

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, April 16, 2015
At Gratz Borough

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:

Dwight Davis	Gratz Borough
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Rich Keeney	Mifflin Township
Ron Kolva	Mifflin Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Donna Sitlinger	Washington Township
Nancy Warfel	Wayne Township
Skip Memmi	DCED
Eric Naguski	District Manager, DCCD

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Nancy Warfel made a motion to approve the informal minutes from the March 19, 2015). Seconded by Trish Barder. All in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance March 19, 2015	\$4,068.81
Expenditures March.	1,088.60

Deposits – CDL class	<u>1,120.00</u>
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Balance April 16, 2015	\$4,100.21
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Bills to be paid at the April 16, 2015 meeting

Robyn Loesch – April	<u>199.00</u>
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Rich Keeney made a motion, seconded by Albert Morgan to pay the bills. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE - We had a call from a salesman about an alert system called Code Red. Skip Memmi said that Derry Township has used this system and to contact Jim Negley at Derry Township if you had questions about how it was working.

PUBLIC COMMENT – NONE

GUEST SPEAKER Eric Naguski, District Manager DCCD, gave an update about the Dirt & Gravel Road Program. The program has been expanded to include Low-Volume Roads. Statewide, the program has received a significant funding increase for 2015. Dauphin County will have \$100,000 for Dirt and Gravel and \$120,000 for Low Volume projects. Chris Hooper will be handling this program for the Conservation District. Each participating municipality must have a trained ESM that will be on-site during the project. There is another ESM training program coming up in May at Wilkes-Barre; and one in June at Williamsport.

The Low-Volume Rd. projects are not to just pave a road but to limit pollution; however repair paving over new pipes is allowed. The program has the same requirement (reducing stream pollution) as the current Dirt & Gravel Road Program. Unfortunately, when recent Prevailing Wage legislation was passed, these conservation programs were not included in the raised Prevailing Wage limits. An engineering traffic count is required for Low-Volume Road applications, using a level II automatic counter. Ten percent of your application can be for engineering costs.

Skip Memmi talked about the County Infrastructure Bank program for capital improvements.

OLD BUSINESS

- The UDITO litigation is still moving forward.
- Regional Police. –Ron Hepner talked to Randy Cove (COG representative to the committee) and he doesn't see much happening in the upper end of the county. Skip Memmi said that Penbrook has contracted with Swatara for police services; which will save them three to five hundred thousand dollars a year.

NEW BUSINESS

Information was distributed about some of the CDL (commercial drivers license) and CMV (commercial motor vehicle) paperwork requirements for repair, maintenance and inspection records. This information is available from PSATS.

PROJECTS

- Recycling –The latest event was hosted by Gratz, and was well attended. They collected three truckloads of recyclables. At the Upper Paxton Township clean-up day, there were five truckloads of electronic recyclables collected.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - There are some issues with people dumping old tires. COG will look for a low cost recycler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May 21, 2015 meeting will be at Mifflin Township, June will be at Jefferson, and the September meeting will be at Upper Paxton/Ned Smith Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Ron Hepner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alan Loesch. Meeting adjourned at 9:15.