

Sullivan County Council of Governments

Minutes for Meeting

on

September 24, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Hamilton, President- Laporte Township

Brian Hoffman-Sullivan County Commissioner

Darlene Fenton-Sullivan County Commissioner

Wendy Davenport- Laporte

Carl Vough- Forks Township

Ana Rubino- Secretary Treasurer

We opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:05pm.

Old Business

June minutes were reviewed and with three edit suggestions by Jeff Hamilton. Wendy Davenport and Brian Hoffman made and seconded the motion to approve the edits and minutes. Motion passed.

The ZOOM and Google Meet time limit of 1 hour free were discussed. An agreement was made that we should announce that all following meetings should be kept to an hour to give all attendees the option of using the online format and keeping it free of charge to us. A new meeting time was proposed by Ana Rubino. Brian Hoffman called for the new time to be 6:30- 7:30pm replacing 7pm- 8pm or so. A discussion was had and Jeff Hamilton stated that the new adjustments be added to the Minutes. So our next meeting on December 10th, 2024 will be held from 6:30- 7:30pm, limiting our meetings to one hour free of charge and giving all members the option of joining our meetings online or present. Proposed times and suggestions were reviewed. Brian Hoffman and Wendy Davenport made and seconded a motion to approve the time change of our future meetings from 7pm to 6:30pm and limit all meetings to an hour. Motion passed.

Onto Broadband Brian Hoffman stated that Scott Myers is working on it and currently has 9 Municipalities signed. Standing In place of Scott Myers, Brian Hoffman spoke and asked Carl Vough about -Forks Township, if they would be willing to sign onto the Broadband agreement. Carl Vough mentioned that it was under discussion.

New Business

Jeff Hamilton mentioned that Townships publish and post their Agenda 24 hours prior to a meeting. He asked if that is something that falls under Sullivan County Council of Governments jurisdiction. Brian then stated we should find out if our organization is subjected to right to know laws. Ana Rubino will further inquire with Attorney John Shoemaker about these Compliances and By-laws, of posting The Agenda 24 hours before a meeting, and if changes are made to it

within the 24 hours, a copy of The Agenda then be posted on the door. Brian Hoffman stated that we should ask if the Sullivan County Council of Government falls under The Sunshine Act?

Update on new contact information: email address is sullivanctycog@gmail.com and phone is 407-818-9743.

Jeff Hamilton discussed the purchase of a printer with Wifi option. He allotted the amount of \$125.00 for the purchase of the printer.

Carl Vough mentioned that The Norton Bridge in Forks Township, PA is currently planning with an engineer for a \$100,000.00 repair job for damage from storm Debbie. On Friday the President signed the declaration of disaster. The Governor passed the legislation and included Sullivan County, PA.

Darlene Fenton talked about the many projects underway.

1. The Mildred EMS Tower that is currently laying the concrete to start the job of Emergency Medical Systems.
2. The Ramp on Veterans Bridge in Sonestown that is getting a makeover. The sewer system continues to work but is inefficient.

Brian Hoffman talked about these projects underway.

3. The County Children's and Youth's Agency started Childcare, to aid in how it affects our economy. There are strategies to help with this effort like parents can apply for subsidies and communication.
4. The B.E.S.T. bus route opening up for passengers in Laporte as soon as Oct. 4th and no later than Oct. 7th.
5. C.O.G was briefed on the potential of Biosolids being dispersed in fields as fertilizers. DEP hasn't received a permit of application as of yet. But the DEP did stress that within the parameters it will be hard to stop this because it is legal. It was shown on the permit that it will be coming from other cities and states. Carl Vough mentioned how this has been done before in White Ash.
6. Potential Exploratory meeting being held at The Muncy Valley Firehall, On Oct. 30th registering that The Muncy Valley Firehouse and another in join EMS forces. Organized by The Sullivan County EMS Council.

Pay The Bills

The Treasurer's Report and Bills were reviewed. Brian Hoffman and Wendy Davenport made and seconded a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Bills. Motion passed.

Meeting was Adjourned at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ana Rubino