

Sullivan County Council of Governments
March 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Fred Jugan, president
Fred Jugan- Cherry Township
Linwood Myers- Davidson Township
Tim Brown- Colley Township
Robin Simpson- Laporte Borough
Walter Botsford- Laporte Township
Brian Hoffman- County Commissioners

We opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag.

A motion was made by Tim Brown and seconded by Walter Botsford to approve the minutes from our January 23rd 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 Linwood Myers to approve the Treasurers report for February and March as presented. When put to a vote all voted in favor so the motion was approved.

We signed a paper for closing out the two accounts, "sign account and savings account". Money will be deposited into COG account \$ 1,520.85 from sign account and \$ 5,358.53 from savings account.

Brian Hoffman asked if anyone of the municipalities had ever thought about having their ambulance or fire companies merge with another municipality. Everyone knows that there are fewer people volunteering. They felt that it is harder to pass the test to become certified to run with the ambulance due to what is being taught. The National Registry is having a negative effect on rural areas. EMT course is 110 to 220 Hours training can be done on line and testing is done at Penn College. Dushore during the day has a paid crew in order to break even they need 500 calls a year that averages to be about 2 calls a day.

USDA has funds that can be used for equipment as grants or low interest loans 2%. The grants are a low income or age thing. Brian Hoffman stated that he will send out email so it can be forwarded to all.

P25 radio systems will take effect in the fall of 2019; every mobile and portable radio will need updated. Brian suggested going digital right up front.

Tim Brown is dealing with Keystone Communications, they also suggest going digital and Cherry Township and Colley Township have been considering getting a shared tower. They can hear the busses but cannot communicate with them. Tim is also looking into grants from Motorola and there are grants from EMS.

It was suggested that we might be able to go under the COG as a group to get funding for a joint effort to replace equipment and such.

A motion was made by Linwood Myers and seconded by Walter Botsford to pay the bills as presented. All voted to pay the bills.

Our meeting adjourned at 7:25.