State legislation to repeal some of the new road sign requirements (mixed upper and lower case signs).

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be May 19, 2011. The Meeting will be held in Lykens Borough.. *The Lykens Borough Municipal Building is located at 200 Main Street, Lykens, PA 17048.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 on a motion made by Tom Billow, seconded by Justin Hoover. Unan.