

Sullivan County Council of Governments
October 27, 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by Scot Sample, President.

Scot Sample-Dushore Borough

Carl Vough-Forks Township

Paul Beaver-Laporte Borough

Tim Brown-Colley Township

Bill Black-Colley Township

Bob Getz-Sullivan County Commissioners

Bill Black-Cherry Township

Walter Botsford-Laporte Township

Britt Bassett-Bassett Engineering

Bill Scott-Bassett Engineering

Linwood Myers-Davidson Township

Carl Rine JR- Shrewsbury Township

Frank Tourscher- Code Inspections INC.

Randy Reibson-Sullivan County Conservation District

Brit Bassett suggested that each municipality use their surveys to make a road maintenance plan he suggested that you set a 5-7-10 year plan for the roads that need work. This would mean that the major priority roads would be in your 5 year plan. He stated that the reports that were done could be used when trying to get grants for fixing the roads.

Bill Scott stated that with having the Commissioners in the COG and by working as a group we could try to get some grants for fixing the roads. By working as a group and with the Conservation District for dirt and gravel roads we should be able to get some kind of grants you just have to find out where all the grants are and who are offering them.

Bob Getz stated that the County would be able or interested in heading up getting the grants but we would need someone to write the grants. He asked Britt if there was a fee they charged and he said that there would be a fee for them to do it.

Bob Getz stated that figuring out what roads or culverts that need to be fixed would have to be done by each municipality and that when all this was done Rand Reibson would help with filling out the applications for the grants. Bob Getz also stated that he would check into what kind of grants are available for fixing up our roads and what we can apply for as a group.

Scot stated that each municipality should then go over their road surveys and prioritize what needs done bring this list to the next COG meeting and then we will comprise a list for the different grants.

Tim Brown asked if there is any money from FEMA that would help to take care of things like temporary bridges, or things that pertain to emergency routes. He spoke about the bridge in Lopez and that if this bridge goes out they have no other access out of town, they also stated that this is a PENN Dot Bridge.

Bob Getz stated that there is still money that can be received through the stimulus package but we must have all the paperwork filled out and in by February in order to receive any money.

Bob Getz stated that with having all the municipalities together this would have a bigger bearing on if we would get the grants or not. They also stated that if you have someone write up your grant the fee would be between 3 and 4% of what the amount of the grant is.

Our November meeting will be on November 17th at 7:00 pm and we will be going over the list of roads that each municipality comprised for grants. We then decided that our December meeting would be on the 15th of December at 7:00 pm also, Bill black made the motion to accept the changes to the meetings and Paul Beaver seconded the motion all we in favor so the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Carl Vough to accept the September minutes and seconded by Carl Rine JR all we in favor so the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Linwood Myer to accept the Treasurers report and seconded by Paul Beaver all in favor so the motion was carried.

The meeting for the local taxes went well everything should be completed in one year.

Carl Vough sent in for a 3M grant and his was the only municipality to do this.

Tim Brown will be faxing out order forms to each municipality for pipe and post if anyone is interested please mail them back to Tim Brown with your order.

Bill Black and Carl Vough were chosen to be on the Budget committee for next year we will meet at the next meeting to go over the proposed budget.

We will have nominations for president and Vice president for the year 2010 at December meeting and then vote for them also that night.

The task force will be having a meeting on November 16th the class will consist of two parts the first being on how the wells are done and the second will be taking a field trip to see some of the wells in the area.

Scot stated that Mark Madigan is willing to talk to people about wells the pipeline what to sign for and what not to except. He will also speak about water testing that the only way you can prove if your wells are damaged by the drilling is to have proof that your wells are good beforehand.

Carl Vough stated that the municipalities are to report any damage of their dirt roads from Saturday's storm to Mary from the EMS.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Carl Rine JR and seconded by Carl Vough so the meeting adjourned at 8:45.