

Sullivan County Council of Governments
July 26, 2011
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President, Tim Brown.

Fred Jugan- Cherry Township
Lin Myers-Davidson Township
Carl Rine JR-Shrewsbury Township
Tim Brown-Colley Township
Paul Baran-SEO
Bill Stasiak –Colley Township
Scot Sample-Dushore Borough
Diane Fitzgerald-Cherry Township
Carl Vough-Forks Township
John Huhn-Eagles Mere Borough
Roy Zimmerman-Elkland Township
Bob Getz-Sullivan County Commissioners
Ron Decker-Code Inspections

Paul Baran wanted to let us know that he feels everything is running smoothly. Tom Yarnall had asked Paul to join with them for doing permits but he had no plans at this time to do that. Paul stated that some people are getting their permits around now so that they are ready when needed. Paul also stated that Bishop Brothers come in and pump out the sewer for most of his permits and then they let him know how much was pumped out. He stated that in the winter there were some problems with things freezing up but he made sure that they took the proper steps to correct these problems.

Tim Brown felt that the COG wouldn't be able to handle the issue of permits and the problems that would arise with them. This would be more hours for our secretary and more money we would have to pay out and where would this money come from. He also feels that to stab Paul Baran in the back and give the easy jobs to another company wouldn't show good faith on our part.

Paul Baran stated that he receives emails from DEP for all the permits that are issued to companies for their holding tanks. The company man on a job has 1 to 2 workers plus maybe 3 or 4 more that are using a holding tank. Paul receives emails 2 times a week about how much sanitation is being pumped off a single site. Paul Baran stated that he has been the sewage enforcement officer for the county and has been working with the county for 8 years.

By general consensus at this time we are going to keep Paul Baran as the person to go to for sewage management on well sites.

Ron Decker stated that anytime he has called Paul Baran about a problem Paul has always gotten back to him right away with an answer. He has called Tom 3 times about a problem and to this date hasn't received an answer yet.

Paul Baran stated that if anyone has any questions or concerns fell free to give him a call.

A motion was made by Scot Sample to approve the June 28th minutes. Bill Stasiak seconded the motion and when put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was carried.

A motion was made by Carl Vough to accept the Treasurers report and seconded by CJ Rine. When put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was carried.

Bob Getz stated that the paper work is ready for PEMA and that there is a meeting on July 27th at 10:00am with them. Also Bob stated that there is a proposal to close 4 post offices in Sullivan County, Lopez, Mildred, Shunk and Hillsgrove.

Carl Vough stated that the County Convention this year will be on Tuesday October 4th and registration starts at 6:00.

Ron Decker gave a brief summary on the Rick Huffsmith appeal that is set for August the 9th. Hillsgrove Supervisors sited Mr. Huffsmith for having 2 trailers on his property, Sheriff Adams and Ron Decker went to the property on July 6th to have him show just cause. The Hillsgrove supervisors stated you can only have one dwelling on a property.

Bob Getz stated that the Lieutenant Governor has a 140 page report coming out 20 of these pages have recommendations that might be important to us. Bob will send it to the COG office and I will forward it to everyone.

1. Most important separate commissions for sate game lands and Forest.
2. Tourist views special to Sullivan County.

Bob Getz stated that he was told since June 30, 2006 to July 2011 around 1.5 billion dollars has been received from the gas companies by the State of PA.

Scot Sample asked about the foam that appears on the roads after a rain where is it coming from? Carl Vough felt that it is from the use of an orange based soap that is sprayed on the boxes of trucks to clean them. Tim Brown felt that it is from the Supper pave used on the roads.

Diane Fitzgerald said that she had spoke with a Damian Painter about saving money with an energy rebate. He came to the Cherry Township Building and helped them out. Diane stated that the municipalities could get up to a \$2,000 rebate by getting their lights replaced. There is a meeting being set up for Sullivan County and if you can get free money to help it will be worth the change.

A motion was made by John Klus to pay the bills and seconded by Fred Jugan. So the bills will be paid.

A motion was made by Scot Sample to adjourn and seconded by Bill Stasiak, so the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm