

## Sullivan County Council of Governments

### Minutes for 3rd Quarter Meeting September 26, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Steve Tomlinson, Vice President.  
Brian Hoffman- Sullivan County Commissioner  
Darlene Fenton- Sullivan County Commissioner  
Carl Vough- Forks Township  
Robin Simpson- Laporte Borough  
Barry Garverick- Penn-Dot  
Ana Rubino- Secretary Treasurer

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

#### Old Business

June Minutes were reviewed Carl Vough and Brian Hoffman made and seconded a motion to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

We discussed the possibility of combined bidding for materials with plans to make it possible at the end of the year.

#### Pennsylvania EMS Crisis

Discussion on the multiple factors putting a strain on EMS providers and ideas to address them. How it may be beneficial for municipalities to collaborate and merge or share EMS Services regionally within the county. If we don't find ways to collaborate our EMS will suffer in the future. Some Fire/EMS departments have found that fundraisers generated more fiscal and community support as opposed to the Fire or EMS tax.

#### New Business

There was a discussion about contacting other municipalities and reminding them that it is their duty to attend meetings. Robin Simpson will be retiring and will be here one last time for our December 2023 meeting.

There was a discussion about third party billing being addressed to our Fire companies for rescue calls and to recover the cost supplies and people.

COG would be responsible for partnering with Penn-Dot and bidding together for materials to be much cheaper for everyone. Using MS963 contract to pick and choose per item and materials. Then a bid will be put in and we will take the lowest of two bids.

Contracts are good for one year. He asked for an updated list of all municipalities' emails which were provided to him.

Barry stated that we need to start working on this in our December meeting in order to proceed with our ordering for March 2024. He will get the proposal ready for bidding in March 2023. Conveniently he can take Bids through his email address.

Barry Garverick- Penn-Dot email address at [bgarverick@pa.gov](mailto:bgarverick@pa.gov) or  
P:(570) 368-4240 P:(877) 723-6830 ext-4240 Fax (570) 368-4343

Pay the Bills

Brian Hoffman made a motion, and Robin Simpson seconded the motion.  
All voted in favor and the motion was passed.

Steve Tomlinson made a motion and Robin Simpson seconded the motion.  
Meeting was Adjourned at 7:39pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ana Rubino