MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday,
March 15, 2012
Halifax Township 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
Joe Snyder	Upper Paxton Township
Alan Loesch	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
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Rich Keeney	Mifflin Township
Gary Shadle	Elizabethville Borough
Russell Snyder,Jr	Elizabethville Borough
Christopher Blose	Halifax Borough
Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Gary Miller	Wayne Township
John Logan	Medic 6
Steve Boyer	Medic 6
Marty Sowers	Light-Heigel
Keith Heigel	Light Heigel
Chris Kaminski	Midland Asphalt
Sue Helm	Representative 104th District

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

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Mike Ward made a motion to approve as written, the minutes of the February 16 , 2012 meeting. Seconded by Robin Snyder Hoover. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance February 16, 2012	**$3659.24**
Expenditures Feb. meeting	1491.00
Receipts	542.36
Balance March 15, 2012	**$2710.60**

Money Market CD:

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

Bills to be paid at the March 15, 2012 meeting

Keith Laudenslager	$10.00
Robyn Loesch	$199.00
	$209.00

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

GUEST SPEAKERS

Chris Kaminski, Midland Asphalt, gave a short presentation on some of the specialty paving materials and processes available from Midland. Midland is the sister company of HRI. One of the newer products is FiberMat which is made up of an application of fiberglass strands between two layers of emulsion binder. This can be used over a cracked surface and then topped with an overlay of paving or sealcoat. This process is priced approximately between standard paving and sealcoat, and is State approved for rural roads. Other available process and products are cold in-place recycling, full depth reclamation, and ultra thin friction micro layer. Ultra thin processes are useful in areas that have curb, sewer grate issues or would otherwise need to be milled down.

Keith Heigel and Marty Sowers, Light-Heigel talked about their UCC services. They stressed that they want to work with the municipalities during the UCC process. They currently have six inspectors and strive to have consistency in their inspection requirements and a 24hr inspection turn-around time. Currently, most of the COG municipalities use Light-Heigel for their UCC administration. COG provides a UCC appeals board; however a formal appeal is a costly process. The general consensus was to recommend that the municipalities do not ignore any contractor complaints, but contact Marty Sowers for a second in-house review of the UCC inspection complaint. If asked, the inspectors will also provide the contractor any applicable code citation that were the basis for their decision. Keith Heigel said that he was also available to resolve any municipal UCC issues. Joe Snyder asked about concrete inspections; residential UCC inspection does not include material analysis.

CORRESPONDENCE

- The EPA has approximately $14.5 million dollars available for funding training and technical services for drinking water/wastewater systems. This information was sent to the municipal secretaries.
- State salt contract. The State will provide storage(for a fee) until December for under-ordered contract amounts. If any municipality has storage problems let COG know, and we will try to match you up with a neighboring municipality that has extra capacity.

PUBLIC COMMENT – John Logan and Steve Boyer talked about the County sponsored meeting about healthcare services in Northern Dauphin County. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012. 6:30 PM at Kevin's Place in Lykens.

OLD BUSINESS

- Floodplain Ordinance –many municipalities have already advertized to adopt. Ordinances need to be done by August.
- Congressional Redistricting – Sue Helm gave an update. At this time, they are still waiting for direction from the Reapportionment Commission, If there are any proposed changes to the 104th district, she will let us know. Last month, a letter was sent to the Reapportionment Commission from COG expressing our desire to stay together in one district. Sue Helm also reported that the House passed Voter ID legislation (challenges expected) and is still looking at privatization of liquor stores. Ron Hepner asked if there was any chance of changes to the current prevailing wage laws. Sue Helm said that there is probably not enough support any changes. PSATS does have a draft resolution for municipalities to lend support to this issue.

PROJECTS - Radios. COG contacted County EMA about having someone come to a COG meeting and answer questions about the new radio system. Stephen Libhart emailed that the County is planning on scheduling a User Meeting sometime in May or June and would prefer to have us wait for this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- UDITO – Alan Loesch gave an update of information form Atty.Confair. There has been no progress in getting audit information from Powell Rodgers and Speaks or Jeff Engle. Atty.Confair will be arranging meeting with the municipal solicitors. Municipalities should authorize their solicitors to participate.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be April 19th, 2012. in Mifflin Township , May in Jackson, June in Jefferson. September in Lykens Boro.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 on a motion made by Pam Crum, seconded by Chris Dietz. Unan.