

Sullivan County Council of Governments  
June 28, 2011  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Vice President, Tim Brown.

Fred Jugan-Cherry Township  
John Klus-Laporte Borough  
Carl Vough-Forks Township  
Tom Yarnall-Forksville Borough/Best & Associates  
David Aumen-Plunketts Creek Township/Best & Associates  
Tim Brown-Colley Township  
Bill Stasiak-Colley Township  
Ron Decker-Code Inspections  
Bob Getz-Sullivan Commissioners  
Roy Zimmerman-Elkland Township  
Bob Henderson-Fox Township/Best & Associates

Tom Yarnall from Best & Associates was at the meeting to talk with us about doing sewage permits for the gas well sites .He stated that he would send out reports to the COG to let them know how things were progressing. The base well pad permit is good for 18 months.

At this time Paul Baran is the person who does these permits for the County.

John Klus asked once a permit is issued how often is the area inspected? Tom Yarnall stated they are inspected at set up and periodical drive bys mainly as needed. It also depends on how many different operations are going on the site. John also asked if COG would get any information on the well pad or any monetary amount for having this service. At this time we don't receive any information on projects.

Tom Yarnall stated that the COG would receive the checks for the permits and then issue on to Best for the services.

Tim Brown stated that Paul Baran does the work know and the municipalities would have to check with him before choosing to use Best for these services. Tim stated that he would check with Paul Baran and also with our solicitor before we made any decisions.

Tom Yarnall stated that in his opinion one person will not be able to keep up with the volume of wells that will be coming in the next few years. Also once they start hooking up the pipe line the wells will then be drilled faster.

If we would choose to use Best as an alternate would we have to vote on this each year. No it will be handled just like Code so that you wouldn't have to renew things each year. Bill Stasiak stated that we would need to vote and then have a resolution written up if we do decided to use Best.

Fred Jugan made a motion to accept the May 24<sup>th</sup> minutes and Carl Vough seconded the motion. When put to a vote and all were in favor so the motion was carried.

John Klus made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Fred Jugan seconded the motion. When put to a vote all voted in favor to accept the motion so the motion was carried.

Bob Getz stated that starting January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2012 a non residence wage tax will apply to non residence of the County. But they are not sure how you would be able to get everyone to report their income or wages.

Also Bob stated that on June 27<sup>th</sup> he heard a hydro-geologist speak about methane. The more seismic you have and lime stone when the layers are broken it allows the methane to escape. Each well should be plotted separately and not put in rows. Fracking is not the problem it is the lime stone or sand layers.

Ron Decker stated that we only have one Cement Plant. So where is all the cement coming from for all these wells?

Carl Vough stated that right now the gas companies are tying up all the older cheaper leases that they have before they run out.

Bob Getz stated that checks will be dispersed for the roll backs on clean and green. Laporte Borough Dushore or Eagles Mere will not be getting checks due to no properties in their area being affected by this.

Tim Brown stated that the \$500.00 dollar fee they have for putting pipe under the roads isn't enough to cover the cost.

Roy Zimmerman felt that if the severance tax does go into effect that the gas companies might refuse to fix the roads they use. They might start wanting us to take care of them. Bob said that they would expect 24/7 maintenance on the roads.

Ron Decker stated that 3 weeks ago there was no progress on the old Sonestown School it has been sold to Tracey Rider. In regards to Mary D'Otavio asking about the code charter expiring, Ron stated that we have a contract. Code has a charter with the state and it was changed 3 months ago we are all on board and we are not sure what or where this guy got his information from. Ron researched everything and we are all okay. Also they are still working out the bugs of their new program but when finished each municipality will have a pass word so that they can look up the permits.

John Klus stated that having Mike Ball come to one of our meetings would be a good idea, so Clara will set this up for next month or the one after that.

Tim Brown stated that the building permits and land use permits should all be on the COG web page. We will also need permits from the conservation district to put on the web page as well.

John Klus made a motion to pay the bills and Bill Stasiak seconded the motion. All in favor of paying the bills.

A motion was made by John Klus and seconded by Bill Stasiak to adjourn the meeting. So Tim Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:50