

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
April 18, 2018

Board President Jean-Sebastien Valois called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Leetsdale Municipal Building, 373 Beaver Street, Leetsdale, PA. 15056. Mr. Valois then led the pledge of allegiance.

**The following members in attendance:**

Aleppo: Art Williams / Matthew Doebler	Glenfield: Curtis Reiner
Avalon: Vicki Donnelly	Haysville: Amy Paff
Bell Acres: Brock Meanor	Kilbuck: Jean-Sebastien Valois (President)
Bellevue: Tom Fodi	Leet: Betsy Rengers / Donna Adipietro
Ben Avon: Melanie Holcomb	Leetsdale: Jeffrey Weatherby
Edgeworth:	Sewickley:
Emsworth: Paul Getz	Sewickley Heights:
Glen Osborne: Bill Monski	

**Public Comment:**

**Rick Vilello, Deputy Secretary, Department of Community and Economic Development.** The DCED were supportive of the QVCOG's 2016 map application. Quaker Valley Council of Governments is making great strides considering challenges resulting in DCED's willingness to also consider QVCOG's current application. While driving in today Mr. Vilello passed three accidents, emphasizing the need for improvements along the Route 65 corridor. Mr. Vilello also commented on the need to bring young leaders into local governments and fire departments for future leadership. Long term, strong COG's are the tool for providing services to a region in an efficient manner. Multiple municipality applications will score better in the grant process. Single applications receive less consideration. Funding is limited, applications that will have a larger impact will receive more consideration.

**Steve Quick, Carnegie Mellon, Remaking Cities Institute.** We have been funded by Mobility 21 for \$90,000 of the \$270,000 of the objective budget. Mr. Quick and Susan Hockenberry, Executive Director, QVCOG have spoken with PennDot Secretary Richards. Penndot and Cheryl Moon-Sirianni, District Executive twice. The second meeting was very positive in the sense that Ms. Moon- Sirianni began to understand the importance of this study. Not only how this could work across municipalities but also with the program we are looking to produce by the study. A combination of transportation, roadway designs, community designs as well as autonomous vehicles and intergovernmental cooperation.

**Presenters:**

**Municipal Solar Initiative:** Tim Kelly resident of Aleppo Township approached township commissioners with this idea. Commissioner George Jones thought this might have more impact if this was pursued multi-municipally. Working with Greg Winks and Will Brown, Solbridge Energy Advisors.

**Accelerating Digital Adoption Through Intergovernmental Cooperation:** Alan Kugler, PA E-Gov Consortium and Patrick Connors Edgeworth Borough / University of Pittsburgh Digital Governance Study. Recommends working cross juristrically through COGs to improve technological capacity. The way to do this is to share a Chief Technology Officer at the COG level.

**Motions:**

**Omnibus Motion** was made by Jeffrey Weatherby to approve the February 21, 2018 meeting minutes, Accounts Payable (Bills to Pay) for the period as of April 17, 2018, Bank Reconciliations February and March, 2018, March 2018 Statement of Revenue and Expense and Balance Sheet. Seconded by Tom Fodi. Motion Carried.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Bill Monski to approve the Cleargov Sales Agreement. Seconded by Tom Fodi. A roll call vote was taken, six ayes and six nays. Motion failed.

**Discussion:** This is a sales agency agreement where we have evaluated this product and think it is useful for municipalities much like the way we promote good financial management through our financial administrative service. The savings that will accrual to the municipalities a portion will accrual to the COG for passive revenue to try to keep our dues down and stay entrepreneurial approach towards how we generate income for the COG.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Curtis Reiner to approve the amendment of the office lease. Seconded by Jeffrey Weatherby. Motion Carried.

**Discussion:** Current rental agreement will expire April 30th. The new lease includes a rent increase from \$560.00 to \$605.00 including utilities. It also includes use of additional space on the third floor. Quarterly cleaning will be an additional expense to the COG. This is a three year lease.

**Motion:** Motion was made by Bill Monski for the Board of Directors to recommend an amendment to the By Laws in the form attached as Exhibit A and direct the Executive Director to provide written notice to each member government advising them that: (1) the By Law change is proposed to take place on 19 May 2018 and (2) the member government's right to provide written objection before 19 May 2018 or automatically ratify the proposed amendment . Seconded by Tom Fodi. Motion Carried as amended.

**Discussion:** It was suggested that we move forward with the revised by-laws. Member municipalities are to be given a 30 day written notice that the current by-laws will change. If no written objection is received within the 30 day time period, the amended by-laws will be ratified.

**Motion:** Motion was amended by Bill Monski to add- (3) The amendment is ratified with a two thirds of the majority members who **do not** object. Seconded by Tom Fodi. Motion Carried.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Follow up to the last PI Team. All members received a memo requesting that if you would like to participate in the emergency management non binding study that you signal that to the COG through the adoption of the recommended resolution by May 30, 2018.

**President's Comment:**

It is time that we look at how we finance the COG and discuss this before we get to the budget session. There will be a recommendation from the finance committee to state what the fee structure will be and other sources of revenue.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Tom Fodi made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jeffrey Weatherby, with all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at **9:50** pm.

**The next meeting will be held on:** May 16,2018 at 7:30 PM, at the Leet Township Municipal Complex, 198 Ambridge Avenue, Fair Oaks, PA. 15003

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan G. Hockenberry  
Executive Director