

Sullivan County Council of Governments
Minutes for 2nd Quarter Meeting
June 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Hamilton, President.
Brian Hoffman- Sullivan County Commissioner
Darlene Fenton- Sullivan County Commissioner
Carl Vough- Forks Township
Linda Gavitt- Davidson Township
Ana Rubino- Secretary Treasurer

We opened the meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:07 pm.

Old Business

Two revisions were made to the draft March meeting minutes.

Linda Gavitt and Carl Vough made and seconded a motion to approve the revised March Minutes and Treasurers Report. Motion passed.

There was a discussion regarding our March letter to Rep. Joe Hamm's office. He confirmed that the 75 hour training requirement every 5 years for Emergency Medical Coordinators (EMC) applies only to certified positions. It does not apply to most of our volunteer EMC's. This allayed our prior concern of positions not being filled due to extensive training requirements.

We discussed how to get coordinators to attend C.O.G. meetings to discuss the local needs and issues for each municipality. This led to some ideas including Email townships, Rotate the location of quarterly meetings, hold a Family picnic, Pay EMCs to attend meetings-\$25 per meeting + mileage)

New Business

We discussed the possibility of combined bidding with multiple Townships' needs for materials and services with the prospect of reduced prices for larger orders. We plan to take this up later in the year.

Pennsylvania EMS Crisis

We discussed the 22 page EMS Study report provided by Brian Hoffman, the multiple factors putting a strain on EMS providers and ideas to address them. It may be beneficial for municipalities to collaborate and merge or share EMS services regionally within the county. State law allows a property tax rebate for first responders which may be helpful

for future recruitment. If we don't find ways to collaborate our EMS may suffer in the future.

It was mentioned that some fire/EMS departments have found that fundraisers generated more funds and better community support than a fire or EMS tax.

Pay the Bills

Carl Vough made a motion, and Linda Gavitt seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion was passed.

Meeting was Adjourned at 8:06pm.

The next Sullivan County Council of Governments Meeting is scheduled for: September.26,2023 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ana Rubino