

Sullivan County Council of Governments  
Minutes  
December 13, 2022

The meeting was called to order by at 7:05pm by Jeff Hamilton, President.

Present:

Bill Stasiak- Colley Township

Carl Vough – Forks Township

Robin Simpson – Laporte Borough

Jeff Hamilton – Laporte Township

Brian Hoffman – Sullivan County Commissioner

Steve Tomlinson- Forksville Borough

Darlene Fenton – Sullivan County Commissioner

Clara Finan – Secretary Treasurer

Ana Rubino – Secretary Treasurer In Training

We opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Carl Vough and seconded by Robin Simpson to approve the September Minutes. When put to a vote all voted in favor.

A motion was made by Robin Simpson to accept the treasurer's report as presented and Steve Tomlinson seconded the motion. When put to a vote all voted in favor.

It was brought to the COG's attention that Clara Finan needed to continue to train Ana Rubino through the budgets closeout and taxes. A motion was made by Robin Simpson to keep Clara Finan on as long as she is willing and Steve Tomlinson seconded the motion. When put to a vote all voted in favor.

Clara Finan clarified that TY Richland will be fixing the light outside of the COG building and we will not be responsible for any fees.

A discussion was held pertaining to the purchase of a new computer and Quick- books. The COG decided that we defer this expense with a plan to include it in our 2024 budget.

Providing food, pizza, at our quarterly meetings was discussed. Consensus was to continue this in 2023. Reimbursements will be made to Ana Rubino at the time of quarterly meetings. Jeff Hamilton reported that McCarty Insurance has begun to process the agreed 2023 bond for Ana Rubino and expects it to be in place by 12/31/22.

Jessica Pennella of the Loyalsock Foundation will be presenting their status at our January meeting.

Presidential nominations were made and it was decided that it will remain the same. So Jeff Hamilton will continue to hold Presidential status and Steve Tomlinson will continue to be Vice President. Clara Finan will be stepping down as Secretary Treasurer and Ana Rubino was hired to hold the title of Secretary Treasurer as of January 2023. A motion was made by Bill Stasiak and seconded by Carl Vough. When put to a vote all voted in favor.

Proposed Budget was reviewed. Bill Stasiak made the motion to approve and Robin Simpson seconded the motion. Therefore it will be advertised in The Sullivan Review for the general public to be able to review as needed.

It was decided that in 2023 our meeting date for December will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of December.

A motion was made by Robin Simpson to approve the bills as presented and the motion was seconded by Bill Stasiak. When put to a vote all approved.

A discussion was held on the advantages and disadvantages of Solar farming and zoning. We also discussed the traffic caused by a lot of the new venues (Barns into Wedding Halls).

Robin Simpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Steve Tomlinson seconded the motion at 7:34pm. The meeting was adjourned.