

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, June 20, 2019
Hosted by Jefferson Township

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Chris Blose. The following persons were in attendance:

Christopher Blose	Halifax Borough
Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Carole Wertz	Lykens Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Deb Everly	TCRP and Jefferson Township
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Luanna Zimmerman	Upper Paxton Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Jane Lahr	Wayne Township
Matt Stoneroad	Washington Township, and Rep Tobash office
Sue Helm	State Representative 104th
Sgt. Brian Wolfe	PSP – Lykens
Cpl. Willard	PSP-Lykens

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

MINUTES

Chris Dietz made a motion to accept the Minutes and Treasurer's report of the May 16, 2019 meeting, Seconded by Trish Barder. All in favor

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance March 2019	\$3656.56
April and May Bills	-389.00
Dues	241.38
Interest	<u>.27</u>
	3509.21

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

Ron Hepner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for the June 20, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Trish Barder. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE – NONE.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

GUEST SPEAKERS

Sgt. Brian Wolfe from PSP, talked about the upcoming National Night Out, which will be held on August 6th. He is working with Bonnie Kent from the Northern Dauphin Human Services Center, and Wal-Mart. Last year their goal was to have twenty vendors and they had 55.

They are still working toward choosing the site for the new station house, which will have an on-site gun range. Last month, PSP Lykens PSP had 600 incidents which included 133 criminal (with 90% cleared) 32 crashes, and 100 citations and 180 warnings. The PSP is having lost and stray animal problems as it takes a long time for a trooper to take a stray dog down to the Harrisburg Humane Society. This May, they have had 11 dog violations and 7 strays. COG will contact the municipalities and find out what contracts or procedures they each have to deal with stray animals and get this information back to PSP. Trish Barder asked if there was any new information on the Stacy Krogh Investigation: answer was, no. Deb Everly asked if there were any privacy issues with a motion activated camera that recorded cars in the road; answer was to contact a solicitor.

Sue Helm gave a legislative update. The budget process has been quiet this year. Next Monday, starts a line-by-line budget review. There is no new Statewide EIT collection bill. The Governor recently signed Sue's bill, HB 619, that makes Juneteenth a State recognized holiday. This bill went through the House four times, but it finally passed the Senate. She is on the Urban Affairs Committee which works on a lot of blight projects. They recently drafted a bill to register Airbnb properties. They have also worked on a Broadband study and workforce development. Chris Dietz asked about HB 1400, which limits the rights of municipalities to regulate small wireless facilities in the public right-of-ways. Alan Loesch said that he had been to a recent PSATS seminar on this issue, as the small facilities expansions are part of the 5G network. Chris Dietz asked about any Marcellus Shale legislation that would provide \$4.9 billion in funding for stormwater and flood remediation grants and broadband. Matt Stonerod (Rep. Tobash's office) said that the gas companies look at this as a double charge and this legislation will end up in court. There are pipe-lines in Tobash's district, but no wells. The pipelines provide some funding for fire training. Chris Blose asked if the Cumberland-Perry Vo Tech growing. Sue Helm said that the Dauphin County Vo -Tech was full this year. Matt Stonerod said that the Schuylkill County Vo-Tech has been growing. Carole Wertz asked about local area FFA programs. COG will see if a representative from the Halifax school District will come to a COG meeting.

OLD BUSINESS -NONE

PROJECTS –Recycling. Ron Hepner said that the UPT site is still going strong, but he had no news from the County.

NEW BUSINESS

The COG needs a Right-to-Know Officer. Jeanette Crab made a motion, seconded by Trish Barder, to appoint Robyn Loesch as RTK Officer. All in favor.

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES –

- COG will contact the Humane Society for the latest information on animal contracts.
- Alan Loesch asked if any municipalities need flagger training.
- There was a general discussion about local problems about low-income housing. COG will check with Bonnie Kent at Dauphin County Human Services to see if there are any more available help and service .There is no local public transportation, and few local jobs that you can walk to.
- Lykens Borough has contact DEP about the air pollution problem from the coal company on Rt. 209

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be at Upper Paxton Township on September 19th.

ADJOURNMENT Chris Blose made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris Dietz. Meeting adjourned at 8:40.