

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, April 21 2016
At Berrysburg 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:

Robin Snyder	Berrysburg Borough
Michael Ward	Berrysburg Borough
Dwight Davis	Gratz Borough
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Trudy Paden	Millersburg Borough
Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Ron Kolva	Mifflin Township
Rich Keeney	Mifflin Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Donna Sitlinger	Washington Township
Mike Tobash	125 th Legislative District

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING Tom Billow made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2016, as written. Seconded by Albert Morgan. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance March 17, 2016	\$5,050.70
Expenditures March.	1505.00
DUES	51.52

Balance April 21, 2016 **\$3597.22**

Bills to be paid at the April 21, 2016 meeting

Robyn Loesch – Apr. 199.00

Donna Sitlinger made a motion, seconded by Ron Kolva to pay the bills. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE -

- PennDOT sent us a listing of who is responsible for which signs on the State Roads in our municipalities. The municipalities are responsible for most of these signs.
- Unique Paving sent product information. One product of possible interest was Kold-flo crack seal. There was a general discussion about sealing methods. Mifflin, Jordan and Lykens Townships joined together and are having work done by SealMaster. Elizabethville Borough has purchased a Kold-flo dispenser. We will look into possibly getting Unique Paving to come to a future COG meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT -

- Tom Billow asked if any of the other municipalities had received information about a class-action suit about bond derivative transactions.

GUEST SPEAKER - State Representative Mike Tobash discussed recent legislation. He discussed the recent budget battle impasse. Although the Governor recently signed for the spending amount, he vetoed the fiscal code portion. Rep. Tobash reviewed his efforts to get the budget under control, and efforts to revise the State pension program. As it stands now, the current the defined pension benefit program is growing at an unsustainable cost. He feels that the legislature has to look at solutions such as 401K programs like those in the private sector. He also discussed the prevailing wage issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- NONE

OLD BUSINESS

- Alan Loesch attended the recent UDITO hearing. The judge is now considering the outcome. There have been some recent developments; supervisors and council members should contact their municipal solicitors for an update, and to give their input into the ongoing process.
- No new information on House Bill 1747. Tom Billow commented that he learned that the State can only abandon a road when they have provided a new by-pass for traffic..

PROJECTS

- Recycling – Ron Hepner talked to Dwight Davis and Gratz collected four truckloads at the last recycling event.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The May 19th meeting will be hosted by 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 8: 30.