

Sullivan County Council of Governments
September 27, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 by Fred Jugan-President.

John Huhn-Eagles Mere Borough
Fred Jugan-Cherry Township
Roy Zimmerman-Elkland Township
Dan Cox-Davidson Township
Robin Simpson-Laporte Borough
Brian Hoffman-Sullivan County Commissioners
Bill Stasiak-Colley Township
Tim Brown-Colley Township
Dushore Borough-Absent
Forks Township-Absent
Forksville Borough-Absent
Fox Township-Absent
Hillsgrove Township-Absent
Laporte Township-Absent
Shrewsbury Township-Absent

We opened the meeting with the pledge to the Flag.

A motion was made by Bill Stasiak and seconded by John Huhn to approve the minutes from the June 28th meeting. When put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was approved.

A motion was made by Fred Jugan and seconded by Tim Brown to approve the treasurer report for July thru and including September as presented. When put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was approved.

In the next few weeks Clara will make phone calls to figure out what a fair price for the sign equipment should be. Also Bill will get in touch with Brian. It was suggested to take any reasonable offer for the equipment. Everyone was in agreement with this decision, since we have had the equipment since 2008 and it is not cost effective to purchase supplies.

In old Business no one had anything.

New business we will have nominations in December for President and Vice President.

There will be flagger training on November 15th 2016 at the Sullivan County Conservation District Building, hand out were given. When done training the card will be good for three years.

Brian Hoffman talked about the Commissioners Conference he went to. They are looking at the concept of having a statewide permitting system. They also talked about volunteer fire fighters and EMS possibly getting a discount on property taxes or an income tax discount. It was also suggested discount on Drivers license. One way of telling who is responding and who isn't is through the reports that the fire chief writes up after a call saying who responded.

A regional 911 system is being looked at it will include Sullivan County and 9 other Counties. They must have a solid communication system for this to work. The system fiber will run from Hillsgrove to County repeaters, funding for this has been approved. Communication to Lycoming County is key.

Also we touched on tax bill 1391; you cannot use tax dollars to fight the gas companies.

Tax on hotels ordinance 2005 tax is 3% on Motels, hotels, B&B's this is collected on a quarterly bases currently 17. New Law coming this spring broadens the definition to include cabins with running water week or weekend rentals. The cap for this tax will be 5%.

2% administrative fee was the old price new price will be 4%

Penalty for not providing data is currently \$20. per quarter, the Endless Mountain visitors Bureau retunes 30% is returned to the county.

A motion was made by Tim Brown and seconded by John Huhn to pay the bills. When put to a vote all agreed to pay the bills for this month and any in between meetings.

Several municipalities mentioned that when they call Codes they don't always answer, and that they don't return calls in a timely manner.

A motion was made by all to adjourn the meeting, so the meeting adjourned at 8:05