

Sullivan County Council of Governments
August 25, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by President Scot Sample.

Carl Rine JR-Shrewsbury Township
Linwood Myers-Davidson Township
David Myers-Davidson Township
Diane Fitzgerald-Cherry Township
Bill Black- Cherry Township
Paul Beaver-Laporte Borough
Frank Tourscher-Code Inspections INC
Tim Brown-Colley Township
Bill Stasiak-Colley Township
Bob Getz-Sullivan County
Walter Botsford-Laporte Township
Rich Marks- Laporte Township
Dale Shisler-Fox Township
Rick Smith-Forksville Borough
Scot Sample-Dushore Borough
Carl Vough-Forks Township
Ron Smith-Hillsgrove Township

A motion was made by Paul Beaver and seconded by Linwood Myers to approve the minutes from July 28th when asked if all were in favor everyone voted yes so the motion was carried.

A motion to approve the Treasurers report was made by Carl Rine JR and seconded by Linwood Myers asked if all were in favor to approve the report and everyone voted yes so the motion was carried.

Tim Brown said that he had spoken to Tina Pickett and that she feels that the bill for the State Police fees will not pass.

I need to send out letters for the September meeting along with the letter I need to send a copy of the Roadway use and Maintenance Agreement sent to us by Chesapeake so that each municipality can look over it before coming to the next meeting. I also need to send a copy of the agreement to Brit Bassett.

Bob Getz spoke about the wage tax. He stated that he hasn't received a sample agreement yet that needs to be done by each municipality it doesn't need to be adopted yet but it needs to be set up. Other new from Bob is that the Commissioners were contacted about the 2010 census, each county needs a complete committee set up by April1, 2010. The census is in our hands if we don't have the right counts we won't receive the right amount of assistance.

The sign machine at this point in time is not making us any money we can't be competitive with the big companies because they can buy in bulk and we can't. Chemung sells signs \$ 26.00 Bradco \$ 27.00 and Ems didn't do us any favors by telling people to go to Wal-Mart or Kmart for their signs just some food for thought.

A motion was made by Linwood Myers and seconded by Bill Black to pay the bills for the month when put to a vote all voted in favor to pay the bills.

Our Speakers Brit and Bill from Bassett engineering, they spoke about the executive summary for the whole county which they will send out 2 copies to each municipality and then in the next month or so they would like to meet with each municipality individually or in small groups. And the County will get a final report for all the municipal roads.

They rated the roads from 1 – being poor to 10 – very good most of our roads they stated were in pretty good shape. The question was asked how long a study is good for and Brit said 5 years but no more than 7 years the more current the study the more value the study has towards your bonding.

Bob Getz asked if there is some kind of law were you can grandfather in some of your local haulers and they said that there is some kind of exemption in the law for this. Tim Brown stated that you can also determine this for yourself he gave an example say some hauls only 3 loads over your roads or someone is hauling 30 or more loads you can choose what actions to take.

Then it was asked what the weight limits would be and they stated most gravel roads are 10 Ton and most Asphalt roads would be 30 Tons. Then Brit stated that there is an ordinance form that is used state wide and that the State has a Sample of this ordinance. Tim Brown stated that anyone who would like to see the ordinance that he has could feel free to stop by the township building. Also they stated that this is in Publication 221. Scot Sample said that the police will also let you know what haulers are local and which aren't.

Tim Browns solicitor stated to him that with the bonding of the roads you have more control over when and how your roads are fixed if they are damaged.

A question was brought about how you will enforce the weight of a vehicle, there is a Weight Limit Enforcing team out of the Wyoming Barracks and you would have to get in touch with them. The ordinance that is used for the bounding is based on a State Law. The benefit of the using the bonding process is that you can delay a hauler from moving any further on your roads till they comply with your ordinance. Tim Brown spoke to the Captain from the Wyoming Weight Enforcement Team and he stated that you shouldn't just stop the trucks that you should call them first because you never know what kind of trouble a hauler might cause and you aren't sure if you could handle it yourself.

Frank Tourscher spoke about problems with getting work done in a timely manner they thought maybe we should have a full time SEO at the COG office. They stated that some projects have been held up for months up to 2years in one circumstance. He wanted to know if they wanted to set up for Mary to come and speak at one of our meetings. They stated that they have three people they use Paul, Chip and Norm at this time the answer was to just give these three people a time limit to follow and if they don't do the work in that time frame pass the work on to someone else.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 by Scot Sample, President.