MINUTES UPPER DAUPHIN COG

Thursday, October 21, 2010
Wayne Township Municipal Building

The regular monthly meeting of the Upper Dauphin Council of Governments was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by President Alan Loesch with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following persons were in attendance:

Alan Loesch	Jefferson Township
Ron Hepner	Upper Paxton Township
Robyn Loesch	Secretary-Treasurer
Albert Morgan	Lykens Township
Ronald Kolva	Mifflin Township
Tom Billow	Mifflin Township
Jim Watson	Washington Township
Shirley Radel	Wayne Township
Nancy Warfel	Wayne Township
Gary Miller	Wayne Township
John Shoop	Wayne Township
Keith Crum	Jefferson Township
Pam Crum	Jefferson Township
Sheila Keiter	Jefferson Township
Ron Koppenhaver	Rush Township
Jackie Dietrich	Sue Helm's office
Rich Bowra (and others)	Dauphin County Library
Holly Etzweiler	Dauphin County Library
Chris Ramsey	Medic 6
Robb Wentzel	Medic 6
John Logan	Community Life Team, Medic 6

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the September 16, 2010 meeting were approved as written on a motion by Jim Watson, seconded by Shirley Radel (Unan.)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Checking Account:

Balance September 16, 2010	**$2,289.40**
Expenditures September	$218.95
Receipts - dues	0
Balance October 21, 2010	**$2,070.45**

Money Market CD:

Balance September 9, 2010	**$3053.15**
Interest now paid quarterly (Halifax National Bank)	

Bills to be paid at the October 21, 2010 meeting

Enders Technology	$19.95
Robyn Loesch	$199.00
Wayne Township – meeting - waived	0
Robyn Loesch - envelopes	$5.80
	$ 224.75

A motion to pay the bills was made by Albert Morgan, seconded by Gary Miller (Unan.)

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CORRESPONDENCE - Construction Code Academy, schedule of classes

GUESTS

Rich Bowra, Executive Director, Dauphin County Library System gave a presentation about the library system. First, he had Holly Etzweiler, manager of the Elizabethville and Millersburg libraries, give an update about recent activities at these local libraries. The local annual fall library festival had two hundred and twenty-seven attendees, family movie nights are also very popular. Rich Bowra reported then reviewed the services of the eight libraries in the County system. Beyond books, the library system has been a source for free public access to computers and internet service, public meeting rooms, and media such as music CDs and movie DVDs. There is also a Community Collection free access library site at the Sister's Coffeehouse in Halifax They are currently benchmarking their early childhood literacy programs to the state educational standards .Last year, the library raised over one million dollars in fundraising. State funding of the County Library System has decreased in the last two years. They are currently developing programs with the state library association on basic literacy, civic and social issues, financial literacy, health literacy, and information literacy (i.e. Google). There were several issues brought up by the municipalities, the current .35 mill library tax was discussed, as it is larger than some of the municipal tax millage. Two COG representatives asked about the policy of donating books, as they had personally been turned away while trying to donate books, and felt that the library staff had also been rude.

Medic 6- Pinnacle

Robb Wentzel, John Logan and, Chris Ramsey gave a presentation about the recent alliance between Pinnacle and Medic 6.They reported that Medic 6 will continue to operate out of Elizabethville, reciprocity agreements will remain in place, 2011 memberships to Medic 6 will be honored, and Medic 6 will still be available for local events such as football games and the Gratz Fair. One of the main goals of this alliance was future viability of local ambulance services and not based on any current financial concerns. This alliance will also allow for strategic placement of resources during day-to-day operations and increase cooperation. There was also a discussion about increasing communication with the local Fire Companies.

OLD BUSINESS

- Floodplain Ordinances –The final FEMA floodplain maps have not yet been sent to the municipalities. Municipalities should now be in the process of adopting a new updated floodplain ordinance.
- Recycling - The county is holding monthly meetings with the area municipalities.
- Road Salt - Alan Loesch reported that Capital Region COG has negotiated their own salt contract, and that it is a better price than the state contract. We will get more information and see if we could become eligible.
- Flaggers. PennDOT requires that all flaggers be certified. There are no training courses scheduled in our area. Ron Hepner suggested that the municipalities hire a flagging company.
- New Stormwater Ordinances have to be in place by December 25, 2010.

PROJECTS

EMS - no report

Upper Dauphin Income Tax Office - no report

County EIT - The tree school districts, Halifax, Millersburg, and Upper Dauphin and their respective municipalities, will now have to decide if they will be staying with the UDITO for 2011 or changing over to Berkheimer before the 2012 mandated County-wide EIT switch-over.

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NEW BUSINESS

- The Harrisburg Area Humane Society is planning a new contract based on population ($1/ person). Plan accordingly at budget time.
- Mifflin Township is interested in joining the COG UCC Appeals Agreement.

PROBLEMS OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be November 18, 2010. The Meeting will again be held in Wayne Township. The Wayne Township Municipal Building is located at 1652 Powells Valley Rd., Halifax, PA

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17.