

French Creek Council of Governments

Meeting Notice and Agenda

TO: All French Creek Members

You are cordially invited to the next meeting of the French Creek COG

When: Thursday, January 16th, 2020

Where: Chamber of Commerce Office

Time: 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA:

1. Public Comment

2. Administrative Matters
 - A. **Action** - Reorganization - Nominations from Nominating Committee and Appoint Officers for 2020-Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer Dunlap
 - B. **Action** - Appoint Subcommittees-Tire/TV Event, Gas and Energy, Audit and Nominating Subcommittees Dunlap
 - C. **Action** - Approve Minutes of October 17th, 2019 - Enclosed Hoover
 - D. **Action** - Approve Treasurer's Report - Enclosed Swavey

3. Accept Hayfield Township as a French Creek COG Member Hoover

4. Portnoff Law Associates - Strategies to Increase Collections of Delinquent Municipal Accounts Kevin Buraks

5. Other Business All

6. Next meeting is on April 16th, 2020 and will be at Chamber Office on Diamond Park

French Creek Council of Governments
Meeting of October 17, 2019

MINUTES

Present:

Sean Donahue, City of Meadville
Lyle Hoovler, Sadsbury Township
Dick Deiss, East Mead Township
Lori Swavey, Vernon Township
Fritz Snyder, Vernon Township
Christopher Soff, Crawford County Commissioner
Judy Orzetti, PA Community Rights Network
Tom Orzetti, PA Community Rights Network
Malinda Clatterbuck, PA Community Rights Network

Public Comment:

None

Administrative Matters:

Meeting called to Order by Chairman Lyle Hoovler and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

- A. Approval of Minutes: Christopher Soff made a motion to accept the July 18th, 2019 meeting minutes with the following correction: Lyle Hoovler reminded Township officials of the PSATS Fall Forum that will be held at the Meadville County Club on October 24th and 25th, 2019. Dick Deiss seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Lori Swavey presented the Treasurer's Report. Christopher Soff made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Fritz Snyder seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- C. Approval of Payment for Tire Event: Sean Donahue made a motion to ratify the payment of \$2,965.00 to Mahantango Enterprises and \$100.00 to the Meadville Auxiliary Police. Dick Deiss seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- D. Approval of 2020 Budget: Fritz Snyder made a motion to approve the 2020 Budget. Dick Deiss seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- E. Delegate Selection Letters: Dick Deiss made a motion authorizing the Administrative Secretary to send the Delegate Selection Letter in December 2019 to all French Creek COG Members.

PA Community Rights Network

Malinda Clatterbuck, president of the Pennsylvania Community Rights Network, presented the member with an overview of House Bill 1813. This bill would amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania providing for the right to local self-government. Also discussed was the rights of individual property owners against "Big Brother" with reference to the pipeline installation in Pennsylvania.

French Creek COG Tire Event:

Jill Dunlap provided the members with a presentation on the Tire Recycling Event held at the Crawford County Fairgrounds on September 14th, 2019 from 8 a.m. until noon. Sean Donahue commented on the various volunteers who assisted with the event along with various representatives of COG members. 1,129 total tires were collected for recycling from 88 residents of Crawford County. The PA Department of Environmental Protection grant application has been submitted, \$1,525.00 was collected the day of the event and Crawford Heritage Foundation provided a \$1,500.00 grant. Possible event planned for 2021.

Other Business:

Lyle Hoovler reminded Township officials of the CCATO (Crawford County Association of Township Officials) Convention being held October 30th, 2019 at the Iroquois Club.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 16th, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. at the Chamber Office on Diamond Park.

Sean Donahue made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. Christopher Soff seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Swavey

Treasurer

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Trial Balance

	December 31, 2019	
	Debit	Credit
Mercer CD	0.00	
Mercer County Bank	0.00	
Mercer County State Bank	4,835.73	
Accounts Receivable	0.00	
Undeposited Funds	0.00	
Accounts Payable	0.00	
Retained Earnings		4,363.17
Grant Receipts		2,466.67
Member Dues		250.00
Project Donations		1,525.00
Advertising	75.30	
Dues and Subscriptions	319.64	
Professional Fees:Tire Recycling Project	3,392.50	
Interest Income		18.33
TOTAL	8,623.17	8,623.17

	January 16, 2020	
	Debit	Credit
Mercer County State Bank	4,835.73	
Accounts Receivable	0.00	
Undeposited Funds	0.00	
Accounts Payable	0.00	
Retained Earnings		4,835.73
Grant Receipts		0.00
Member Dues		0.00
Project Donations		0.00
Advertising	0.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	
Professional Fees:Tire Recycling Project	0.00	
Interest Income		0.00
TOTAL	4,835.73	4,835.73