

Sullivan County Council of Governments  
January 25, 2011  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Scot Sample  
Fred Jugan-Cherry Township  
John R. Klus- Laporte Borough  
Walter Botsford-Laporte Township  
Tim Brown-Colley Township  
Bill Stasiak-Colley Township  
Carl Rine JR-Shrewsbury  
Bob Getz-Sullivan County Commissioners  
John Huhn-Eagles Mere Borough  
Carl Vough-Forks Township  
Roy Zimmerman-Elkland Township  
Sean Thibodeault-Sullivan County EMS  
Frank Tourscher-Code Inspections

We started out the meeting with Sean Thibodeault from EMS.

He handed out a paper on Narrowbanding which will be coming in 2013. Sean stated that they hope to be switched by next year. They just want to make sure that all municipal equipment is FCC compatible to the new 12.5 KHz or less (narrowband). Please let Sean know if your equipment is compliant or not.

Sean was asked if there have been any incidences with the wells. Sean stated that they did have 1 injury on a site in Shunk on a well rig. there has also been an increase in vehicle accidents and several fuel spills, but at no time have any of these spills effected the water systems.

A question was asked about updating our ordinances to prohibit drilling in flood plains. The DEP has no law or ordinance to prohibit drilling in the flood plains but FEMA does have plans for this sort of activity.

Bob Getz gave hand outs stating that there are three activities that each community should undertake during the upcoming months to ensure both continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program(NFIP)and a high quality Flood Insurance Rate Map(FIRM) for you community.

. Your community should review your preliminary FIRM and suggest corrections or comments as soon as possible. If serious scientific or technical issues with the preliminary FIRM arise, a formal appeal should be submitted during the 90-dayappealperiod described below.

. **Your Community is responsible to reach out to those citizens affected by the changes on the FIRM and inform them of the potential flood insurance implications.**

. Your community must adopt a new or amended floodplain ordinance that meets the NFIP minimum requirements or face possible suspension from the NFIP.

Bob stated that we are in the 90 days appeal period now and that if anyone plans on doing anything about an appeal they must act now.

Bob Getz stated that we have 2,198 parcels that are in the flood plain all total we have 9,000 or so parcels of land in the county. Bob stated that the municipalities must start letting people who are affected by these changes know. Bob has a sample letter that can be sent out to the affected people, he also stated that this can be done by a bulk mailing through the county if they were

willing to go that way. AS long as people act soon they can get their flood insurance at a low cost approximately \$150.00 a year at the end of the program period insurance will be \$1,000.00 if a building is in the flood plain. The only way to get the lower cost is to be grandfathered in before the new ordinance is passed. A motion was made by Scot Sample and seconded by Bill Stasiak to have the County do a bulk mailing of the letters to the people affected by the flood plain a vote was taken and all voted in favor of the county doing the mailing.

Sean Thibodeault stated they will be getting new aerial maps soon. That anyone wishing to stop by and get them may do so. Bob stated that each municipality should have a flood map of their area and you can get these at the Courthouse.

Bob Getz stated that he will get the letters ready to send out and do a public notice anyone wishing to read the letter before it is sent out may stop by Bob's office.

Scot Sample stated that the oil and gas act is stronger than any ordinance or zoning that anyone has. You can't hurry and try to push trough paperwork to change a zoning ordinance because if you do red flags will go out and you can only meet once a month.

If any municipality would like to get a copy of the new addressing changes please let Sean Thibodeault know and he will get it for you.

Next month we will review the flood plains.

A motion was made by Fred Jugan and seconded by Carl Rine JR to except the treasurers' report. When put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Carl Rine JR and seconded by John Klus to approve the 2011 Budget. When put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was carried.

Tim Brown had been nominated for president at our December meeting and Scot Sample as Vice President, when asked if there we any other nominations there weren't any so nominations were closed. Wally Botsford made a motion to except the nominees as stated and John Klus seconded the motion all voted and thus Tim Brown will be President for 2011 and Scot Sample will be Vice President.

Bob Getz stated that our census count was down by 500 people or 6% once these totals are sent in they can't be changed.

Scot Sample stated that if you hear of a well going into a flood zone you would have to have a hearing before the well goes in. Scot also stated that they can't drill on wet lands.

A motion was made by John Huhn and seconded by John Klus to pay the bills all voted in favor to pay the bills.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 by President Scot Sample.

