

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, March 15, 2018
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:

Christopher Blose	Halifax Borough
Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Lahn Kopp	Berrysburg Borough
Michael Ward	Berrysburg Borough
Deb Libby	Berrysburg Borough
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Deb Schreffler-Kish	Mifflin Township
Ron Kolva	Mifflin Township
Donna Sitlinger	Washington Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township

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

MINUTES

Ron Hepner made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 15 , 2018 meeting as corrected. Seconded by Ron Kolva. All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account	
Feb.2018	\$1,982.83
Dues	+2,443.68
New Account checks	-12.80
February Bills	<u>-1,531.00</u>
Balance March 2018	\$2,882.71

Bills to be paid at the March meeting

Robyn Loesch – March 199.00

Donna Sitlinger made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Ron Kolva. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE –

There has been some local information about the spreading of bio-solids in Enders. It has caused a lot of concern amongst the people living nearby. Ken Bechtel said that he had some information about this. In general, the material has some farming value.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE.

GUEST SPEAKERS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS – Chris Blose would like to increase attendance at the COG meeting and work on shared projects. He will be sending out a letter to the municipalities that have not been coming to COG. He has a list of topics that can be discussed at future meetings. Each meeting can cover two of these topics. This way, we can get a group consensus. We are changing our focus from simply discussing issues, to acting on them. Please let us know about topics you would like to include.

Stormwater has been a confusing issue. Next month, we will have some step-by-step information on processing stormwater applications. Tom Billow commented that Mifflin Township is filing all property information by parcel number. They are adding stormwater paperwork to the individual parcel files. Ron Hepner asked if the stormwater plan needs to be signed by a surveyor or an engineer, and if an ordinance regulates this. Chris Dietz said that maybe COG could help the public understand this process and we could have a general article about stormwater put in the Sentinel. Michael Ward said that a step-by-step flow chart for building permits would also be helpful.

OLD BUSINESS

The COSTARS SALT Contracts are due today, March 15th.

Alan Loesch said that he is trying out an android phone app that measures speed limits for curves. He will let us know how it works out. Also, Alan is looking into the cost of a sign-post driver.

PROJECTS –Ron Hepner reported that the last recycling event collected two to three truckloads of material. COG has contacted District Margerum's office about offering hours at the UPT recycling to be used as community service hours. It was asked that COG send a letter to Mike Pries about coming to the June COG to talk about the recycling program. Gratz will be hosting the recycling event in April.

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES – Chris Dietz and Ron Hepner have been working with their school district about the school zone, 15 MPH signs. The municipality is responsible for the upkeep and operation of them. They are looking at getting programable and solar signs. UPT has a device to map street sign locations, maybe another municipality is interested in trying it.

Washington Township is still looking for a new Emergency Management Coordinator. Please let them know of anyone that is interested.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - CHANGED

The next meeting will be on April 19th. will host the meeting Mifflin Township. The May meeting is at Lykens Borough. The June meeting will be at Jefferson Township.

ADJOURNMENT Ron Hepner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ken Bechtel. Meeting adjourned at 8:45.