

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, March 21, 2019
Hosted by Berrysburg Borough

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
Jonathan Campbell	Berrysburg Borough
Deb Libby	Berrysburg Borough
Michael Ward	Berrysburg Borough
Tim Weaver	Berrysburg Borough
Deb Goudy	Elizabethville Borough
Carol Wertz	Lykens Borough
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Dwight Davis	Gratz Borough
Christopher Blose	Halifax Borough
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Matt Stoneroad	Rep Tobash Office/ Washington Township
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Ron Kolva	Mifflin Township
Deb Kish	Mifflin Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Donna Sitlinger	Washington Township
Rick Levan	PennDOT Municipal Services

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

MINUTES

Ken Bechtel made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting, Seconded by Trish Barder Morgan. All in favor.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Balance February 2019	\$4036.61
February Bills	-1531.00
Dues	1349.82
Interest	<u>.03</u>
	3855.46

Bills to be paid at the March 2019 meeting	
Robyn Loesch March	199.00

Donna Sitlinger made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report for the March 21, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Ken Bechtel. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

- PennDOT auditor, Mike Carmel, has offered to give a short, local, “hands-on” training seminar on these changes to the Liquid Fuels Report. This training is for anyone who uses the dotGrants Liquid Fuels reporting website. This training is scheduled for Thursday, June 13th, starting at 1 PM. Training location will be at the Upper Paxton Township municipal Building, 506 Berrysburg Road, Millersburg. The training will last about 1.5 to 2 hrs. If you can, please bring along a laptop or tablet

- At a recent seminar it was mentioned that some municipalities use their cable franchise tax to help bring cable to unserved areas. .
- PA Dept of Agriculture has issued an invasive species warning and regulations about the Lanternfly. It has spread into Dauphin County.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – It was mentioned that Shirley Radel, previous Wayne Township Secretary and COG member had passed away last Saturday.

GUEST SPEAKER Rick Levan, District 8 Municipal Service Specialist, gave a presentation about Municipal Services. He is replacing Scot Lehman as our area representative. He has worked as a substitute in our area since 2004. He reminded everyone that if they have any bidding or PennDOT questions that they can always leave him a message, and he will get back to you as soon as possible (717-787-4378). He discussed the asphalt bidding escalator clause, which much be passed by yearly resolution to allow for local use of the escalator clause. He reminded everyone to make sure to get a warranty on any paving material, to ask for an oil sample when you do tar and chip, have someone on site to collect material slips during a road project, and to bid paving projects by the ton and not by square yards. Ron Hepner suggested that we could use a PennDOT class on writing up our bids. Rick said that contractors need to stay within 10% of their bids. Most paving errors/overruns are caused by leveling courses that are put on too thick. The leveling course should just scrape, and not cover, the high spots. He noted that if Boroughs pave and have sidewalks, they must be ADA compliant. He suggested that we all take a look at the on-line liquid fuels maps to see if there are any roads missing from our maps. **[link to maps](https://www.penndot.gov/ProjectAndPrograms/Planning/Maps/Town%20Boro%20City%20Maps/Pages/TBC-Maps-Dauphin.aspx)**
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The current liquid fuels payments are now at their maximums, they had been increasing for the past few years. He said that although payment is about \$4000/mile, it costs about \$80,000 a mile to pave. Rick said that PennDOT has approved fog-sealing, a process where there is no loose stone. He talked about buying road material directly through CO-STARS and then just bidding out the construction/application work. Mike Ward asked about any other road funding source. It was mentioned that PennDOT has some multimodal transportation grants available. It was noted that Liquid Fuels does not pay for curbing.

OLD BUSINESS - PROJECTS –Recycling. Ron Hepner reported that last month went well, and next month the recycling will be at Gratz (because it is UPT clean-up day).

NEW BUSINESS – Alan Loesch attended a recent small wireless facility seminar. The utility companies are looking at new 5G facilities. The FCC has recently ruled that there is no local government control over the location of these facilities. Poles and boxes can go anywhere in the municipal right-of-way. Local governments can have some minor input into how these boxes and poles look as long as acceptable rules are established ahead of any installation. This new 5G system will not only handle communication services, they will control driverless cars.

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES – Tom Billow asked if any municipality was having issues with liquid manure pits being used as animal disposal sites. Mike Ward asked if any of the other municipalities have replaced their streetlights with LED lights. Jeanette Crabb said that she had information from Lykens Borough about changing to LED streetlights.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be at Lykens Borough, May at Mifflin Township, June at Jefferson Township, September at Upper Paxton Township. Some of our future guest speakers will be from PP&L and the County 911 center.

ADJOURNMENT Trish Barder made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ron Kolva. Meeting adjourned at 8:41.