

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, October 18, 2018
Hosted by Lykens Township

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
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Deb Goudy	Elizabethville Borough
Peggy Kahler	Elizabethville Borough
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Donna Sitlinger	Washington Township
Bob Crabb	Washington Township
Amy Hoffman	Lykens Township
Celin Sitlinger	Lykens Township
Jean Deppen	Lykens Township
Ray Deppen	Lykens Township
Marty Sowers	Light-Heigel
Steve Deck	Director, TCRP
Jerry Duke	TCRP

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

MINUTES

Jeanette Crabb made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 20, 2018 meeting, Seconded by Trish Barder. All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance Sept 20 2018	\$ 2617.37
Sec/Treas. Aug & Sept	-398.00
Interest	.08
Balance Sept 20, 2018	\$ 2,219.45

Bills to be paid at the October meeting
Robyn Loesch October 199.00

Ron Hepner made a motion to accept the treasurers report for the October 18, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Albert Morgan. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Dauphin County 911 is sending information about the upcoming improvements and changes to the 911 system
- There are several municipalities that have overdue Emergency Management paperwork for the County. These need to be up-to-date to qualify for disaster funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

GUEST SPEAKER

Marty Sower, Light-Heigel, gave an update about changes to the UCC code. The last code revision was in 2009. The new code updates began on October 1st. If a municipality has dated plans or a signed contract, they can be reviewed under the old rules until April of 2019. Pools and spas are no longer an a UCC appendix but is separate part of the code. For the past two years, the legislature has considered requiring that municipalities have two different vendors providing UCC enforcement officers. This legislation passed the Senate but is now back to the House. According to PSATS, Governor Wolf has said that he will veto this legislation. Light-Heigel will have a small UCC fee increase in 2019.

Jerry Duke and Steve Deck, Tri County Regional Planning, gave a short presentation about TCRP activities. November 2nd is the deadline for submitting Premier Projects Project Award applications. The next Comprehensive Plan implementation meeting is November 15th. There is a link for training about the new UCC code on the TCRP website. Jerry discussed the Local Planning Assistance Program that doesn't just review plans, but can help with research and mapping, ordinance review, and grant writing. In the spring, they would like to have a joint meeting with the Conservation District about water quality. This meeting may be coordinated with our COG meeting. Steve Deck talked about the Transportation Plan. This plan is reviewed every four years and considers the future 20 years. This plan is online at their website. There is a box to identify needed local projects. The Transportation Plan is a pathway to funding.

OLD BUSINESS

Alan Loesch talked about a recent Dauphin County 911 meeting about the new 911 system and property addresses. The new 911 system will be able to identify location of cellphones. Most people now have cell phones rather than land-lines. People's addresses must be correct. Municipalities are in charge of determining addresses, but the County will help you with this. The County provided a list of web-service contact information (such as Google Maps), so that the municipalities can contact them about errors and needed changes. Private lanes with two or more houses must be named.

PROJECTS –Recycling. Jeanette Crabb said that she had volunteered to work at last month's recycling event, and she enjoyed it. Upper Paxton Township still needs more volunteers. She suggested that COG could make up a calendar and assign people to work the events.

Bob Crabb said that Washington Township had electronic recycling at their own clean-up days. Now, the County does not want to take these electronics from the clean-up days. The County now wants these electronics to go to the monthly Upper Paxton Township site. After a general discussion, it was decided that COG would send a letter to Keith Kepler at the County and see if they will reconsider allowing municipalities to bring their electronic recyclables from their clean-up days, directly to the County site in Harrisburg. The Harrisburg site is open five days a week, eight hours a day.

NEW BUSINESS – There was a discussion about the need for formal intermunicipal agreements when municipal workers work outside of their own municipality.

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES – NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be at Millersburg Borough on November 15th.

ADJOURNMENT Trish Barder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris Dietz. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.