

Sullivan County Council of Governments
April 28, 2009
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Scot Sample, President.

Tim Brown-Colley Township

Scot Sample-Dushore Borough

Bill Stasiak-Colley Township

Rich Smith-Forksville Borough

Bill Black-Cherry Township

Walter Botsford-Laporte Township

Carl Vough-Forks Township

Linwood Myers-Davidson Township

Carl Rine Jr.-Shrewsbury Township

Ron Decker-Code Inspections

Bob Getz-Sullivan County Commissioner

Randy Reibson-Sullivan County Conservation District

Donna Yale-Speaker with Penn Tap

First point of business was to have Donna Yale speak about broad band and what it can do for our municipalities. Donna Yale stated that they offer free technical support for small businesses, in order to help business run smoothly and efficiently. Donna also stated that through the stimulus program there are grants to receive broad band for our municipalities. Bob Getz stated that he had no knowledge of these grants through the stimulus package.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 24th meeting; the motion was made by Carl Vough and seconded by Bill Black all in favor so the motion was carried.

A motion to approve the treasurers' report was made by Walter Botsford and seconded by Carl Rine JR all in favor so motion was carried.

Bob Getz said that letters were sent out to all municipalities about the Tax Collection Act 32 they have 2 months to all information back to Bob there are three important deadlines to meet 1st in July- then September –last December.

They will be interviewing engineers for the bonding of roads and Tim Brown will help with this process.

Countywide sales tax was brought up it was stated whatever county you purchased an item in that county would keep the sales tax, Bob Getz stated that Sullivan County couldn't get much advantage out of this tax since we have no big businesses in the county.

Rich Smith and Linwood Myers made the motion to reimburse Clara Finan for the purchase of ink for the computer \$ 121.96 a vote was taken all in favor so motion was carried.

Randy Reibson spoke about money from the stimulus for dirt and gravel roads, must be job creating and have minorities work. You must have the paper into Randy by May 15th so that they can apply and they would like to apply as a group through Penn Vest.

Bill Stasiak, Tim Brown and Scot Sample went to a meeting about posting and bonding of the roads. The gas companies would like the municipalities to get an agreement for the roads instead of having them posted and bonded. Scot stated they we should have someone from the gas company come to one of our meetings and speak to us they felt that June would be a good time. Clara will send out letters to invite all our municipalities to this meeting.

On April 24th there was a flood summit to explain how you could tell if you were in a flood plain or not. They stated that this was hands on and Carl Vough spoke at it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 by Scot Sample.