

Sullivan County Council of Governments

February 26, 2008
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 by President Paul Beaver

Carl Vough – Forks Township
Carl Rine Jr. – Shrewsbury Township
Rick Smith – Forksville Borough
Justine Morgan – Code Inspections
Vern Morgan – Fox Township
Bill Black – Cherry Township
Scot Sample – Dushore Township
Walter Botsford – Laporte Township
Paul Beaver – Laporte Borough
Bill Stasiak – Colley Township
Tim Brown – Colley Township
Ron Decker – Code Inspections
Bob Getz – Sullivan County

A motion was made to approve the minutes only after two corrections were made Scot stated that the Dushore Borough has room in their shed to house the equipment that we might be purchasing with a shared grand “not that they would have room for us to house a shed on the property as stated in the January 22, 2008 minutes” also an oversight on my part Carl Rine Jr. was inadvertently left off the list of members that were present at the January meeting. So a correction would be that Carl Rine Jr. was present at the January meeting. After the corrections had been stated the minutes are accepted by Scot Sample and seconded by Bill Black. One other change that should be noted is that the Fax # for Colley Twp is (570) 928-8105

A motion to approve the treasurers' report was made by Walter Botsford and seconded by Carl Rine Jr.

Training has been set for March 18 and 19 we will be having a trainer come in from Florida to train us how to operate the sign machine.

Scot Sample stated that he would get in touch with Hoffman New Yorker to see if they could make our sign blanks.

Bob Getz stated that a mailing has gone out to Laporte Township, Davidson and Shrewsbury and that there is some confusion over Sonestown. Bob stated that they are trying to clear up these areas before they continue with the second mailing. The addresses are not finalized just yet they may still question the addresses and names of roads.

The COG has to purchase DSL in order to get the wireless computer up and running for the sign machine.

We talked again about the 911 locator signs and a price for them also about us not being able to sell directly to the general public. Paul Beaver stated that we should get a price for the signs and then go to the local fire companies to see if they would want to sell them as a fund raiser.

Ron Decker stated that the numbering system would be enforced through the fire companies so that this would make it easier for them to locate people when they are called out.

Vern Morgan stated that Fox township has already purchased their signs for this year and that they came up with a price of \$5,000.00 he suggested that the COG look into the prices of the poles and such for the installation so that if a municipality wanted to do a package deal they could. Therefore Clara needs to call Tapco and enquire about prices for post and brake away, plus brackets.

Tim Brown stated that Barry from Penn Dot had planned on being at this meeting but had an emergency arise that could not make him being here possible, he will come at a later date.

Scot Sample talked to Tom Schill and then to Matt Dominus and they stated that we would have to have our plan of action spelled out to the tee of what and how we intended to work the shared equipment and how we intend to come up with our in-kind portion of the grant. The committee will have to meet to go over all of this and the committee exists of Scot Sample, Tim Brown, Rodney Fitzgerald and Clara Finan would need to be present.

A motion was made by Bill Stasiak and seconded by Carl Rine Jr. to continue on with working on the grant for the shared equipment.

A person from Larson Design group was going to come to this meeting but they were sick so they will be coming to the meeting on March 25th instead.

A discussion on the roads and snowmobiling Vern Morgan said that if you opened roads so that snowmobiling was allowed the municipalities would have to have insurance to cover any mishaps and therefore if you opened the roads to snowmobiling the four wheelers and such would also want to ride on the roads and this would cause all kinds of problems.

A discussion was held on zoning use of zoning for some things not all just a simple plan is need County wide.

Scot feels that the planning Commission should include members from the municipalities. Bob Getz said that some of our flood plain maps are none existent.

Tim Brown made a motion for Clara to get supplies and Scot Sample seconded it.

At the next meeting on March 25, 2008 we will go over our By-Laws and the new officers will sign them.

Tim Brown made a motion to pay the bills and Scot Sample seconded the motion.

A motion was made at 8:45 by Tim brown to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Carl Rine Jr.