

Sullivan County Council of Governments

January 22, 2008
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Paul Beaver

Bill Black-Cherry Twp.
Paul Beaver-Laporte Boro.
Carl Vough-Forks Twp.
Wes King-Hillsgrove Twp.
Tim Brown-Colley Twp.
Bill Stasiak-Colley Twp.
Ron Decker-Code Inspections
Ron Smith-Hillsgrove twp.
Walter Botsford-Laporte Twp.
Scot Sample-Dushore Boro.
Bob Getz-Sullivan County
Rodney Fitzgerald-Cherry Twp.
Linwood Myers-Davidson Twp.

A motion was made by Walter Botsford to approve December minutes and seconded by Tim Brown.

A motion was made by Bill Stasiak to approve the treasurers' report and seconded by Bill Black.

Paul Beaver talked about our sales tax exempt states and also was asking about our bond for \$5,000.00 that we wanted to purchase; we can't purchase the bond till we have the tax exempt status figured out and have a form stating that we are tax exempt. Paul Beaver Stated that he needs more information for the tax exempt paper work.

Paul Beaver started a discussion on making the signs and it was brought up that Matt Domines had stopped by to see how things are and would like to stop back when we are up and running (Matt felt that we should be able to sell signs without people joining the COG.)

Clara Finan brought up about talking to Kim Bardo about the signs and a mailing that she is doing Bob Getz said that he would clarify this a little more for us after he talked with Kim.

Bob Getz bought up a question on whether there is going to be a county wide effort on the 911 signs for the homes. The 911 signs are how the fire company and emergency personnel will be able to locate homes easier; every home will have their own#. Bob Getz stated that EMTA is hoping to expand and the #'s will be of a big help to them.

A motion was made by Scot Sample that we should pay the \$314.00 for our workers compensation and everyone was in agreement to pay Gannon for this service.

A budget committee was formed to help with the planning of the 2009 budget the volunteers for this committee were Scot Sample and Bill Stasiak.

Paul asked Linwood Myers about the drafting table from the Davidson Township building that Mike Phillips said that we could have he also asked him if he could get the sign from Mike , Linwood said that he will check on it for us.

Paul stated that there will be a person coming to our February meeting from Larson Design Group to talk about snowmobile trails the Larson Group represents the Highlands Recreational Center. Bill Stasiak felt that we have to much game lands for this to happen in Sullivan County.

Tom Schill said that if we were going to try for a shared municipal grant that it would be for the next physical year and the paper work would need to be done by July 1st. Tom also brought up a meeting that is for recreational committees.

Scot Sample, Tim Brown and Rodney Fitzgerald did a survey of several municipalities to see what kind of equipment they might be interested in: a Tar Buggy was one with the price of \$ 9,995.00 Vibrator Plate Whacker the price being \$ 1,960.00 and a Jumping Jack the price being \$ 2,445.00 We would also need a shed to keep the equipment in and they will be checking on a price for the shed. COG would purchase the blocks of tar and then the municipalities would purchase them from the COG this way the same product would be used in the machine at all times.

Scot Sample stated that the Dushore Borough would have the room for a shed and this way it would be at a centralized location in the county. Rodney Fitzgerald stated that a shed should be bought to hold the supplies and equipment and Tim Brown stated that if Dushore Borough housed them then whenever they used the equipment they should get a discounted fee.

Scott asked Ron Decker if we bought a shed if the Code Inspections would permit it, Rodney wanted to know if we would need hurricane straps and Ron said that we would need to use rebar. Scot felt that the shed should have a rollup door and windows suggestion of a 12 by 20 shed. We need to get the use of the space approved by the Dushore Borough Council before we can be sure we can house this there.

A suggestion of rental prices for the Tar Buggy were set at \$100.00 a week plus purchase of the tar and \$25.00 a day for either of the other machines.

We need to vote on what we are buying for sure at our meeting in February so that we can get started on the paperwork for the grant.

Scot Sample said that he would like to come in when we are being trained to use the sign machine he would like to learn.

A motion was made by Paul Beaver to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 and seconded by all.