

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, January 19, 2017
Hosted by Halifax Township

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Ron Hepner. The following persons were in attendance:

Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Mike Ward	Berrysburg Borough
Christopher Blose	Halifax Borough
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Wendy Wentzel	Halifax Township
Corey Stazewski	Halifax Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Pam Crum	Jefferson Township
Carole Wertz	Lykens Borough
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Ron Kolva	Mifflin Township
Rich Keeney	Mifflin Township
Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Jim Shoop	Wayne Township
Nancy Warfel	Wayne Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Jerry Feaser	Dauphin County Bureau of Elections
Taryll Roach	Dauphin County Bureau of Elections

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

ELECTION OF 2017 OFFICERS

Robyn Loesch, Temporary Chair, asked for nominations for Chairman.

Ron Hepner nominated Chris Blose for Chairman, seconded by Alan Loesch. Shirley Radel made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman, seconded by Mike Ward. All in favor of Chris Blose as Chairman, Unanimous.

Alan Loesch nominated Chris Dietz for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Trish Barder. Ken Bechtel made a motion to close the nominations for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Trish Barder. All in favor of Chris Dietz as Vice-Chairman, Unanimous.

Chris Blose made a motion, seconded by Trish Barder, to appoint Robyn Loesch as 2017 Secretary/Treasurer. Ron Hepner made a motion to close the nominations for Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Trish Barder. All in favor of Robyn Loesch as Secretary Treasurer, Unanimous.

MINUTES Shirley Radel made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 17 2016, meeting. Seconded by Ron Hepner. All in favor. Shirley commented that at that meeting it was very difficult to hear the guest speakers because they did not stand up and talk out to the audience.

TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account

Balance January 19, 2017	\$2154.22
Dues 2016	+32.24
Bills to be paid at the January meeting	
Cloud 5	-390.61
Robyn Loesch –Nov, Dec.& Jan.	-597.00

CORRESPONDENCE - DEP sent a notice that grants are available for municipal stormwater projects. COSTARS sent information on their State fleet gas program that allows municipalities to use the state WEX program. This information will be emailed out to the municipal secretaries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- NONE

GUEST SPEAKERS Jerry Feaser, Director of the Bureau of Elections and Voter Registration, talked about the upcoming 2017 municipal primary. The County will be holding some special election bureau hours at the Upper Dauphin County Building to facilitate the primary petition process. He reviewed the process to get on the ballot and discussed how to fill out and file the petition form.

OLD BUSINESS

We hope to schedule the DEP municipal liaison to come to the next COG meeting. Ron Hepner reported that Keystone Collections has a record collection year for Dauphin County (over 100 Million dollars). Collections have been going smoothly and they are seen as a model for the rest of the state.

PROJECTS – Local area recycling at Upper Paxton Township is still going well. Ron Hepner asked if other municipalities could come and help. Millersburg Borough volunteered to send two workers.

NEW BUSINESS – The 2017-2018 COSTAR salt contracts are due soon. Keith Crum asked if any of the municipalities have had any issues with the fine textured salt that we are getting from American Rock Salt. Upper Paxton Township said that it didn't seem to work as well as the salt with larger crystals. Corey Stazewski will look into prices on a bulk calcium chloride purchase that could be shared by the COG members. The State is using it in all their salt mixes as it is effective to a much lower temperature.

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES – Mike Ward asked about noise ordinances. Upper Paxton Township has one that they can look at. PSATS or the Borough association is also a good source for model ordinances. There was also a discussion about LED streetlights. COG will try to find a contact at PP&L to get more information. We will also contact Sue Helms office about the recent local changes to Frontier service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be on February 16th meeting will be hosted by Washington Township.

ADJOURNMENT

Trish Barder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Nancy Warfel. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.