

Sullivan County Council of Governments
December 15 2009
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Scot Sample, President

Scot Sample- Dushore Borough
Paul Beaver- Laporte Borough
Walter Botsford-Laporte Township
Linwood Myers- Davidson Township
Carl Rine JR-Shrewsbury Township
Bill Black- Cherry Township
Frank Tourscher- Code Inspections Inc.
Bob Getz – Sullivan County Commissioners
Bill Stasiak- Colley Township
Tim Brown Colley Township
Ron Decker- Code Inspections Inc.
Rich Smith-Forksville Borough
Carl Vough-Forks Township

A correction was needed for November's minutes Lynwood Myers was missed on the list of people present at the November meeting.

Scot Sample stated that he called Penn vest to see if they had any grants for road repairs he spoke to Brian Johnson and he stated that they were only doing grants for dirt and gravel roads. He also spoke to Barry Garverick and he also stated that they didn't have any money available at this time. Britt Bassett asked Bob Getz if we have done anything to see about getting any grants or if we had come up with any list of roads that we wanted done.

Scot Sample found a place that you could borrow money from, we just aren't sure were to go to get money to get the road projects done. Bob Getz stated that he will follow up with Randy and then get back to Scot about this matter.

Bob Getz brought in a Northern tier Bridge inventory for all municipalities to look at he stated that there should be some money available to help with bridges and culverts. Bob will be calling Rick Biery about attending our meeting in January to talk to us about this matter.

Bob Getz stated that there are some Penn Dot roads that Penn Dot is trying to get certain municipalities to take them back so that they don't have to take care of them anymore then it will be the responsibility of the said municipalities if they get them to take back the roads.

Linwood Myers made the motion to except the November minutes with the prior mentioned change and Carl Rine JR seconded the motion all in favor so the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Bill Stasiak to except the Treasurers report and seconded by Paul Beaver all in favor so the motion was carried.

WE had nominations for the President and Vice President for 2010, Bill Stasiak made the motion to keep them the same as they were in 2009 Bob Getz seconded and everyone approved the

motion (nominations) So Scot Sample will be President and Tim Brown Vice President for one more year.

Everyone also decided that our meetings for 2010 should be held at 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 but they will still be on the 4th Tuesday of each month with the exceptions of April, November and December and those dates will be set the prior month. Paul Beaver made this motion and Tim Brown seconded it all voted in favor so the motion was carried.

2010 Budget we aren't sure if we can get money from CDBG for operating expenses. Clara will check into this to see. Ron Decker stated that maybe we could get some money or income from land use permits from the oil and gas companies. A motion was made by Paul Beaver to except the 2010 budget and seconded by Carl Rine JR all voted in favor so the motion was carried.

Clara needs to write a letter to Tina Pickett's office asking her to put the gas wells back on the tax rolls. This will cause a tremendous impact for the whole county.

With the new changes in registration of contractors it makes it hard for the municipalities to be sure that permits are being used for building they feel that many jobs are being done undetected and unpermitted this then causes loss of tax dollars for the County. Bob stated that Ed finds anywhere from 2 to 3 things a week that aren't recorded for the tax books.

WE have a permit that was issued to Cherry Township for demolition of an old building Paul Beaver made the motion to return the fee to the Township and Walter Botsford seconded the motion all in favor so the motion was carried.

Carl Vough made a motion to pay the bills and Lynwood Myers seconded the motion all in favor so motion was carried.

Ron Decker asked if each municipality would purchase a Code book everyone at the meeting stated that they would fill out the papers to purchase the books and also the COG will purchase one for the Board of appeals.

We spoke about the payments for the fire companies for the 911 signs we will do this in January.

A motion was made by Tim Brown and seconded by Richard Smith to adjourn the meeting so the meeting adjourned at 8:30.