

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, September 21, 2017
Hosted by Upper Paxton Township

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

Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Benjamin Brown	Washington Township
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Debbie Everly	Jefferson Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Rich Keeney	Mifflin Township
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Sue Helm	State Representative 104 th
Taryll Roach	Dauphin County Elections
Katie Bower	Dauphin County Elections

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

MINUTES

Tom Billow made a motion to accept the minutes (as corrected) of the June 15, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Alan Loesch. All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account June 2017	\$2344.73
June Bills	<u>-229.73</u>
Balance September 2017	\$2115.00

Bills to be paid at the September meeting

Robyn Loesch – July, August, September 597.00

CORRESPONDENCE – Senator Barletta sent another letter to COG stating his support for Community Development Block Grants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Alan Loesch thanked Upper Paxton Township for hosting the recent Stormwater Management Workshop. The workshop was well attended and very informative. Light-Heigel, HRG and DCCD made the presentation.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Deb Everly is a resident of Jefferson Township and is a candidate for the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Her resume was sent out to the municipal offices. She has experience on several planning endeavors. She has led the Jefferson Township Comprehensive Plan, worked on the five-municipality Regional Comprehensive Plan, been on the TCRP SALDO Committee, and served the Steering Committee created by the Dauphin County Planning

Commission to update the County Comprehensive Plan. She would like COG's support to represent our region on TCRPC. She hopes to be able to come to future COG meetings and give us updates. Ron Hepner made a motion, seconded by Alan Loesch to have COG recommend Deb Everly as the regional representative to TCRPC. All in Favor. A letter from COG will be sent to TCRP nominating Deb Everly as our regional Representative

Sue Helm – gave an update about the State Budget. The House has sent the Budget two times to the Senate, but it has not passed. Sue has had a meeting with PennDOT and HATS about a by-pass for 147 in Halifax Borough. There have been no new developments in the State Police funding issue. Chris Dietz asked a question about the impact of the proposed HB 453 (fund transfer to support the budget). Sue Helm said that this was a proposed temporary measure and that funding should be restored before there was any impact.

Taryll Roach and Katie Bower, from the Dauphin County Office of Elections & Voter Registration, gave a presentation about the upcoming election cycle. They passed out copies of our local sample ballots. After the November election their office will be mailing copies of the certificates of elections to the local municipal offices. Hopefully, we should receive these by Thanksgiving. If you do not receive them, please call their office. In early 2018, Jerry Feaser will be sending us a list of local elected and appointed officials for us to review. Next year's primary is on May 15, 2018, followed by the November 6, 2018 election. Taryll and Katie had lists of the election deadline dates and absentee and voter registration forms. Sue Helm discussed the questions that are on this November's ballot. One is the proposed Constitutional amendment for the Homestead Tax Assessment exclusion; and there are three questions about the retention of court Justices.

OLD BUSINESS

Not very many people have updated their municipal emergency contact information. A request for an update will be put in with the annual dues mailing.

PROJECTS –Upper Paxton Township had another one and a half truckloads of recyclables at their recent event. Unfortunately, the recycling program forklift needed \$2,000 in repairs to rebuild the cylinders. After a general discussion, it was agreed to send out a letter asking for COG donations to this repair, as this program benefits all of us.

NEW BUSINESS – There was a general discussion about upcoming State Legislation.

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES – Tom Billow asked if any other municipalities are having problems with garbage dumping. Mifflin Township found garbage from Hazelton dumped over the side of the mountain; the State Police were contacted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be on October 19th. Lykens Township will host the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Billow made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Kolva. Meeting adjourned at 8:33.