

MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, April 2024
Hosted by Washington Township

The meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Chris Dietz. The following persons were in attendance:

Chris Dietz	Millersburg Borough
Alan Bowman	Millersburg Borough
Jessica Hoy	Millersburg Borough
Robyn Loesch	Jefferson Township
Deb Everly	Jefferson Township, TCRP
Dennis Henninger	Elizabethville Borough
Doug Charles	Elizabethville Borough
Ken Bechtel	Halifax Township
Carole Wertz	Lykens Borough
Jeanette Crabb	Lykens Borough
Trish Barder	Lykens Borough
John Shetterly	Mifflin Township
Bob Stoner	Upper Paxton Township
Bob Coleman	Upper Paxton Township
Rich Wiest	Upper Paxton Township
Luanna Zimmerman	Upper Paxton Township
Jane Lahr	Wayne Township
Benjamin Brown	Washington Township
Donna Sittlinger	Washington Township
Glenn Stoneroad	Washington Township
Eric Durham	Lifeteam
James Swartz	Lifeteam
Frank Klinger	Halifax Ambulance
Donald Shutt	EMS Committee member
Matt Stoneroad	Office of Rep. Kerwin, Washington Township
Jerry Duke	DCPC/Tri-County Regional Planning
Rob Brady	Robb Group
Jason Kirsch	Robb Group
Rob Carr	Robb Group

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

MINUTES - Carole Wertz made a motion to accept the Minutes of the January 18, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Jeanette Crabb. All in favor.

TREASURERS REPORT April 18, 2024

Balance January 18, 2024	\$2,853.86
Williamstown EMS	- \$ 50.00
Selective Insurance	-\$866.00
Caldwell & Kearns	- \$ 30.00
Interest	.17
Dues	\$4,209.43
Robyn Loesch (Feb,Mar,April)	<u>-\$ 597.00</u>
Balance April 2024	\$5,520.46

Bob Stoner made a motion to accept the Treasures report, seconded by Jeanette Crabb. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

COMMENTS - Don Shutt commented that there are grants available from the Department of Emergency Management. Last Thursday, the County had their Hazard Mitigation kick-off, and Local EMAs, Fire Companies and Water Authorities will have their own surveys to fill out. PSATS is working to revise EMA training Requirements.

GUESTS

Guest Speaker – The Robb Group was awarded the EMS Study by UPT. Jason Kirsch, of the Robb Group, said that the game-plan is to find an EMS plan that everyone will be willing to participate in. The first step is to get honest information from all the participants and municipalities in the study. Financial stability is key to long term success. They would like to have some details ready for the municipal budget season in October. We need to have community buy-in. The timetable is: April, Kickoff; May-June, data collection and first round of interviews; July, survey; August, analysis; Sept-October, revisit and follow up interviews and comment period. The final report delivery would be in January 2025. Chris Dietz asked if there was a process for data requests from Lifeteam. Frank Klinger is the contact for Halifax Ambulance.

Shawn Donovan spoke about Brownfield properties. Dauphin County has contracted him to inventory properties that would be eligible for Brownfield grants. These properties can be rural brownfields, such as feed mills, heating oil companies, and gas stations. Phase 1 of this project would be to do an environmental assessment of the property. Phase 2 would be soil and water testing to see what needs to be done. Contact Doug Brown at Dauphin County for more information.

Gerry Duke, TCRP, spoke about the water resource program that is currently in the southern end of Dauphin County. This program would be offered to other municipalities that want to participate. TCRP is working on model Solar Ordinances. Chris Dietz asked if they could have a COG area workshop.

NEW BUSINESS - NONE

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be in July at Millersburg Borough.

The Washington Township office will be under construction along with the District Justice office.

Last Monday, the Brighter Dawn Medical facility opened (located off of Rt 25).

Northern Dauphin Christian School bought the property below Klinger Lumber. This is the planned site of a future new school.

The Millersburg Hotel is being totally renovated.

ADJOURNMENT Carole Wertz made a motion to adjourn at 8:00. Seconded by Jane Lahr. All in favor