MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, May 19, 2011
Lykens Borough 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
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Gary Miller	Wayne Township
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Bill Hart	Lykens Borough
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Thomas Billow	Mifflin Township
Ray Kissinger	Gratz Borough
Mark Long	Gratz Borough
Justin Hoover	Jackson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Pam Crum	Jefferson Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Larry Smeltz	Millersburg Borough
Elam Herr	PSATS
Michael Hubler	Dauphin County Conservation District

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

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Shirley Radel made a motion to approve as corrected, the minutes of the April 21, 2011 meeting. Seconded by Jeanette Crabb. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:	Balance April 21, 2011	**$3294.69**
	Expenditures April	218.95
	Receipts – dues	0
	Balance May 19, 2011	**$3075.74**
Money Market CD:	Balance October 30, 2010	**$3071.46**
	Interest now paid quarterly (Halifax National Bank)	

Bills to be paid at the May 19, 2011 meeting

Enders Technology	$19.95
Robyn Loesch	$199.00
Office Max	$154.57
Robyn Loesch (copies)	68.58
Lykens Borough – meeting - waived	
	$412.10

A motion to pay the bills was made by Gary Miller, seconded by Ray Kissinger. (Unan.)

CORRESPONDENCE - None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

GUEST SPEAKER– Elam Herr, Assistant Executive Director PSATS, gave a presentation about municipal rights and options for dealing with Marcellus Shale gas wells. He reviewed some of the recent court cases on this issue. Municipalities cannot ban oil and gas drilling. Municipalities have some rights of control under the Municipal Planning Code

and the Floodplain Management Act 147. This allows municipal zoning of some of these activities. PSATS has developed a Model Zoning Ordinance for Gas and Oil Exploration. This ordinance is available to the municipalities; however this Ordinance has not yet been litigated. Elam Herr also reviewed the PA Senate Bill 1100 that is currently under consideration (An Act amending Title 58 (Oil and Gas) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing a natural gas impact fee and providing for a model zoning ordinance).

OLD BUSINESS

- Flagging-. The training workshop will be held in Wayne Township on Saturday, May 21 at 9:00
- Recycling - Kelly Wolf has contacted the six municipalities that have County recycling bins, they will be having a meeting on May 24th .
- Floodplain Ordinance – We are all still waiting for the new Floodplain Maps.

PROJECTS – No Reports

NEW BUSINESS

- Composting – Ron Hepner had a recent discussion with Jim Watson about a previous proposal for an inter-municipal site for community composting. There are no municipal sites large enough for an inter-municipal effort. Ron will contact Waste Management to see if they are interested in helping with and hosting this project at their Rife Rd. location.
- Shirley Radel reviewed some of the problems municipalities have been having in obtaining from DEP the permits necessary to complete road certain road projects. After the recent flooding and heavy rains, several municipalities need DEP permits to repair stream erosion at roadways, stream bank restoration, and stream pipe replacements. Dauphin County Conservation District used to be able issue these permits, but now all of these permits come directly from DEP. (The local DCCD program to review these General Permits was de-funded)
  Shirley Radel made a motion, seconded by Justin Hoover; to have COG support to look into the possibility of DCCD partnering with DEP and having DCCD issue these DEP General Permits to the municipalities; a fee schedule for this permit work by DCCD would also need to be developed and approved. All in Favor.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be June 16, 2011. The Meeting will be held in Jefferson Township , at the Carsonville Volunteer Fire Company Building located at 3990 Powells Valley Rd. Halifax, Pa 17032.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 on a motion made by Janette Crabb, seconded by Albert Morgan. Unan.