

**MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG**

Thursday, May 17, 2018  
Hosted by Lykens Borough

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

Christopher Blöse	Halifax Borough
Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Carole Wertz	Lykens Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Deb Everly	TCRP, & Jefferson Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Debra Kish	Mifflin Township
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Matthew Stoneroad	Representative Tobash’s Office

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

**MINUTES**

Chris Dietz made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Ken Bechtel. All in favor.

**TREASURERS REPORT**

Checking Account April 2018	\$3,432.69
Interest	.27
April Bills	<u>-219.00</u>
Balance May 2018	\$3,213.96

Bills to be paid at the May meeting

Robyn Loesch – May	199.00
--------------------	--------

Keith Crum made a motion to pay the bills and approve the Treasures Report. Seconded by Ron Kolva. All in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE –**

- Dauphin County has notified municipalities with deficient bridges that the County will be sponsoring a “Bridge Bundle” program for repairs. The County will be contributing 40% of the repair costs and the municipalities can also apply for Infrastructure Bank loans.
- Matt Stoneroad had some more information about the USDA grants for projects that address the growing opioid crisis. According to our local State Police, there is a growing problem in our area. Upper Dauphin Human Services will be asked for their input.
- PennDOT will only be having one municipal auction this year. It will be in the summer and replace the spring and fall auctions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONEs.**

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

**Jeanette Crabb** gave a short update about a recent PSAB Right-to-Know seminar that she attended. There have not been any major recent changes to the RTK laws. However, the municipalities have to be extremely careful when answering RTK requests. Some companies have been “asking just to ask” and are looking for non-compliant municipalities. Also, a majority of request from companies are now looking for only electronic copies, because they do not want to pay for any paper copies. (NOTE; a municipality can charge for a copy, if a copy has to be made in order to redact an electronically stored copy). There is pending legislation to add criminal penalties for a RTK officer intentionally not producing records.

There was also a short discussion about Ethics Form requirements. If a municipal official has rental properties, you must list the renters who you receive money from. Also, never backdate a missing ethics form, or backdate one that you are submitting as a revision. If backdated forms are found during an Auditor General’s audit, you will be fined.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Sign inventories. Alan Loesch mentioned that the Municipalities need to have a stop-sign ordinance in place, to make them enforceable. Also, Jefferson Township now has a small gas-powered signpost drive.

**PROJECTS** –Ron Hepner said that Keith Kepler has sent a new list if what is acceptable for recycling. The County will no longer take air conditioners, microwaves, or gutted TVs. Deb Everly said that the are now recycling glass in the Harrisburg area, and asked if the County will be recycling glass again in our area.

**NEW BUSINESS** – At a previous meeting, Chris Blose had brought up the need to update our emergency contact information. We need to work on this project.

**PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES** – There was a general discussion about yard waste. The local trash haulers are no longer taking any bags with grass and branches in them. Most municipalities do not have any yard waste recycling programs. Local compost companies will not take grass clippings because of the chemicals.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be on June 21<sup>st</sup>. **NOTE: MEETING MOVED TO MILLERSBURG BOROUGH.**

**ADJOURNMENT** Jeanette Crabb made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trish Barder. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.