

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, June 15, 2023
Hosted by Jefferson Township

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

Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Alan Bowman	Millersburg Borough
Ann Jackson	Millersburg Borough
Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Pam Crum	Jefferson Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Deb Everly	Jefferson Township, TCRP
Jeff Enders	Halifax Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Glen Stoneroad	Washington Township
Jane Lahr	Wayne Township
Jerry Duke	TCRP
Bonnie Kent	Dauphin County Human Services
Donald Shutt	EMS Committee
George Hartwick	Dauphin County Commissioner
Joe Kerwin	State Representative 125 th District

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

MINUTES - none approved

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance March 16, 2023	\$3493.45
Bills to be paid	
Robyn Loesch	\$199.00
Supplies for dinner meeting	\$ 46.57
Receipts	
Interest	\$ 19
Dues	<u>\$ 657.18</u>
	\$4,247.38

CORRESPONDENCE

- Choice Cable is expanding into our area.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Alan Loesch asked about the proposed legislation that would make local governments meet all OSHA requirements. Representative Kerwin answered that he voted against this, and the legislation seems to be dead in the Senate.

GUEST SPEAKER - **Bonnie Kent** gave a presentation about large range of programs at Northern Dauphin Human Services. Bonnie is the community liaison and tries to meet some of our local community needs. Our local

areas of need are hunger, healthcare, homelessness, transportation, and unemployment. UMPC sends a mobile unit to the Human service center twice a month. The County tries to find shelter for the local homeless. Some people are camping in public spaces. The local churches have been a big part of providing meals.

Representative Kerwin is now the State Representative for the entire area of northern Dauphin County. He discussed the State budget and legislative priorities. He has a Bill that streamlines the permitting processes for dairy farmers.

Commissioner Hartwick talked about how he has worked with Representative Kerwin to get things done and that local issues come before any political considerations. He said that senior scams are becoming a problem in Dauphin County. Chris Dietz asked about our local EMS issues and that the COG was interested in any best-practices options.

Jerry Duke, TCRP, said that he can provide assistance with any development concerns, He can come and talk to the municipalities on an individual basis. Solar farms are becoming a hot issue in some areas.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be on September 21 at Upper Paxton Township.

ADJOURNMENT.