

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, September 20, 2018
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 President Chris Blose. The following persons were in attendance:

Christopher Blose	Halifax Borough
Gary Ibberson	Millersburg Borough
Rick Ibberson	Millersburg Borough
Davis Rivera	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
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
Luanna Zimmerman	Upper Paxton Township
John Orr	Upper Paxton Township
Donna Sitlinger	Washington Township
Cindy Stout	Washington Township
Sue Helm	State Representative 104 th
Keith Kepler	Dauphin County Recycling

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

MINUTES

Jeanette Crabb made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2018 meeting, (no quorum at June meeting)
Seconded by Ron Koppenhaver. All in favor.

Debra Kish made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Albert Morgan. All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance May 2018	\$3,213.96
Sec/Treas May, June, July-597.00	
Interest	.41
Balance Sept 20, 2018	2,617.37

Bills to be paid at the Sept meeting	
Roby Loesch Aug, September	398.00

Donna Sitlinger made a motion to accept the treasurers report for the June 21, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Ron Kolva. All in favor.

Cindy Stout made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report for June to Sept 20, 2018. Seconded by Jeanette Crabb. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE –

- Our webmaster sent a letter that is moving out of state but will still be able to offer web services.
- PSATS sent information about streambank restoration grants that are available for flood mitigation.
- The State Police sent information about charity scams.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Sue Helm discussed the recent House Resolution 291 that approved a feasibility study to see if there would be any cost savings for a state-wide collection of EIT. She noted that resolutions are less serious than bills, and the house did not recommend any changes but only approved a study of this issue. Act 32 of 2008, which established county-wide EIT collection has been working well. The Department of Revenue has a web-survey looking for opinions and input into the idea of state-wide collection. (This link will be emailed out to the COG members.)

Questions were asked about the negatives of state-wide collection; is it cost or problems in other areas? Also, would the PA Dept. of Revenue make weekly payments?

Sue also mentioned House Bill 482 which looks to eliminate state owned vehicles for House members.

GUEST SPEAKER

Keith Kepler gave an update about the County recycling program. The County has applied for a DEP grant and the plan is to replace the current blue bins. There will be new bins that work with a more efficient truck-collecting system. This includes new compacting equipment, which will increase their collection capacity and save time. These changes will occur next spring. They are also upgrading the collection sites and removing the concrete step-up to the boxes. The new equipment is made in PA. They have stepped up enforcement for illegal dumping at the recycling sites. Halifax Boro has had four or five people given citations for dumping. Dauphin County is the last county still able to offer free electronic recycling, but we have to help our vendor, Vintage Tech by keeping other items out of the electronic recycling stream. The County has an updated list of accepted electronic items. Cell phones can only be recycled at the main County facility. The County will no longer be able to do collections at the municipal Spring (or Fall) clean-up days. However, UPT has a collection every Second Saturday, 9-12; and Williamstown has a collection every Wednesday from 9-12. Jeanette Crabb asked where should people go to recycle vacuums or toaster ovens; it was suggested that they go to the metal scrapper like One-Stop. Trish Barder asked about curbside pickups. Keith said that all municipalities have the right to mandate and regulate curbside pickups, but it is mandatory for municipalities over 10,000 people. It was noted that curb-side pick-up is very expensive.

OLD BUSINESS

Pinnacle had asked if COG could give them a letter of support for their Gaming Grant application for a new critical care/ bariatric ambulance. Since this request came over the summer, and there was not enough time to contact all of the COG members, Chris Blose and Chris Dietz approved the letter of support.

PROJECTS –Recycling; already discussed

NEW BUSINESS – Alan Loesch has signed up for a seminar at Dauphin County 911 about the county addressing system.

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES –

- Tom Billow commented about the poor condition of the equipment offered for sale at the recent PennDOT auction.
- The State has developed a new web interface with PennDOT
- Please help the school districts with bus-stop signs on State roads. The municipality must contact PennDOT for authorization (not the school)
- The municipalities also need to participate in the highway-occupancy -permit (HOP) process for state roads within the municipality. The municipality must send PennDOT a letter stating that they are aware of any new HOP project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be Lykens Township on October 18th.

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