

Sullivan County Council of Governments
December 28, 2010
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Scot Sample –President
Linwood Myers-Davidson Township
Carl Rine JR-Shrewsbury Township
Bill Black-Cherry Township
Bill Stasiak-Colley Township
Tim Brown-Colley Township
Scot Sample-Dushore Borough
Carl Vough-Forks Township
Bob Getz-Sullivan County Commissioners
Walter Botsford-Laporte Township
Lynn Herman-Uni-Tec Consulting Engineers, INC
Corporal D P Pope-PSP Laporte
Ron Decker- Code Inspections
Roy Zimmerman-Elkland Township
John Huhn-Eagles Mere

Lynn Herman from UNI-TEC Consulting Engineers Inc. stopped by and talked about their company. Bob Getz asked a question about flood management structures. Lynn wasn't sure if they do anything with that or not but stated that he would get back with Bob and let him know.

Corporal Pope is newly assigned to this area; he has worked in Susquehanna County with commercial vehicles. He stated that the permits that are being given to truck companies that certify them as local permits these drivers to only drive on the State roads. If a driver is only delivering one or two loads of dirt then they can be considered local. The weight of a water truck can go up to 73,280 for an average truck. The permits that are being given by PennDot are only for one year at a time and if the municipalities would like to find out how much they are charging for the fees then they will have to call Montoursville.

A question was brought up about the quarries per say Insinger he is traveling on the roads and these roads are bonded by Chesapeake but if the other drivers who are traveling these roads damage them and are not affiliated with Chesapeake then Chesapeake can decide not to fix the roads. So you must keep a close eye on what is going on in your municipality. Tim Brown stated that you as a municipality can tell large trucks what roads they may travel on.

Bob Getz asked if there was any follow up on the section of road on 220 that has become a problem with accidents. Corporal Pope stated that he wasn't aware of any follow up on the condition. It was stated that PennDot should make an effort to follow up on what is causing the problems.

Bob Getz stated that a request was made that we share our engineering studies for our roads with the state. Scot Sample stated that they are public record and if records are requested then you must give them. Bob also stated that if they want copies then they must make them at their own expense do to the size and volume of the studies.

Bob Getz feels that they might be using these studies as a base line for the gas companies to decide what roads to fix and which ones to not .Scot Sample also feels that you might be penalized for keeping your roads in good shape, you might not get the help you need.

Bob Getz stated that they now have road maps ready with the 911 numbers on them anyone wishing to get one can. Bob also stated that per the senses our population is now 6,104 people we are down about 500 people Sullivan County is now the smallest county in state. Liquid fuels money is based on your population so in effect our liquid fuels money will be lower.

Tim Brown asked how they are to know who are the local truckers and who aren't Corporal Pope stated that they only way you will know is to stop them and ask who they are driving for. It was stated that there are only two trucks that carry scales and they have a large area to cover. The cost of one set of scales is approximately \$7,000 they hope to in the near future have the scales come to Sullivan County. If a wide load is coming through our area is there any way that we can be notified especially if they do not have an escort. What determines if a large load can travel only during the day or if they can travel at night? Corporal Pope stated that all permits for oversized trucks must go through PennDot> Tim stated that the permits must state the date and when they are traveling on your roads. Corporal Pope said that if you see a load that is wide that doesn't have an escort you may give the police a call and if they can stop the truck then they will.

It was stated that when the well rigs are being moved there aren't any calls given to the municipalities to let them know where they are going they are traveling on some roads that do not have the capacity for these large trucks to go. Some vehicles are getting stuck and then need assistance to get moving again.

There was a mistake on last month's minutes I forgot to put Bill Stasiak from Colley Township as being present, and John Voda is a field rep for Chesapeake his last name was also spelled wrong on the November minutes.

A motion was made by Carl Vough and seconded by Carl Rine JR to except the minutes with the afore mentioned mistakes taken care of. It was put to a vote and all voted in favor so the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Bill Stasiak and seconded by Lynn wood Myers to except the Treasurers report. It was put to a vote and all voted in favor so the motion was carried.

Per the flood firm map meeting – Mike and Bob Getz talked after the meeting they have a copy of all the old ordinances and will have a sample copy made up so that each municipality look at and make any changes if needed. Roy Zimmerman stated that when we go over the ordinance and pass it then we should give a copy to the Code Inspections office. It was stated that it would be really convenient to have one set standard to go by. It was also stated that if you are in the 50 foot area of a flood plan then you must go through DEP before building anything.

Carl Rine JR made the motion to put the ad in the paper for the budget and Walter Botsford seconded the motion. All voted for the motion so the motion was carried.

Bob Getz made the motion to keep the same officers as last year with exception that Scot Sample didn't want to be President again so it was stated that Tim Brown would be President and Scot Sample Vice president. Bill Stasiak stated that we couldn't vote till next month. All were in favor of the nominations so next month we will vote.

A motion was made by John Huhn III to pay the bills as presented and Carl Rine JR seconded the motion all voted to pay the bills.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 by Scot Sample, President.