MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday,
April 19, 2012
Mifflin 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
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Robin Snyder	Berrysburg Borough
Dwight Davis	Gratz Borough
Herb Engle	Gratz Borough
Harry Shiro	Gratz Borough
Christopher Blose	Halifax Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Rich Keeney	Mifflin Township
Thomas Billow	Mifflin Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Nancy Warfel	Wayne Township
Gary Miller	Wayne Township
Steve Boyer	Medic 6
Mike Hubler	Dauphin County Conservation District
Jason Confair	Attorney, Kegel, Kelin, Almy & Lord LLP.
Sue Helm	State Representative, 104th District

There were 10 municipalities represented, seven are needed for a quorum.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Gary Miller made a motion to approve as written, the minutes of the March 15, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Robin Snyder. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance March 15, 2012	**$2710.60**
Expenditures Jan. meeting	209.00
Receipts	211.20
Balance April 19, 2012	$2501.60

Money Market CD:

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

Bills to be paid at the April 19, 2012 meeting

Robyn Loesch	$199.00

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

GUEST SPEAKER

Jason Confair gave an update about issues with the Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office and Powell, Rodgers and Speaks. The school districts are keeping in touch with their municipalities as they try to resolve unanswered issues and questions.

CORRESPONDENCE - **None**

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

OLD BUSINESS

- FEMA reimbursement - At this point, only two local municipalities have heard about their reimbursements.
- Congressional Redistricting – Sue Helm gave an update about the proposed redistricting. The new plan does not have several Upper Dauphin municipalities in it. Mifflin, Berrysburg, and Gratz would become part of another district. Sue said that she will be sponsoring the trout rodeo again this year.
- Voter ID - At next week's primary, voters will be asked to show ID. The ID requirement is not yet mandatory and anyone not having ID will be given information on where and how to get a photo ID.

PROJECTS – Municipal Radios, still trying to find an expert. Steve Boyer will help us get in contact with John Barrabits.

NEW BUSINESS

- Worker Comp. Insurance exposures – The municipalities have to provide coverage for their local EMS. It is a good idea for the municipalities or their insurance agents to review this coverage with their EMS. Insurance coverage may require proof of actual membership, training, adherence to EMS by-laws, or state and federal regulations. Please discuss risk management with your insurance agent. Junior EMS volunteers also need to meet additional regulations. A copy of the Pennsylvania Junior Emergency Service Compliance Manual will be sent to the Municipal Secretaries.
- Paving and seal coat bids. COG will resend a vendor contact sheet. Ron Hepner also noted that the municipality can provide the stone for a sealcoat project and save at least 6%, because the municipality is tax exempt and can order stone through a COSTARS contract.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be May 17th, 2012. The May meeting will be held in Jackson Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 on a motion made by Shirley Radel, seconded by Albert Morgan. Unan.