



**Quaker Valley Council of Governments
Board of Delegates Regular Meeting**

Ben Avon Borough Building
7101 Church Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15202

Wednesday, June 21, 2023
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment/Guests
5. Approval of May 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes
6. Approval of May Financial Reports, Unpaid Bills List, and Payroll Summary
7. President's Report
8. Route 65 Update
9. CDBG Status Report
10. Executive Director's Report
11. New Business
 - A. Presentation - Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP) - Mr. Parick Campbell
 - B. Presentation - SPC - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Funding Opportunities
 - C. Motion Authorizing Letter of Support for Proposed House Bill 589
 - D. Act 152 Resolution
 - E. Discussion Regarding Joint Franchise Fee Committee
 - F. Recycling Update
12. Old Business
13. Other Concerns by Delegates
14. Adjournment

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING

May 17, 2023

The meeting took place at the Big Sewickley Creek Volunteer Fire Department (1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143) and was also broadcast and recorded via Zoom and made available on the QVCOG website at the conclusion of the proceedings.

Vice-President Barnes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

The following members were in attendance:

Aleppo:

Avalon:

Bell Acres: Lane Grafton

Bellevue: Dan McKelvey*

Ben Avon: Tavia Washington*

Edgeworth:

Emsworth: Paul Getz*

Sewickley Heights:

Glen Osborne:

Glenfield: Paul Carmody

Haysville: Amy Paff*

Kilbuck: Jean-Sebastien Valois*

Leet:

Leetsdale: Jeff Weatherby

Sewickley: Julie Barnes

*Attended the meeting via Zoom.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of April 19, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Grafton moved to approve the April 19, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Paff seconded the motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of March Financial Reports, Payroll, and Unpaid Bills:

Subsequently, Mr. Grafton moved to approve the April financial reports, unpaid bills, and employee payrolls as presented. Ms. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

President's Report:

Ms. Barnes highlighted that President Carrier was not able to attend the meeting.

Route 65 Report:

Executive Director Connors reported that Michael Baker International (MBI) is continuing to work on a comprehensive summary of prior Route 65 analysis and will be including a list of action items and recommendations for future initiatives regarding the roadway. He noted the work is set to be complete and available for review by June 30th.

He then read aloud an update provided by Ms. Kathryn Schlesinger (dated 5-17) who is the MBI Manager assigned to the project.

CDBG Status Report:

Executive Director Conners provided brief updates concerning all active CDBG projects. He cited that earlier that afternoon the QVCOG was awarded a demolition Project (MPD016) in the amount of \$36,000.00 for the demolition of 189 & 300 Beaver Street. He noted that the QVCOG's application on behalf of Bellevue Borough (MPD015) was not selected by Allegheny County Economic Development for funding this cycle. He stated that he informed Bellevue Borough Manager, Cindy Bahn, of another funding opportunity through the Act 152 Program.

Executive Director's Report:

Tree Pittsburgh Event - Executive Director Conners reported that on Saturday, May 13th Tree Pittsburgh collaborated with the Sewickley's May Mart to give away native young trees to local residents who registered for the event. He noted that he helped out at the event and cited that all 150 trees were adopted.

WM Recycling Center Tour – Executive Director Conners reported that all interested parties are invited to attend a tour of WM's Greenstar Recycling Facility (4100 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225). He stated that the tour will take place on Wednesday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m. and would provide an in-person visual demonstration of the recycling separation and consolidation process. He asked that anyone interested in attending rsvp via email (send to pconners@qvcog.org).

QVCOG Managers and Secretaries Summer Picnic – Executive Director Conners reported that on Friday, May 26th the QVCOG will be hosting its annual Managers and Secretaries picnic which will take place of the usual monthly meeting. He highlighted that the event will take place at 11:00 a.m. at Avalon Borough's Community Park (Shelter #1, - 708 New Brighton Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15202). He stated that the event will be catered by the Bridgeside Market.

RAD Invoices – Executive Director Conners reported that during the week of May 1st the QVCOG began distributing the 2022 RAD invoices to its member communities. He cited that per Section 3172-B of Pennsylvania Act 77 of 1993, “Beginning in the second full calendar year in which disbursements are received from the State Treasurer under section 3157-B and in each year thereafter, municipalities other than the county and the city shall contribute an amount equal to at least twenty-five per centum (25%) of the increase in the amount of such disbursements received in excess of the prior calendar year to entities or organizations created pursuant to the act of July 12, 1972 (P.L.762, No.180), referred to as the Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, including councils of government. The contributions made pursuant to this section shall not be used to offset or reduce other contributions made to councils of government or other intergovernmental entities or organizations.” He concluded by highlighting that 70% of revenues collected will go towards the organization's capital fund with the remaining amount going towards the general operating fund.

New Business:

Discussion - Bell Acres Borough Environmental Advisory Council

Executive Director Connors introduced Ms. Julie DiCenzo and Ms. Darci Saracco who were both representing the Bell Acres Borough Environmental Advisory Council. Ms. DiCenzo reported that the EAC was formed by Bell Acres Borough Council in July of 2022. She cited that per the EAC's Bylaws, "The purpose of the EAC is to identify environmental problems and recommend plans and programs for the promotion and conservation of natural resources and for the protection and improvement of the environment in Bell Acres." She proceeded to outline accomplishments of the group including their stated goal of protecting the Borough's greenspaces and clearing local walking trails. She also highlighted other initiatives including litter pickup, stream clean ups, and training opportunities for Borough staff and officials. After a brief discussion, the Board thanked both visitors for their time presentation.

Selection of PurpleAir Monitor Host Sites

Executive Director Connors highlighted that the QVCOG has been awarded two PurpleAir PA - II Air Quality Sensors by the Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP). He cited that per GASP's website, PurpleAir makes sensors that empower Community Scientists who collect hyper-local air quality data and share it with the public. He stated that the devices help monitor Allegheny County's air quality using a linked network. He reported that the QVCOG called for two host communities for the devices with the requirements that the units be located within a public space, have a dedicated outdoor power source, and have access to WiFi.

He reported that to date there are two nominated locations. First, the Ben Avon Borough Building (7101 Church Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15202) & the Edgeworth Borough Salt Shed (102 Chestnut Ct, Sewickley, PA 15143). He stated that while other communities have expressed interest, no additional publicly owned facilities have been offered.

Mr. Weatherby moved to award the two PurpleAir monitors to Ben Avon Borough and Edgeworth Borough. Mr. Getz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution - Keystone Communities Grant - Regional Traffic Cameras

Executive Director Connors reported that with advocacy from Representative Valerie Gaydos (PA-44) the Quaker Valley Council of Governments has been allocated \$100,000.00 through the Keystone Communities Program for the procurement, installation, and maintenance of traffic cameras and associated license plate identification technology. He cited that per DCED's website, "The Keystone Communities Program (KCP) program is designed to encourage the creation of partnerships between the public and private sectors that jointly support local initiatives such as the growth and stability of neighborhoods and communities; social and economic diversity; and a strong and secure quality of life. The program allows communities to tailor the assistance to meet the needs of its specific revitalization effort."

He stated that the QVCOG will be responsible for submitting a formal application through the DCED in order to receive the allocated funds. He noted that a part of the

required paperwork is a resolution approved by the governing Board of the awarded organization (included within the meeting packet). He continued by stating that on June 1st the QVCOG Police Chiefs Committee will be convening to discuss the specific locations and specifications of the cameras to be procured with the aforementioned funds. He cited that information is needed in advance of the application's submission.

Mr. Weatherby moved to approve the presented resolution for the QVCOG's application through the Keystone Communities Program for license plate reader cameras associated programs/equipment. Mr. Getz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Railroad Safety Update

Executive Director Connors stated that in addition to sending a correspondence outlining the concerns of QVCOG member communities on the topic of railroad safety to regional elected officials (Rep. Valerie Gaydos – PA 44, Rep. Arvind Venkat – PA 30, Rep. Emily Kinkead – PA 20, Senator Devlin Robinson – PA 37, & Senator Wayne Fontana – PA 42) he was happy to report that action is also being taken at the Federal level. He cited that on May 10, 2023 the United States Senate's Commerce Committee voted 16-11 to move a bill entitled The Railroad Safety Act of 2023 forward for full Senate consideration. He then summarized the proposed legislation noting that both of Pennsylvania's Senators have voted in Committee in favor of the bill.

After some further discussion regarding the proposed federal legislation, Ms. Paff highlighted recent conversations between Haysville, Glenfield, and Glen Osborne Borough officials regarding the blockage of railroad crossings. She highlighted that with the railroad crossing being blocked, emergency responders are prohibited from serving dozens of households in both Haysville and Glen Osborne Boroughs. She cited a recent conversation with State Representative Valerie Gaydos who expressed her desire to help, but also cited the difficulties that the state legislature faces regarding the railroad industry. Ms. Paff concluded by stating that all regional communities impacted by railroad crossings should consider a unified approach to addressing their concerns, etc. A discussion ensued.

Other Concerns of the Delegates:

No comments or concerns were brought before the Board.

Adjournment: Mr. Weatherby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carmody. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52p.m.

The next meeting will be hosted by Ben Avon Borough and is scheduled for June 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. and will take place at the Ben Avon Borough building (7101 Church Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202). The meeting will be simultaneously broadcast on the Zoom platform, open to the public, and recorded. Please visit qvcog.org for further information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick M. Conners
Executive Director

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Budget vs. Actuals: 2023 Budget - FY23 P&L

January - December 2023

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue				
4001101 Membership Dues	53,240.00	53,240.00	0.00	100.00 %
4002101 Project Management	26,303.22	35,000.00	-8,696.78	75.15 %
4003101 Interest Income	118.81	25.00	93.81	475.24 %
4005100 CDBG	-67,342.00		-67,342.00	
4005101 Grant Revenues		2,500.00	-2,500.00	
4005102 General Funds CDBG	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	100.00 %
4006101 Annual Dinner		6,000.00	-6,000.00	
4006106 Recycling Income	2,670.00	20,000.00	-17,330.00	13.35 %
4006107 Utilization Fee		12,000.00	-12,000.00	
4006108 Service Fees- Revenue	445.50	7,500.00	-7,054.50	5.94 %
4007101 Regional Asset Tax	22,309.79	25,000.00	-2,690.21	89.24 %
4008101 Commission/Dividends		100.00	-100.00	
4009998 Garbage Contract Franchise Fee.	2,429.00	10,416.00	-7,987.00	23.32 %
4010101 Miscellaneous Income		100.00	-100.00	
4012102 Advertising Reimbursement		400.00	-400.00	
49900 Uncategorized Income	70.79		70.79	
Total Revenue	\$47,745.11	\$179,781.00	\$ -132,035.89	26.56 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$47,745.11	\$179,781.00	\$ -132,035.89	26.56 %
Expenditures				
4001103 Police Chiefs Committee		2,500.00	-2,500.00	
6001000 Advertising				
6001102 Advertising - General	97.65	250.00	-152.35	39.06 %
6006101 Advertising - CD		400.00	-400.00	
Total 6001000 Advertising	97.65	650.00	-552.35	15.02 %
6001101 Administration Payroll				
6001099 Executive Director Salary	33,333.40	80,000.00	-46,666.60	41.67 %
6001110 Contractor Zoning Enforcement	781.25	6,000.00	-5,218.75	13.02 %
6002102 Payroll Taxes	2,592.00	6,000.00	-3,408.00	43.20 %
6002104 Unemployment Compensation Tax	500.00	800.00	-300.00	62.50 %
6003103 Workmen's Comp. Insurance		250.00	-250.00	
Total 6001101 Administration Payroll	37,206.65	93,050.00	-55,843.35	39.99 %
6001112 Intern Wages		6,000.00	-6,000.00	
6001114	405.00		405.00	
6001203 CD Grant Distribution	-67,342.00		-67,342.00	
6004101 Travel Expense	153.50	400.00	-246.50	38.38 %
6008101 Office Supplies & Maintenance	369.04	2,000.00	-1,630.96	18.45 %
6008102 Dues, Memberships, Subscriptions	180.00	2,000.00	-1,820.00	9.00 %
6008104 Recycling	2,410.00	15,000.00	-12,590.00	16.07 %
6010100 Bank Fees	-23.43	400.00	-423.43	-5.86 %
6010101 Legal and Accounting		6,250.00	-6,250.00	
6012101 Telephone Expense	489.18	1,200.00	-710.82	40.77 %

	TOTAL			
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
6013101 Annual Dinner Expense		5,500.00	-5,500.00	
6014101 Insurance Expense	722.65	2,000.00	-1,277.35	36.13 %
6016101 Office Rent Expense	1,200.00	2,400.00	-1,200.00	50.00 %
6016103 Data Processing	6,027.52	13,000.00	-6,972.48	46.37 %
6017101 Conference & Meetings	999.93	731.00	268.93	136.79 %
6019101 SHACOG Joint Purchasing		1,200.00	-1,200.00	
6019103 Transfer to Capital Fund		15,500.00	-15,500.00	
6019104 Transfer to Shared Recycling Fund		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
Total Expenditures	\$ -17,104.31	\$179,781.00	\$ -196,885.31	-9.51 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$64,849.42	\$0.00	\$64,849.42	0.00%
NET REVENUE	\$64,849.42	\$0.00	\$64,849.42	0.00%

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Statement of Financial Position

As of June 6, 2023

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1001104 Citizens Checking 1378	96,614.56
1020101 Community Development 0710	0.01
1031103 Citizens Savings 2218	125,732.43
1041101 PayPal	0.00
1072 Bill.com Money Out Clearing	500.00
1073 ADP Clearing	0.00
4003536 Contract Deposit Account - 3536	19,997.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$242,844.00
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable	7,008.43
12002 DCED Grant Receivable (A/R)	0.00
Total 1200 Accounts Receivable	7,008.43
Total Accounts Receivable	\$7,008.43
Other Current Assets	
12000 Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$249,852.43
TOTAL ASSETS	
\$249,852.43	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
200.20 Accounts Payable	-80,371.14
Total Accounts Payable	\$ -80,371.14
Credit Cards	
8320 Citizens Business CC	44.80
Sales tax Refund	5.39
Total Credit Cards	\$50.19
Other Current Liabilities	
200.22 904 Recycling Grant - for future projects	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ -80,320.95
Total Liabilities	\$ -80,320.95
Equity	
3000 Open Bal Equity	273,421.19
3900 Retained Earnings	-80,432.25
3900.22 Reserve for Future Recycling	27,103.03
3900.23 RAD Reserve for Future Capital	45,231.99
Net Revenue	64,849.42

	TOTAL
Total Equity	\$330,173.38
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$249,852.43

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Statement of Activity

May 2023

	TOTAL
Revenue	
4003101 Interest Income	24.35
4007101 Regional Asset Tax	22,309.79
49900 Uncategorized Income	70.79
Total Revenue	\$22,404.93
GROSS PROFIT	\$22,404.93
Expenditures	
6001101 Administration Payroll	
6001099 Executive Director Salary	6,666.68
6002102 Payroll Taxes	510.00
Total 6001101 Administration Payroll	7,176.68
6004101 Travel Expense	1.00
6008101 Office Supplies & Maintenance	251.20
6008104 Recycling	640.00
6012101 Telephone Expense	162.80
6014101 Insurance Expense	93.23
6016101 Office Rent Expense	200.00
6016103 Data Processing	1,585.24
6017101 Conference & Meetings	33.24
Total Expenditures	\$10,143.39
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$12,261.54
NET REVENUE	\$12,261.54

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8320 Citizens Business CC, Period Ending 05/31/2023

RECONCILIATION REPORT

Reconciled on: 06/01/2023

Reconciled by: Patrick Conners

Any changes made to transactions after this date aren't included in this report.

Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	920.95
Charges and cash advances cleared (17).....	2,142.61
Payments and credits cleared (1).....	-920.95
Statement ending balance.....	<u>2,142.61</u>
Register balance as of 05/31/2023.....	2,142.61
Cleared transactions after 05/31/2023.....	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 05/31/2023.....	29.81
Register balance as of 06/01/2023.....	<u>2,172.42</u>

Details

Charges and cash advances cleared (17)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
04/30/2023	Expense	2441319077	Adobe, Inc.	14.99
05/02/2023	Expense	4711224047	Google	25.20
05/03/2023	Expense	333689	Michael Brothers Companies	320.00
05/03/2023	Expense	9933271351	Verizon Wireless	81.40
05/03/2023	Expense	333688	Michael Brothers Companies	320.00
05/05/2023	Expense	INV40901154	DocuSign	300.00
05/09/2023	Expense	2723	Meter Feeder Inc	1.00
05/09/2023	Expense	800	Dunkin Donuts	33.24
05/16/2023	Expense	112-3698266-0193015	Amazon.com	31.05
05/19/2023	Expense	23059438355	BILL.com	61.05
05/21/2023	Expense	420396118	Spica International	4.50
05/21/2023	Expense	5-21-2023	Selective Insurance Co. of Am...	93.23
05/26/2023	Expense	5186579233	Giant Eagle	28.72
05/26/2023	Expense	64674	Bridgeside Market	191.43
05/26/2023	Expense	17FD897-0015	Insightly	470.40
05/28/2023	Expense	10001230576972	Intuit	85.00
05/30/2023	Expense	9935646568	Verizon Wireless	81.40

Total 2,142.61

Payments and credits cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/19/2023	Credit Card Payment		Citizens Bank CC	-920.95

Total -920.95

Additional Information

Uncleared charges and cash advances after 05/31/2023

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
06/01/2023	Expense	4734991490	Google	29.81

Total 29.81

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1001104 Citizens Checking 1378, Period Ending 05/31/2023

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Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	98,320.70
Checks and payments cleared (10).....	-14,489.95
Deposits and other credits cleared (6).....	19,644.65
Statement ending balance.....	<u>103,475.40</u>
Uncleared transactions as of 05/31/2023.....	-6,798.79
Register balance as of 05/31/2023.....	96,676.61
Cleared transactions after 05/31/2023.....	0.00
Uncleared transactions after 05/31/2023.....	-62.05
Register balance as of 06/06/2023.....	96,614.56

Details

Checks and payments cleared (10)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/05/2023	Expense	632111862	ADP, LLC	-62.05
05/15/2023	Journal	052232		-2,506.16
05/15/2023	Journal	052231		-1,082.18
05/19/2023	Expense	633244517	ADP, LLC	-62.05
05/19/2023	Credit Card Payment		Citizens Bank CC	-920.95
05/22/2023	Journal	052234		-850.00
05/25/2023	Transfer			-4,975.49
05/30/2023	Transfer			-442.73
05/31/2023	Journal	052235		-1,082.19
05/31/2023	Journal	052236		-2,506.15
Total				-14,489.95

Deposits and other credits cleared (6)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/01/2023	Deposit		Kilbuck Township	150.00
05/03/2023	Transfer			640.00
05/08/2023	Deposit		Haysville Borough	1,331.00
05/23/2023	Deposit			7,107.84
05/26/2023	Deposit			703.26
05/31/2023	Deposit			9,712.55
Total				19,644.65

Additional Information

Uncleared checks and payments as of 05/31/2023

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/31/2023	Transfer			-6,798.79
Total				-6,798.79

Uncleared checks and payments after 05/31/2023

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
06/02/2023	Expense	634065947	ADP, LLC	-62.05

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
Total				-62.05

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1031103 Citizens Savings 2218, Period Ending 05/31/2023

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Summary

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Statement beginning balance.....	114,131.07
Checks and payments cleared (1).....	-640.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (3).....	5,442.57
Statement ending balance.....	<u>118,933.64</u>

Uncleared transactions as of 05/31/2023.....	6,798.79
Register balance as of 05/31/2023.....	125,732.43

Details

Checks and payments cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/03/2023	Transfer			-640.00
Total				-640.00

Deposits and other credits cleared (3)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/25/2023	Transfer			4,975.49
05/30/2023	Transfer			442.73
05/31/2023	Deposit		Citizens Bank	24.35
Total				5,442.57

Additional Information

Uncleared deposits and other credits as of 05/31/2023

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/31/2023	Transfer			6,798.79
Total				6,798.79

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1020101 Community Development 0710, Period Ending 05/31/2023

RECONCILIATION REPORT

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Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	0.01
Checks and payments cleared (1).....	-50,392.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (1).....	50,392.00
Statement ending balance.....	<u>0.01</u>

Register balance as of 05/31/2023.....0.01

Details

Checks and payments cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/11/2023	Journal	052233		-50,392.00
Total				-50,392.00

Deposits and other credits cleared (1)

DATE	TYPE	REF NO.	PAYEE	AMOUNT (USD)
05/08/2023	Deposit		Allegheny County ACED	50,392.00
Total				50,392.00

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4003536 Contract Deposit Account - 3536, Period Ending 05/31/2023

RECONCILIATION REPORT

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Reconciled by: Patrick Conners

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Summary

USD

Statement beginning balance.....	19,997.00
Checks and payments cleared (0).....	0.00
Deposits and other credits cleared (0).....	0.00
Statement ending balance.....	<u>19,997.00</u>
Register balance as of 05/31/2023.....	19,997.00

Payroll Summary

Check Date	Name	Hours	Total Paid	Tax Withheld	Deductions	Net Pay	Check No	Employer Liability	Total Expense
Pay Frequency: Semimonthly									
05/31/2023	Conners, Patrick M	96.00	3,333.34	827.19	0.00	2,506.15	DD	255.00	3,588.34
05/15/2023	Conners, Patrick M	88.00	3,333.34	827.18	0.00	2,506.16	DD	255.00	3,588.34
Pay Frequency Totals: Semimonthly		184.00	\$6,666.68	\$1,654.37	\$0.00	\$5,012.31		\$510.00	\$7,176.68
Total Net Pays for Semimonthly frequency: 2									
Company Totals:		184.00	\$6,666.68	\$1,654.37	\$0.00	\$5,012.31		\$510.00	\$7,176.68
Total Net Pays for Company: 2									

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Unpaid Bills

All Dates

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	DIVISION	DUE DATE	PAST DUE	AMOUNT	OPEN BALANCE
Citizens Bank CC							
05/31/2023	Bill	5-31-2023	01 GENERAL	06/26/2023	-13	2,142.61	2,142.61
Total for Citizens Bank CC						\$2,142.61	\$2,142.61
Civic Mapper 412-545-3627							
06/05/2023	Bill	1448	01 GENERAL	07/05/2023	-22	905.00	905.00
Total for Civic Mapper						\$905.00	\$905.00
Kilbuck Township^							
06/06/2023	Bill	6-6-2023	01 GENERAL	06/30/2023	-17	200.00	200.00
Total for Kilbuck Township^						\$200.00	\$200.00
TOTAL						\$3,247.61	\$3,247.61

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Agenda Item 9: CDBG Status Report – June 2023

CD Year 46 Projects

CD 44-2.2.3 – Bellevue Borough Lincoln Avenue Streetscape Phase VII – Due to the time elapsed from the original project award, Allegheny County Economic Development is re-arranging the documentation associated with the project to ensure adequate funding. Once the project contract is in hand, the QVCOG will be working with Civil & Environmental Consultants to construct the bid packet and facilitate bids through the PennBid platform.

CD46-3.11.9 – Bellevue Borough 529 Tingley Avenue Demolition

On January 25, 2023 the QVCOG submitted a cost report in the amount of \$30,999.00. Additionally in a separate correspondence the QVCOG requested that \$5,999.00 be transferred from the award amount from CD46-3.11.10. Lastly, in an effort to ensure that the project's timeline was compliant with ACED, the QVCOG requested a retroactive contract extension (November 30, 2022). The QVCOG received verbal confirmation on February 23rd from ACED Supervisor Jim Johnston that the aforementioned requests would be fulfilled as a one-time courtesy. On April 12, 2023 the QVCOG fielded an additional request from ACED for a revised contract extension request. After some discussion with ACED Project Manager Brenda Joyce-May, the QVCOG submitted the requested contract extension request which was ultimately granted on April 18, 2023. Subsequently the QVCOG submitted a revised cost report on April 21, 2023. On May 10, 2023 Ms. Joyce-May informed the QVCOG that in order for ACED to process the budget reallocation request an additional Contract Extension Request would be required with a new contract end date of June 30, 2023. Subsequently an extension request was provided to Ms. Joyce-May via email.

CD Year 48 Projects

On June 1st Executive Director Connors electronically signed the presented document for the CDBG Year 48 Public Improvements contract. President Carrier subsequently electronically signed the document on June 13th. Nine parties from Allegheny County are required to sign the contract (ACED Admin Review, ACED Director, ACED Admin Review, Law Admin Review, ACED Asst. Solicitor, Law Solicitor, County Manager Admin Review, County Manager, & ACED Admin Review). To date, a fully executed agreement has not been received by ACED. Once the completed agreement is in hand the projects below can be put out for bid.

- **CD 48-7.4a** - Bell Acres Borough Park ADA Parking Project
- **CD 48-7.4b** - Centennial Avenue ADA Ramp Replacement Project
- **CD 48-7.4c** - Henle Park ADA Parking & Sidewalk Project
- **CD 48-7.4d** - Orchard & Beech ADA Ramp & Sidewalk Replacement Project

CDBG Year 49 Project Awards

During the week of May 22nd, the QVCOG was notified by Allegheny County Economic Development (ACED) who announced all CDBG Year 49 project awards. The QVCOG received funding totaling \$361,092 for four projects. Each project along with the award amount can be found below.

MSW027 – Sewickley Borough Water Authority (Haysville and Glen Osborne Boroughs) - Center-South Waterline Replacement Project - \$185,000.00

MPD016 – Leetsdale Borough - 189 & 300 Beaver Street Blight Remediation Project - \$36,000.00

MRB024 – Sewickley Borough ADA Sidewalk Ramp Project - \$110,670.00

MRB022 – Leetsdale Borough Building ADA Parking Pad Project - \$29,422.00



Executive Director's Report – June 2023

WM Recycling Center Tour – All interested parties are invited to attend a tour of WM's Greenstar Recycling Facility (4100 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225). The tour will take place on Wednesday, June 7th at 10:00 a.m. This site visit will provide an in-person visual demonstration of the recycling separation and consolidation process and will serve to highlight proper recycling techniques specific to the curbside recycling program. Those who are interested in attending the tour are asked to rsvp via email (pconners@qvcog.org).

Act 152 Grant Applications Now Being Accepted – Municipalities may now begin to submit applications for the 2023 Act 152 Allegheny County Blight Removal Program. This program provides funding for demolition and blight remediation planning. Allegheny County Economic Development encourages communities to utilize their COGs for the submission of an Act 152 application(s). These applications and associated paperwork are identical to CDBG and GEDTF projects for which COGs are uniquely qualified to process and facilitate. The Act 152 program uses established blight conditions and focuses on the demolition of hazardous structures, site preparation for development projects, and multi-phase planning efforts. Applications are evaluated on several criteria including inclusion on existing demolition lists, community impact, and potential re-use of the property. While no local match is required for the program, it is encouraged. Individual awards will be capped at \$250,000. All applications should be submitted by June 16, 2023. More information can be found by visiting qvcog.org.

Keystone Communities Grant - Due to the advocacy from Representative Valerie Gaydos (PA-44) the Quaker Valley Council of Governments has been allocated \$100,000.00 through the Keystone Communities Program for the procurement, installation, and maintenance of traffic cameras and associated license plate identification technology. Per DCED's website, "The Keystone Communities Program (KCP) program is designed to encourage the creation of partnerships between the public and private sectors that jointly support local initiatives such as the growth and stability of neighborhoods and communities; social and economic diversity; and a strong and secure quality of life. The program allows communities to tailor the assistance to meet the needs of its specific revitalization effort." The QVCOG will be responsible for submitting a formal application through the DCED in order to receive the allocated funds. A part of the required paperwork is a resolution approved by the governing Board of the awarded organization (attached). In the coming weeks the QVCOG Police Chiefs Committee will be convening on June 1st to discuss the specific locations and specifications of the cameras to be procured with the aforementioned funds. This information is also needed in advance of the application's submission.

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2023 QVCOG Annual Dinner Date Announced - The QVCOG is pleased to announce that the 2023 Annual Dinner will be returning to the Edgeworth Club (511 East Dr, Sewickley, PA 15143). This location is available due to the generosity of Mr. Kevin Flannery's sponsorship of the QVCOG. This year's event will take place on Thursday, October 5th. Additional details regarding the event will be announced in the coming months.

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Agenda Item 11-A: Presentation - Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP) - Mr. Patrick Campbell

The Group Against Smog and Pollution (GASP) was founded in 1969 by volunteers concerned about air quality in southwestern Pennsylvania. Since then, GASP has worked tirelessly to explain and combat the region's air quality problems through public meetings, engagement with the press, educational events, permit reviews, and many other means. Recently, GASP very kindly provided two PurpleAir monitors to the QVCOG (the devices were then awarded to Ben Avon Borough and Edgeworth Borough, respectively). With regional air quality being of public concern in recent months, coupled with the Board's stated goal to pursue more sustainable programming and initiatives, GASP has been invited to attend the June meeting. Mr. Patrick Campbell, Executive Director, will be in attendance to speak about GASP as an organization as well as its past, present, and future air quality initiatives.

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Agenda Item 11-B: Presentation - SPC - Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Funding Opportunities

In theme with the Board's expressed desire to be provided with greater exposure of available sustainable programming and funding opportunities, the QVCOG has met with the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) to better understand available opportunities regarding electric vehicle (EV) charging stations for its member communities. Specifically, funding is available to local governments for EV charging infrastructure through the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (Applications will be available in 2024). The program's goal is to strategically employ publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging and alternative fueling infrastructure, focusing on urban and rural areas in designated Alternative Fueling Corridors (AFCs) throughout the country. This program provides two funding categories of grants:

1. Community Charging and Fueling Grants (Community Program); and
2. Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program)

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides 2.5 billion dollars in investment over 5 years for this Program.

Ms. Catherine Tulley, Manager of Environmental Programs for SPC, will attend the QVCOG's June Board meeting via Zoom to discuss SPC's EV planning initiatives underway with local communities across the region. She is also expected to highlight SPC's partnerships with Duquesne Light, CONNECT and other entities working on EV infrastructure and decarbonization efforts.

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Agenda Item 11-C: Motion Authorizing Letter of Support for Proposed House Bill 589

In an email dated June 4, 2023 Pennsylvania State Representative Valerie Gaydos (PA-44) requested that the QVCOG Board of Delegates submit a letter of support for Proposed House Bill 589. Please note, Pennsylvania Representative Emily Kinkead (PA-20) also co-sponsored the aforementioned legislation. PA House Bill 589 proposes to establish a “Coal and Clay Mine Subsidence and Landslide Insurance and Assistance Program”. Landslide and sinkhole damages have long plagued residents in the Commonwealth with no available remedy through the private insurance market. Proposed House Bill 589 seeks to correct this by establishing a Program to aid individuals and local government agencies as they work to repair the damage caused by landslides and invest in prevention efforts.

Attachments: Proposed Letter of Support & Landslide Pamphlet



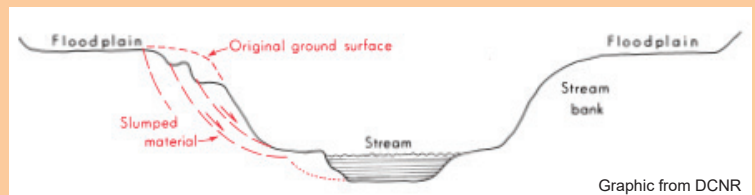
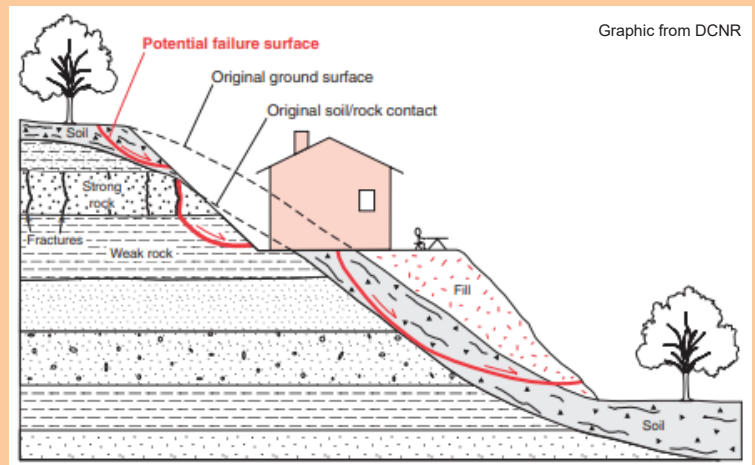
HOUSE BILL 589

ESTABLISHING THE COAL AND CLAY MINE SUBSIDENCE AND LANDSLIDE INSURANCE AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Sixty years ago, our legislature recognized that coal and clay mine subsidence was devastating homeowners across our commonwealth by causing significant damage to their property and homes. It was through no fault of their own and there was no remedy available through the private insurance market. Thus, in a first of its kind program, the Coal and Clay Mine Subsidence Insurance Program was born.

Now, H.B. 589 of the 2023-24 session, sponsored by Rep. Emily Kinkead (D-Allegheny) and Rep. Valerie Gaydos (R-Allegheny), proposes to expand that program to protect vulnerable homeowners across the commonwealth by giving them access to landslide and sinkhole insurance coverage at fair prices, setting up a mechanism to evaluate potential landslide risks, and providing tools and incentives to communities and individuals to reduce losses to landslides. Folding it into the existing program, H.B. 589 would create the Coal and Clay Mine Subsidence and Landslide Insurance and Assistance Program.

The program would continue to be run by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), which has helped thousands of commonwealth residents over the past 60 years. H.B. 589 would expand the current Coal and Clay Mine Subsidence Board by adding two members: the Director of Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) (or a designee) and the Secretary of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) (or a designee). This Board would oversee the Program within DEP and establish premiums to be paid by the insured property owners. The Board also would be tasked with creating and implementing a statewide landslide mitigation plan; investigating/evaluating sites; and recommending further government action as necessary. Additionally, the Board would publish guidance and rules and promulgate regulations to carry out the program.



H.B. 589 additionally would direct \$2.5 million from the General Fund to ensure immediate solvency of the program, but thereafter the premiums that are collected from the insured property owners would be set by the Board at such a level so as to make the program self-sustaining, with little to no impact on Pennsylvania taxpayers.

The program would address the impacts of coal and clay mine subsidence, landslides, and sinkholes in three ways:

1. A grant program.
2. A revolving loan program.
3. An insurance program.



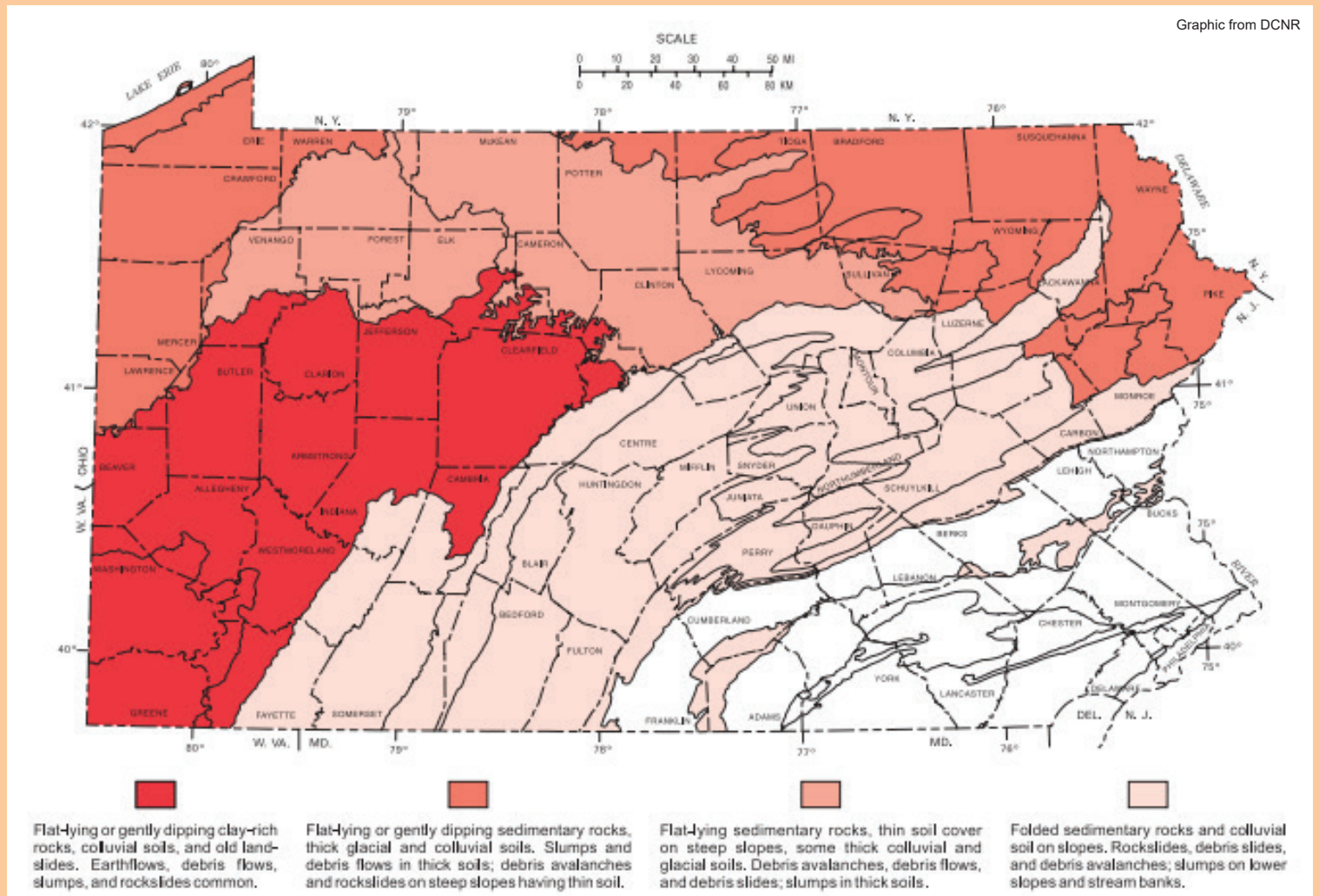
The first two components would be designed to help mitigate (through inspection and coordination with local governments) and repair (by applying for assistance after the fact) structural damage. They, in turn, would function as tools to strengthen and support the insurance fund.

This insurance would be available, upon completion of a full application submitted to the Board, only to owners of structures located within coal regions or areas deemed to be at extreme risk for landslides or sinkholes. The Board would need to approve or deny any applications, as well as set the premium for each successful application, within 60 days of application, and the insured would have to pay the full assigned premium within 20 days of billing. The amount of insurance coverage could not exceed the lesser of either the replacement cost of the insured structure or the maximum amount of coverage established by the insurance fund. Policy lengths would be set by the Board and would range from 1-3 years.

Local governments would be able to adopt land-use controls that impact whether landslide insurance is necessary. They could prohibit landslide insurance from being provided for new construction when adequate land use and prevention measures have not been implemented. For example, they could set up a “community rating system” – with higher ratings assigned to communities with a lower risk of landslides/subsidence – to incentivize community coal and clay mine, landslide, and sinkhole management at a local level. Communities that have adopted the most prevention measures would also receive the best/lowest rates for landslide insurance. Communities also would benefit with credits on flood insurance rates if the measures they adopt to reduce erosion also reduce the likelihood of floods as well as landslides.



Graphic from DCNR



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Dear Chair Vitali & Chair Causer;

The Quaker Valley Council of Governments (QVCOG) is writing to express its enthusiastic support for House Bill 589, Printer Number 563, Establishing the Coal and Clay Mine Subsidence and Landslide Insurance and Assistance Program. Landslide and sinkhole damages have long plagued residents in the Commonwealth with no remedy through the private insurance market. The Pennsylvania Legislature now has a chance to correct this inequity with HB 589 by establishing a program to aid individuals and local government agencies as they work to repair the damage caused by landslides and invest in prevention efforts.

Sixty years ago, our state legislators recognized that property owners at risk of mine subsidence should not risk homelessness or bankruptcy when disaster occurs merely because the private insurance industry viewed the risk as too costly to insure. Our state legislators recognized that this was an issue too costly to the residents of Pennsylvania not to be insured and created a first-of-its-kind, state-run insurance program. Now, with this bipartisan legislation, sponsored by State Representatives Emily Kinkead (PA-20) and Valerie Gaydos (PA-44), the Legislature has the opportunity to expand that program to protect vulnerable homeowners across the Commonwealth by giving them access to landslide and sinkhole insurance coverage at fair prices, setting up a mechanism to evaluate potential landslide risks, and providing tools and incentives to communities and individuals to reduce losses to landslides.

The QVCOG represents 15 member communities in Allegheny County with over 31,000 residents. In recent years, there have been numerous instances of properties being impacted by landslides, sinkholes, etc. Our region is particularly susceptible to these types of geologic disturbances. Per the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resource, Southwestern Pennsylvania has by far the highest concentration of landslides in the Commonwealth. Our region is not alone in our experiences. At least 19 of our 67 counties have areas where landslides are common. Only eight counties in our Commonwealth have little or no risk of landslides. Sinkholes can happen almost anywhere. Our organization asks that you to share the innovation of your predecessors and pass HB 589 to create the Coal and Clay Mine Subsidence and Landslide Insurance and Assistance Program.

Sincerely,

Patrick Conners
Executive Director

Barbara Carrier
Board President

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Agenda Item 11-D: Act 152 Resolution

The Act 152 Allegheny County Blight Removal Program provides funding for demolition and blight remediation planning. The Program uses established blight conditions focusing on demolishing hazardous structures, site preparation for development projects, and multi-phase planning efforts. Councils of Governments are authorized applications through the Program and may apply on behalf of their members. Applications are evaluated on several criteria including inclusion on existing demolition lists, community impact, and potential re-use of the property.

Bell Acres Borough has asked the QVCOG to submit an Act 152 Program application on their behalf for the demolition of a property located at 109 North Avenue, Sewickley, PA 15143. The Borough is seeking \$25,000.00 for the project. A required component of the application is a Concurring Resolution (see attached). Applications are due by Friday, June 23rd.

Per the QVCOG's program utilization fee (adopted November 2016), Bell Acres Borough will be charged a \$500 application fee. Additionally, grants awarded to members through applications submitted by the COG will be subject to a 2% fee.

Attachments: Act 152 Concurring Resolution

CONCURRING RESOLUTION

The purpose of the Resolution form is to have on record a statement confirming that the applicant has formally requested CDBG funds, has designated an official to perform the required duties between the applicant and Allegheny County Economic Development and has assured, where applicable, the provision of local matching funds. In addition, the applicant will comply with all other provisions of the CDBG application.

Resolution of the _____ authorizing
Name of Operating Agency/Municipality
the filing of an application for CDBG funds with Allegheny County Economic Development.

WHEREAS, the _____ is
desirous of obtaining funds from Allegheny County Economic Development in the amount of _____
under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1970, as amended. *(CDBG Funds)*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____
does hereby formally request CDBG funds from Allegheny County Economic Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the _____ does hereby
designate _____ as the official to file all applications, documents, and forms between
(Authorized Official)
the _____ and Allegheny County Economic Development.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the _____
will assure, where applicable, the provision of the full local share of the project costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the _____
will assure, that the project will be awarded or under construction within 180 days after contractual execution.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____, by the _____
Operating Agency/Municipality

Signature (Must *not* be same as Authorized Official)

Title

Printed Name

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Agenda Item 11-E: Discussion Regarding Joint Franchise Fee Committee

Within an email dated June 12th Ms. Betsy Rengers (Leet Township Manager) relayed a request from Mr. Marty McDaniel (Leet Township Supervisor & QVCOG Delegate) inquiring if the QVCOG could gauge interest in reviving the Joint Franchise Fee Committee. Ms. Rengers cited that Leet Township is engaging in discussions with Verizon to outline parameters of an updated Franchise Fee Agreement. Please note, the following communities participated within the last Franchise Fee Committee (2019-2020): Leet Township, Emsworth Borough, Glen Osborne Borough, Bellevue Borough, and Leetsdale Borough. This Committee worked with the QVCOG and the Cohen Law Group to negotiate the existing Franchise Fee Agreement with Verizon. Please note, available records do not indicate that concurrent negotiations took place with Comcast.

Per Ms. Renger's email, "Years ago, many of the COG municipalities were renewing their agreements at the same time and we all worked with Cohen Law Group. Cohen gave us a little break on the fees since we all worked together". While each member community may navigate the franchise fee negotiation process in-house with their respective solicitor, the goal of the proposed committee would be to aggregate resources and achieve a more efficient price-point with one specialized law firm who has extensive experience in dealing with these negotiations. Upon reviewing available records, Cohen Law Group offered discounted rates of between 15-20% dependent upon the number of participating COG municipalities.

Should the Board wish to revive the Joint Franchise Fee Committee, the QVCOG would reach out to the Cohen Law Group to discuss the past cooperative as well as to Staff within each member community to gauge interest in partnering for any future negotiation. Any Board member that had involvement with past franchise fee negotiations is encouraged to highlight their experience during the June meeting.

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Agenda Item 11-F: Recycling Update

WM Greenstar Recycling Center Tour

On June 7th the QVCOG facilitated a tour of WM's Greenstar Recycling Center located on Neville Island. Five guests from four member communities attended including all three Local Government Academy interns. It was reported at the event that the facility would be undergoing a comprehensive upgrade to increase efficiencies. The QVCOG will advertise another tour once the upgrades are completed. A video outlining the Neville Island Material Recovery Facility (MRF) is available for member communities upon request.

Glass Recycling Update

The QVCOG is proud to announce that since the glass recycling initiative began in March of 2022, over 100 tons of mixed glass has been dropped off at the Sewickley Borough and Avalon Borough glass recycling dumpsters.

Sewickley Borough Dumpster (launched March 2022)

- 81.12 tons (18 pulls)

Avalon Borough Dumpster (launched June 2022)

- 24.26 tons (8 pulls)

Yard Waste Drop-off Program

Since its launch in October of 2022 the QVCOG's Yard Waste drop-off partnership with the Michael Brothers Companies has seen moderate use. A total of 3.96 tons of yard waste has been dropped off at the Reserve Township facility (408 Hoffman Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15212). Nineteen patrons from five member communities have participated (see below). To date, and due to the minimal use of the program, the QVCOG has not been charged for the program. Member communities are encouraged to continue advertisement of the program.

- Aleppo Township (11);
- Avalon Borough (1);
- Bellevue Borough (1);
- Ben Avon Borough (4); and
- Sewickley Borough (2)