

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, January 18, 2018
Hosted by Halifax Township

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President Chris Dietz. The following persons were in attendance:

Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Wendy Wentzel	Halifax Township
Flo Mallonee	Halifax Township
Scott McBurney	Halifax Township
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Glen Miller	Wayne Township
Justin Hoover	Jackson Township
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Sue Helm	State Representative 104 th
Matthew Stoneroad	Representative Tobash's Office
Jerry Duke	Tri-County Regional Planning
Alexa Korber	Tri-County Regional Planning

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

2017 Audit – prior to the meeting, Jeanette Crabb and Wendy Wentzel reviewed the 2017 financial report and bank statements. BB&T Bank has started charging \$12/month for balances below \$1500.00. We will ask the bank if they can waive the fee.

ELECTION OF 2017 OFFICERS

The floor was opened for nominations for Chairman.

Ron Hepner made a motion to retain Chris Blose for Chairman and Chris Dietz for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Alan Loesch. Ken Bechtel made a motion to close the nominations for Chairman, seconded by Ron Kolva. All in favor of Chris Blose as Chairman, and Chris Dietz as Vice-Chairman: Unanimous.

Ron Hepner made a motion, seconded by Trish Barder, to appoint Robyn Loesch as 2018 Secretary/Treasurer. Justin Hoover made a motion to close the nominations for Secretary/Treasurer, seconded by Ken Bechtel. All in favor of Robyn Loesch as Secretary Treasurer: Unanimous.

MINUTES

Janette Crabb made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 20, 2017 meeting and the summary of the November 16, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Justin Hoover. All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT

Checking Account	November 16, 2017	\$1319.00
November Bills		<u>-199.00</u>
Balance January 2018		\$1120.00

Bills to be paid at the January meeting

Robyn Loesch –Dec, January	398.00
Cloud5	<u>390.61</u>
	788.61

Trish Barder made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Glen Miller. All in favor.

Justin Hoover made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Trish Barder. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE –

USDA has sent notice that they have grants available.

Anti-skid prices have just risen. If you do not have a COSTARS anti-skid agreement in place, please check the price before you place an order.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Sue Helm commented that the House will be back in session next week. There was a taxpayer's caucus today, to finding ways to save money. The House is looking at a Home Inspection Bill and working on appropriations. She has been working with PennDOT on the Halifax by-pass issue. PennDOT has contacted the property owner of the house at the tight corner (Rt.147 and Market St.) and hopes to purchase the property.

Matt Stonerod has some new information on DCNR grants that are available for parks and watershed protection. Also, the FEMA grant program for firefighters will begin in February.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Jerry Duke, TCRP Dauphin County Planning Coordinator, talked about some of the TCRP educational programs. They have a PMPEI courses on Zoning. The classes will be held on Thursday nights. The annual TCRP dinner will be on May 3rd at the Hershey Hotel, and the guest speaker will be Matt Smith, from the University of Michigan, an expert on automated vehicles. The transportation improvement project is available on the HATS website (<http://www.tcrpc-pa.org/hats>). Jerry noted that all local municipalities need to complete an annual report to TCRP. He also talked about the PennDOT Connects Program that can get local governments more involved with projects in their area. Local municipalities can get involved during the planning stages and can voice their concerns.

Alexa Korber, TCRP, gave a presentation about Sentinel Landscapes. The Federal government is designating large areas around military areas as Sentinel Landscapes. Some of our municipalities are in these projected areas. The hope is to help preserve these areas, and Federal grant money will be available for environmental and conservation projects. This will make local governments in these areas possibly eligible for Department of Defense grant monies. DEP has a program to protect source waters (Municipal water, well head water). They have a free educational program for restoration and conservation.

The TCRP plan also is looking at stormwater, MS4 areas, agricultural runoff, and impaired streams. After a general discussion, it was decided that COG felt that TCRP make the most impact by providing direct public information on these subjects. Chris Dietz thought that each municipality could provide a local factsheet for use by TCRP, which would list local regulations on development.

Alan Loesch said that Deb Everly has been appointed as our local representative to TCRP.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a discussion about the 2018 Dues. Glen Miller made a motion, seconded by Ron Kolva, to raise the OCOG dues to 18 cents per capita. All in Favor.

PROJECTS –Ron Hepner reported that the recycling events are still as popular as ever. However, Upper Paxton Township could still use some volunteer help. After a general discussion, it was agreed to ask Dauphin County if they could help out with our local collection costs.

NEW BUSINESS – Next Tuesday morning, Upper Paxton Township is hosting an LTAP sign class. Also, Alan Loesch talked about inventorying and documenting local signs.

PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPALITIES – Note that the 2018-19 COSTARS salt contract is due in March.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be on February 15th. Washington Township will host the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT Justin Hoover made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeanette Crabb. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.