

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, February 21, 2019
Hosted by Washington 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:

Lahn Kopp	Berrysburg Borough
Carol Wertz	Lykens Borough
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Deb Everly	Jefferson Township/TCRP representative
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Todd Laudenslager	Pillow Borough
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Matt Stoneroad	Rep Tobash Office/ Washington Township
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Ron Kolva	Mifflin Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Donna Sitlinger	Washington Township
Cindy Stout	Washington Township
Kristen Ritchey	Comcast

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

MINUTES

Trish Barder made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting, Seconded by Albert Morgan. All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance January 2019	\$1631.68
January Bills	-720.65
Dues	3125.52
Interest	<u>.06</u>
	4036.61

Bills to be paid at the February 2019 meeting

Robyn Loesch February	199.00
Selective Insurance	1332.00

Tom Billow made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report for the February 21, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Ken Bechtel. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE – The Pa Dept. of Revenue has not sent any notices about the required PURTA reporting. COG will send a reminder and web-link (<http://www.purta.state.pa.us>) out to the municipal offices. Sue Helm’s office is hosting two concealed carry seminars. This information will also be forwarded to the COG members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

GUEST SPEAKER Kristen Ritchey, Comcast External Affairs Manager, highlighted some of the new Comcast offerings. Comcast has invested in upgrading the customer experience, they have new packages and tiers, launched new apps, have mobile phone service and Wi-Fi hot-spots, and can stream to phones and iPads. Their call centers are in Harrisburg and York. They have a Community Impact program where Comcast employees will come and volunteer with small community projects, as well as providing some funding for the project. Comcast has a program called Internet Essentials that provides low cost internet service to low income families and veterans. They also have a scholarship program. Deb Everly asked about the Comcast line to the DeHart Dam. This project is in the beginning stages and they are still acquiring easements. There was a general discussion about Comcast line build-outs and the municipal franchise agreements.

Matt Stoneroad, from Representative Tobash's Office, reported that there is another proposal for State Police funding that is being considered in the new budget. There was a question about the EIT tax, and Ron Hepner answered that at this time, there has been no new legislation on a state-wide EIT tax. Tom Billow asked if a buggy registration/inspection fee could be considered because to fund the road damage from the steel buggy wheels. There was a short discussion about the proposed legislation allowing Sunday hunting.

OLD BUSINESS - PROJECTS –Recycling. Ron Hepner reported that since Keith Kepler has sent out the updated electronic recycling list, Upper Paxton Township still had a full truckload and three extra pallets at their last collection day.

NEW BUSINESS –

The County has sent out a notice to municipalities that have bridges that qualify for their Bridge Bundling Program. The County pays for 60% of the bridge project and the municipality is responsible for the remaining 40%. The COSTARS 2019-2020 salt contract agreements are due March 15th.

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES – Todd Laudenslager asked if anyone had experience with the legal group that specializes in franchise agreements and franchise audits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be at Berrysburg Borough; April will be at Lykens Borough, May at Mifflin, June at Jefferson, September at Upper Paxton Township. Some of our future guest speakers are from PP&L and the County 911 center. Deb Everly asked if people could send in the TCRP Stormwater surveys.

ADJOURNMENT Ron Hepner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Kolva. Meeting adjourned at 8:17.