MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday,
February 16, 2012
Washington Township Building

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

Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Margaret Peterson	Jefferson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Pam Crum	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Michael Ward	Berrysburg Borough
Robin Snyder	Berrysburg Borough
Dwight Davis	Gratz Borough
Herb Engle	Gratz Borough
Harry Shiro	Gratz Borough
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Justin Hoover	Jackson Township
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Rich Keeney	Mifflin Township
Thomas Billow	Mifflin Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Jim Watson	Washington Township
John Logan	Medic 6
Steve Boyer	Medic 6
Mike Hubler	Dauphin County Conservation District
Shannon Vallier	Dauphin County Human Services

There were 12 municipalities represented, seven are needed for a quorum.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Jim Watson made a motion to approve as written, the minutes of the January 19, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Justin Hoover. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance January 19, 2012	**$1691.75**
Expenditures Jan. meeting	554.33
Receipts	2521.86
Balance February 16, 2012	**$3659.28**

Money Market CD:

Balance Feb. 16, 2012	**$3113.60**
Interest now paid quarterly (Halifax National Bank)	

Bills to be paid at the February 16, 2012 meeting

Selective Insurance	$1292.00
Robyn Loesch	$199.00

A motion to pay the bills was made by Pam Crum, seconded by Albert Morgan. (Unan.)

GUEST SPEAKER
Shannon Vallier, presented an overview of the programs available through the Dauphin County Area on Aging. These programs are for anyone over age 60. Some services (such as in-home services) have income limits. Currently these limits are $2723 for singles and $3678 for couples. The Agency also provides a 24/7 contact point for elder abuse and neglect resources. There is a wide variety of programs; from Medicare counseling, energy assistance, legal assistance, to Meals-on-Wheels. Shannon provided resource reference materials that the COG members can take back to their municipalities. It was also discussed that maybe in the Fall, COG could sponsor a Medicare information seminar.

CORRESPONDENCE - **None**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

OLD BUSINESS

- Floodplain Ordinance – FEMA has sent notice of map approval with the effective date of August 2, 2012. At this point, the municipalities will begin the process of advertizing and adopting their local ordinances. Final adopted copies of the ordinances will be sent to Bob Christoff at DCCD.
- UDITO - There is no new information on the dissolution and audit of the tax office. The Upper Dauphin School district had asked its municipalities for a signed letter of agreement of proportional shared cost. Alan Loesch will be following up with the school district to see which proportional formula they are planning on using; the 2010 census data or the formula used by the County EIT Committee are both possible models.
- FEMA reimbursement. FEMA teams have been in the area and performing final site visits and approving damage applications.
- Congressional Redistricting – The latest news is that this area may still remain as one contiguous legislative district (the 104$^{th)}$, however this may be again changed. After a general discussion, it was agreed that as a COG, it has been to our advantage to be represented in the same district, and want to stay together. Chris Dietz made a motion, seconded by Mike Ward; to pre-approve any necessary correspondence on this re-districting issue in the name of UDCOG. All in favor.
- The Harrisburg Area Humane Society Contracts. Municipal rate was $250/year plus a deposit based on the actual number of dogs received from your municipality.

PROJECTS – None

NEW BUSINESS

- Equipment values – please check on insurance valuation of your used equipment. Over the past few years, some used equipment values have escalated rather than dropped.
- UCC - Washington Township had several contractor complaints about UCC inspections. After a general discussion, it was decided that any municipality that had an issue should gather the actual details of the complaint, and we should invite Marty Sowers to come to COG and address the concerns. Also, Lehigh Engineering had contacted several municipalities about providing UCC inspection service and would like to come and address COG.
- Radios – There was a discussion about what the municipalities are going to do about radios. At the end of this year, the band frequency that many of us are using will be phased out. Justin Hoover had information from K&C Communications, and he will be working on gathering more information. John Logan suggested that we do a COG survey of our local radio needs. The possibility of all of COG applying for a joint Gaming Grant for this radio upgrade was also discussed.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES
Two municipalities wanted recommendations for potential new municipal solicitors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be March 15th, 2012. The March meeting will be held in Halifax Township (not at Lykens Twp.). April will be in Mifflin, May in Jackson, June in Jefferson.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 on a motion made by Jim Watson, seconded by Justin Hoover. Unan.