

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MONTHLY BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING

June 15, 2022

The meeting took place on Zoom and was recorded and made available on the QVCOG website at the conclusion of the proceedings.

Board Vice-President Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

The following members were in attendance:

**Aleppo:** Art Williams

**Avalon:** Roberta Edwards

**Bell Acres:**

**Bellevue:** Sabreena Miller

**Ben Avon:** Tavia Washington

**Edgeworth:** John Schwend

**Emsworth:** Paul Getz

**Sewickley Heights:** Nathan Briggs

**Glen Osborne:**

**Glenfield:**

**Haysville:** Amy Paff

**Kilbuck:** Jean-Sebastien Valois

**Leet:** John Stephansky

**Leetsdale:**

**Sewickley:** Julie Barnes

**Public Comment:** None.

**Omnibus Motion:** Executive Director Connors provided a brief update regarding the financial statements and outstanding payments.

Mr. Valois moved to approve the May 17, 2022 meeting minutes, May financial statements, and unpaid bills as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Getz. The motion carried by an affirmative voice vote.

**President's Report:** Vice-President Barnes highlighted that President Carrier was unable to attend the meeting stating that a President's Report would be deferred until the next meeting.

**Executive Director's Report:**

**Second Glass Recycling Center Opens** – Executive Director Connors reported that on Saturday, May 28th the QVCOG opened its second glass recycling drop off site located in Avalon Borough (629 New Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15202). He noted that the Rules and Regulations will remain the same as for the glass dumpster within Sewickley Borough's Riverfront Park.

**Shared Glass Recycling Resolution** – Executive Director Connors stated that in order to ensure the financial sustainability of the shared glass recycling program, the QVCOG Board of Delegates has approved a cost sharing model (based on a community's

population as of the 2020 Census) as well as a resolution which is to be approved by participating municipalities. He stated that any additional costs (i.e. increased shipping costs, unanticipated dumpster pulls, etc.) will be absorbed by the QVCOG and its joint recycling fund. He asked that member communities consider approval of the prepared resolution noting that QVCOG Delegates as well as all managers/secretaries have been sent the documentation. He stated that once approved, each community will be billed on a quarterly basis based upon their designated rate (based on population).

**Cyber Security Training** – Executive Director Conners stated that in an effort to provide a proactive solution for an increasingly important facet of the modern workplace environment, the QVCOG has purchased access for a Cyber-Security webinar that will be hosted by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (the training took place on June 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m). He highlighted that the training would show attendees how to spot fraudulent emails, links, or texts and how to recover from a ransomware attack as well as discuss what insurance policies will and won't cover. He cited that a recording of the webinar will also be available upon request.

**PRC Hard to Recycle Event** – Executive Director Conners reported that on July 23rd the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) will be hosting a hard to recycle event at the Quaker Valley High School ([625 Beaver St, Leetsdale, PA 15056](#)). He noted that the event will take place between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. He highlighted that PRC's Hard to Recycle Collection events are registration based and emphasized that timeslots are limited. He stated that participants may drop off items such as cell/home phones, computer towers, and peripheral equipment (keyboards, laptops, mice, etc.) free of charge. He continued by noting that for a fee, individuals can drop off televisions and computer monitors, printers, fluorescent tubes, small Freon appliances and tires (with and without rims). He encouraged municipalities to promote the event in their facilitates as well as on their digital platforms.

**Website Renovation** – Executive Director Conners stated that the QVCOG's website has undergone several enhancements in an attempt to improve accessibility and increase effectiveness for users. He noted that the renovations can be found on the home page ([qvcog.org](#)) and include a section highlighting events in the QVCOG's member communities as well as an interactive calendar of QVCOG specific events. He stated that members communities are encouraged to send any upcoming events that can be highlighted on the website via email to [pconners@qvcog.org](mailto:pconners@qvcog.org)

### **New Business:**

#### **Introduction – Ms. Anna Richard – QVCOG Municipal Intern:**

Executive Director Conners reported that on June 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Anna Richard of W & J College began her journey with the QVCOG, serving as the organization's "Municipal Intern". Ms. Richard stated that she will be working to increase engagement, both in-person and virtually, with member communities. Additionally, she noted that she will be assisting in the promotion of existing QVCOG programs and services. She concluded by citing her "capstone" project will include an internal organizational analysis as well as a list of recommendations for future programs and initiatives based upon an evaluation of other regional COGs and feedback from member communities.

**Old Business:**

**Glass Recycling Update:**

Executive Director Conners reported that to date the QVCOG has collected 13.22 tons of glass. He expressed his excitement for the launch of the second site in Avalon Borough and encouraged all municipalities to promote the program.

**Route 65 Update:** Executive Director Conners reported that on June 29, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. the Route 65 Committee will be meeting at the Sewickley Borough Building (601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143) to continue the discussion concerning the initial findings of the Route 65 Study as well as next steps, including the formation of an Intergovernmental Collaboration Agreement and the push towards a more comprehensive Master Plan to implement selected findings of the initial study.

**CDBG Status Report:** Executive Director Conners provided brief updates concerning all active CDBG projects.

**Other Concerns of the Delegates:**

Aleppo Township: Mr. Art Williams expressed his concern regarding the rail line adjacent from River Road in Haysville Borough. He highlighted that trains have come to a complete stop for many hours on multiple occasions, blocking the crossing. He cited that the rail crossing serves as the primary ingress/egress for many residents within Haysville Borough and other surrounding municipalities. He noted a similar situation that he encountered while living in Boston. He stated his desire to contact the railroad's legal department to begin a dialogue. Ms. Paff echoed the concern for public safety. A discussion amongst the Board ensued. Executive Director Conners stated that he would email President Carrier, Ms. Paff, and Mr. Williams to game plan further on the matter.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Williams moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Valois. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be virtual on the Zoom platform, open to the public, and recorded. Please visit [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org) for further information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick M. Conners  
Executive Director