

Sullivan County Council of Governments
July 24, 2007
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Paul Beaver
Tim Brown – Colley Township
Bill Stasiak - Colley Township
Carl Vough – Forks Township
Mike Phillips – Davidson Township
Frank Touser – Code Inspections
Scot Sample – Dushore Borough
Ron Decker – Code Inspections
Paul Beaver – Laporte Borough
Andy Kline – Hillsgrove Township

A motion was made to approve June 26, 2007 minutes the motion was made by Mike Phillips and seconded by Bill Stasiak.

Motion to approve Treasurers report for July 24, 2007 was made by Mike Phillips and seconded by Tim Brown.

We need to pass the resolution for DCED Grant motion was made by Mike Phillips and seconded by Andy Kline. We took a vote everyone said I to except so the resolution was passed on a vote of 7 – 0.

Paul Beaver had a paper from Tapco for sign post price it didn't include the price for brake away.

CD's from bank were put on hold till next month.

Gail McCarty wanted to appeal (Fire wall law) Ron Decker said that COG needs to be involved in the appeal because we have the appeal board. Ron has done one other appeal at West Branch; they had better than 8 hours in on appeal. You need an attorney present plus a stenographer (any court certified stenographer will do) On July 7th Ron Decker was made aware that a gift shop/antique store was being opened at the Red Fox motel; Ron told Gail McCarty she would need the business to be wheelchair accessible and have

handicap parking plus a firewall between the two businesses before it could open. But she did open and under section 40364 she didn't meet building code accessibility. Ron advised her that she had the right to appeal.

We need a 3 to 5 person appeals board the law states that the fee for appeals should not surpass what the cost of appeal would actually be. We need a set rate for appeal but if cost go over the applicant is responsible to pay the difference. If costs are less than the fees money will be reimbursed to applicant.

Andy Kline said small businesses are having a hard time, it is tough to keep small businesses going; it was stated by Ron Decker and Frank Touser that the law still has to be followed especially with firewall safety.

Clara Finan needs to make up a form for appeals and have it okayed by Bill Feese stating that if all money is not used it will be reimbursed to applicant also that if cost go over fee the applicant is responsible for paying remainder of fees in full.

Mike Phillips made a motion to change fee from \$500. to \$1,000. Motion was seconded by Tim Brown it was put to a vote and passed 7 – 0 with everyone in agreement of new fee.

Scot Sample said that Clara Finan should call people on the appeals board to see if they are still interested. If we don't have 3 people then we need to advertise for more.

Scott sample would like minutes emailed or mailed to reps. Early in the month so they have ample time to go over them.

Tim Brown is a member of the recreational committee they want to build an indoor recreational complex they need all municipalities together on doing a grant; the recreational committee is inviting each municipality to a meeting the 4th Monday of July 27th 2007 at Davidson Township (for DCNR grant). The complex will be built on 35 acres by Sullivan County School, the recreational building will be available to the community the school board will not be in charge of the building.

Frank Touser was wondering if after it is built will there still be room for the soccer fields? No answer was given.

Tim Brown also asked if there is any reduction on the permits for 3 nonprofit ball fields Frank Touser said yes that the total cost on permits would be cut in ½ .

Scot Sample made a motion to waive the COG's portion of the permit fees for all 3 fields Bill Stasiak said the COG should waive our fees for any nonprofit organization. Bill Stasiak suggested a blanket fee should be set for nonprofit organizations and all COG fees for nonprofit are should be subject for review. Frank Touser said all nonprofit fees are cut back. If a nonprofit organization applies for a permit we would then contact the municipality for which the permit is drawn on and ask them if they are willing to waive their fees.

Scot Sample made a motion that we would list all nonprofit organizations that we have a permit for on the agenda for that month and then vote on what we want to do. We would decide if we will collect the fee or send them back , we will collect the fees as always but after we vote then we will send back or keep the fee Bill Stasiak seconded the motion it was put to a vote and passed 7 – 0 in favor of doing it this way.

Carl Vough talked about asphalt zipper and asked if anyone would be interested in a demo no one said yes.

Carl also talked about a tack machine for spraying oil on cracks and for chipping they would like to know more about this.

Paper was passed around about PSATS resolution on 2007 seeking legislation to remove the recreational cabin exclusion from the Uniform Construction Code. Letter was also passed around from Roger A. Madigan.

Next month we will talk more about fines for contractors who are working but nit registered.

Motion was made by Mike Phillips to adjourn meeting and seconded by Andy Kline meeting adjourned at 9:21