

Sullivan County Council of Governments
September 22, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Scot Sample, President.

Dale Shisler-Fox Township
Carl Rine JR-Shrewsbury Township
Bob Getz-Sullivan County Commissioner
Linwood Myers- Davidson Township
Darla Bortz- Sullivan County
Rich Marks-Laporte Township
Walter Botsford-Laporte Township
Daria Fish-Chief Oil & Gas
Seth Frazer-Chief Oil & Gas
John Pittenger-Chief Gathering
Ronald Smith-Hillsgrove Township
Wes King-Hillsgrove Township
Bill Stasiak-Colley Township
Scot Sample-Dushore Borough
Michael Narcavage-Chesapeake
Leonard Heaton-Forksville Borough
Paul Treaster-Forks Township
Paul Beaver-Laporte Borough
Donn Free-Penn Dot

The representatives from Chief introduced themselves and stated that they are a privately held company. The people present were Daria Fish, John Pittenger and Seth Frazer.

They spoke about other municipalities that have used their agreement and the work that was done for them. They stated that in Pen Township they did some road repairs and a private contractor did the repairs for them. Also the used Beaver Lake Road and that received some damage and this road was a bonded road, the road in Pen township was not bonded they just used the agreement with Chief.

Don from Pen Dot stated that they are still doing the Posting and Bonding because of the legislation. He suggested that before signing any agreement with the oil companies you should have your solicitors go over the agreements first he felt that if you had to go to court with the sample agreements that were handed out you wouldn't have a leg to stand on because they are so vague.

Mike Narcavage from Chesapeake stated that they have 16 agreements sign to this date by different municipalities. He stated that if there were damage to the roads that the Townships themselves could fix the damage but they ask for the right first to have one of their contractors perform the work. Donn Free asked Mike if they had anything against bonding and he stated that they had no problem with the municipalities going with bonding their roads instead of using the agreements with the gas companies. Bob Getz asked if we are bonded if they would still do

the agreements and Mike from Chesapeake said no because there would be no need to do the agreements that the bond would be all we would need.

Donn Free stated that just because you have the road study done you still must finish off the process by getting your ordinance and putting up your signs.

Chief stated that they Video Tape the roads that they are using so that they can prove or not prove damages sustained from using the roads, Chesapeake stated that they do not videotape the roads.

Mike from Chesapeake stated that we could still pass our ordinance for the roads but not put up the weight limit signs and then this would give them a chance to use their agreements with us. Chief stated that posting and bonding will affect all other trucking in the areas well not just them.

Scot asked that if we don't bond the roads and we enter into an agreement then who is responsible to take care of the roads, they stated that with how much they would be traveling the roads they would be the ones responsible to fix the roads not unless they saw that there was more trucks traveling the roads more than them.

A motion was made by Bill Stasiak and seconded by Paul Beaver to except the minutes from the August 25th meeting it was put to a vote and all were in favor so the motion was passed.

A motion was made by Wally Botsford and seconded by Paul Beaver to except the Treasurers report it was put to a vote and all were in favor so the motion was passed.

Old Business Bob Getz spoke about the wage tax that there is a meeting on October 21st at 7:00 pm in the Court House he stated that there is a ad in the public notices of the Sullivan Review in this week's issue.

Clara will be getting in contact with George Muller from the Fire Company we would like to do something together for the news paper about fire prevention week so that maybe we can get some more 911 signs ordered.

Darla Bortz stated that each municipality would have to make it known to its residents that they want them to put up the 911 signs; she also stated that the emergency services cannot make that judgment. The municipalities can pass an ordinance stating that the signs must be put up and they can state the color also.

Scot Sample made a suggestion that we get a bulk purchase for drainage pipes Donn Free stated that we could possible get a materials contract and that we should contact Barry from Penn Dot to see what verbiage to use. Scot Sample stated that we would have Tim Brown coordinate this.

Donn Free stated that there is a Publication 221 about posting and bonding that it is not just putting up the signs, you still have to go out and monitor your roads. He stated that the agreements do not state how bad they will let the roads get before they feel that they need to be fixed. He also stated that someone from each municipality should call Penn Township or Burlington Township or anyone else that they stated used their agreement and ask how happy

they were with the work that was performed by these two companies. Do your homework and do some checking don't just take these agreements at face value they would need more information in them.

Bob Getz will be meeting with Brit Bassett on Monday to talk about the roads that they felt were in poor shape.

Donn Free stated that in Publication 221 it states that you have the right to have your dirt roads fixed due to dust control this would fall under excess maintenance. He stated that there is a course that would help you understand the laws and so that are sure you are interpreting the law right. The course is done by ELTAP and it is a 1 day course if anyone is interested please let us know so that we can have this set up.

Donn Free also spoke about a program that is being done for bridges that are 8 ft -20 ft long you would be asked in you want to be a part of having your bridges inspected or not there will be a small fee Barry from Penn Dot and someone else will be with him to log all the bridges and then Northern tier will be contacting you to see if you want to be included in the program.

Carl Rine JR made the motion to pay the bills and Rich Marks seconded the motion it was put to a vote all in favor so the motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a motion was made by Bill Stasiak and seconded by Carl Rine JR.