

Sullivan County Council of Governments
June 23, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Scot Sample and Bob Getz welcomed everyone.

Linwood Myers-Davidson Township

Carl Rine Jr.-Shrewsbury Township

Darla M. Bortz-Commissioner

Naomi M. English-Chief Clerk

Betty Reibson-Commissioner

Walter Botsford-Laporte Township

Bill Stasiak-Colley Township

Paul Beaver-Laporte Borough

Bill Black-Cherry Township

Tim Brown-Colley Township

Diane Fitzgerald-Cherry Township

Scot Sample-Dushore Borough

Bill Feese-Eagles Mere Borough

Jim Rogers- Laporte

John R. Klus-Laporte Borough

Britt Bassett of Bassett Engineering was introduced and gave a presentation of the posting and bounding of our roads. Britt Bassett was hired by the County to do a study on the roads so that we can protect them from damage from heavy loads traveling on them.

These were some of the things that were covered in the presentation.

Road

Bridge and Culvert Studies

Bridge Inspections

Engineering and Traffic Study

Ranking Criteria

Geometric

Past Experience

Physical Testing of Roads

California Bearing Ratio

Samples at intervals

Actual Core Testing

Paved Roads

Falling weight deflection testing customized rig pounds the pavement every 500 feet to see what will happen to the road from the weight, this is scientifically accurate and can tell you what you need to do to upgrade your roads so that they can withstand more weight.

Ground penetrating Radar Study will give the thickness this study works well for paved roads.

More elaborate studies will cost about \$30,000.00 per mile engineering traffic studies are okay and will cost approximately \$5,000. Per mile.

Engineers Opinion

Numerical Ranking

Condition Described

Traffic Patterns

DEP Permitting for Road Projects apply for single blanket permits to cover all hydraulic structures in your municipality. The permits are good for 5 years.

You can bond the roads for \$ 12,000.00per mile on a paved road and \$ 6,000.00 on a gravel road. Any heavy hauler has to come to the municipality for a permit before they can haul on your roads. If roads are damaged by the hauler you can stop them from hauling till the roads are repaired.

Britt Bassett will generate a report for each road and give recommendations of weight limits that should be posted on each road.

Ordinance and Engineering Study

After enacting an ordinance you must start to post all that will be covered signs must be posted where the road meets with a state road doesn't have to be at each intersection and then the signs must be inspected by PENNDOT for correct placement.

Barry Garvert will be the person to ask about where the signs need to be placed.

Each municipality will have to pay for their own signs , It was stated that the study will take 2 months to complete and the starting date is 6-23-09.

A suggestion was made to have a combined meeting again in August on our meeting date the 25th at the AG resource center.

A motion was made by Bob Getz and Bill Stasiak to except the minutes from the May 26th meeting all were in favor of excepting the minutes.

A motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Carl Rine Jr. and seconded by Paul Beaver all were in favor of accepting the report.

We set the rate that the appeals board members will be paid for each appeal that they attend and this includes the alternate as well Paul Beaver made the motion to pay \$50.00 to each member since that is what other municipalities have paid their members in the past Bill Stasiak seconded the motion and it was put to a vote all were in favor of approving this fee no one was against the fee.

The COG cannot register contractors after the first of July because that is when Bill 100 goes into force the Attorney General will be responsible for making sure that all contractors are registered with the state the only people that we can register would be those who are building brand new homes in the County.

We must look into the fee that is being charged for Code Inspections and decide if the municipalities will take less.

A motion was made by Paul Beaver to pay the bills and seconded by Carl Rine JR all voted in favor to pay the bills.

Paul Beaver stated that the Energy Task Force is looking for people to serve on subcommittees; also on July 22 there is a picnic in the park at 4:30 for the Independent Task Force and a presentation at the school at 7:00. On July 27th they will be touring wells in Bradford County.

Also Bob Getz brought up about the Taxation Committee.

On October 7th there is a meeting only 2 people from each municipality can attend the Geo Science people will be speaking at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 by Scot Sample Carl Rine JR made the motion to Adjourn and Bill Stasiak seconded the motion all approved.