MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday,
May 17, 2012
Jackson 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
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Margaret Peterson	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Michael Ward	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
Justin Hoover	Jackson Township
Larry Smeltz	Millersburg Borough
Jim Fisher	Middle Paxton Township
Julie Seeds	Middle Paxton Township
Steve Boyer	Medic 6
Mike Hubler	Dauphin County Conservation District
Skip Memmi	DCED/DCPC
Leah Perlman-Storch	Dauphin County Planning Commission

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

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Tom Billow made a motion to approve as amended, the minutes of the April 19, 2012 meeting. Seconded by Margaret Peterson. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:	
Balance April 19, 2012	**$2501.60**
Expenditures March meeting	199.00
Receipts	0
Balance May 17, 2012	**$2302.60**
Money Market CD:	
Balance Feb. 16, 2012	**$3113.60**
Interest now paid quarterly (Halifax National Bank)	

Bills to be paid at the May 17, 2012 meeting

Robyn Loesch	$199.00

A motion to pay the bills was made by Justin Hoover, seconded by Dwight Davis. (Unan.)

GUEST SPEAKER
Leah Perlman-Storch, Dauphin County Planning Commission, gave an overview of the Planning Commission. On the Commissions web-site, there is a link for the new grant program. These grants are available for projects dealing with growth, transportation, land use, agricultural security areas, feasibility and planning studies. Municipalities must have a current signed MOU with Tri-County Planning. There is also a 20% local match requirement. There was a question if there could be a joint municipal and DCCD application for the agricultural security program; this may be a possibility. Tri-County also has a model Marcellus Shale impact Fee Ordinance currently under review with the PUC.

CORRESPONDENCE - **None**

PUBLIC COMMENT – Steve Boyer reminded everyone that next week is national EMS week, a good time to say thanks to your local EMS.

OLD BUSINESS

- EIT – Skip Memmi said that the first quarter 2012 EIT should have been received from Keystone, and the municipalities should contact Keystone if they see any problems. Larry Smeltz said that he has seen problems with employers filing incorrect PSD codes. Shirley Radel said that you can contact Keystone and get and review your local employers list. Alan Loesch asked if all of the municipalities have signed the KKA&L engagement letter. Ron Hepner said that Williams Valley is not part of this agreement, but Tri-Valley school district has signed on to this engagement agreement.

PROJECTS – Justin Hoover has talked to Keystone Radios, it seems that depending on the exact frequency, some of our local radios may still work when the bandwidth changes occur. Keystone Radios have offered to come to a COG meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Sign machine –Shirley Radel made a motion to dispose of the old sign machine that is owned by COG, seconded by Alan Loesch, all in favor. Ron Hepner will make arrangements to have it removed from the Upper Paxton Township building.
- Keith Kepler is the new manager of County Solid Waste and recycling,. He will be invited to the June COG.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

- Berrysburg needed equipment for a road project. Upper Paxton is loaning its roller. Thanks to all for responding with project advice.
- Shirley Radel said the PennDOT is conducting road traffic counts, and that these counts can effect future liquid fuels payments.
- Ron Hepner said to carefully check your bills from the Humane society and make sure that the dog is from your area, pit bulls can cost several hundred dollars.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be June 21, 2012. The May meeting will be held in Jefferson Township.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 on a motion made by Tom Billow, seconded by Harry Shiro. Unan.