

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Executive Director's Report – November 2022

Active Shooter Training – On November 21st and 22nd QVCOG police departments will be participating in a two-day comprehensive active shooter training course. The event will be facilitated by the Ohio Township Police Department and the SRT tactical operating unit and will take place at the Ross Township Police SRT Training Facility.

Shared Fingerprint Scanner – At their November 1st meeting the QVCOG Police Chief's Group agreed to move forward with an application through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association for a mobile fingerprint scanner which would be shared amongst our region's police departments. If awarded, the device would be free of charge. However, there is an annual charge of \$1,025.00 which covers a no-fault maintenance agreement, administrative costs, and the secure data connection. The QVCOG has established a budget line item for shared programming, etc. for the Group which will cover the aforementioned cost.

2023 Membership Dues – At its October 19th meeting the QVCOG's Board of Delegates voted unanimously to approve a Resolution freezing the 2023 schedule of dues at 2022 rates.

Remaining 2022 Managers and Secretaries Meetings – At its October 26th meeting the QVCOG's Managers and Secretaries Committee agreed to combine the November and December meeting dates into one which will occur on December 7th at 11:00 a.m. at the Aleppo Township Municipal Building. The meeting will be in-person exclusively.

Letter of Support Concerning Municipal Advertising Requirements – At its October 19th meeting the QVCOG's Board of Delegates voted unanimously to send correspondence to all state representatives and senators that represent member communities requesting their support for the re-introduction of House Bill 955 of 2021 (or the introduction of similar legislation). This legislation would amend Title 45 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes concerning municipal advertisement requirements allowing for digital notice of public meetings, etc. Letters outlining the request were sent to Senator Devlin Robinson (PA 37) Senator Wayne Fontana (PA 42), Representative Valerie Gaydos (PA 44), Representative Robert Matzie (PA 16), Representative Emily Kinkead (PA 20), and Representative Anita Kulik (PA 45). Member communities are encouraged to send similar requests to their respective elected officials.

GIS Roadway Infrastructure Map - Member communities are asked to forward the names of any private streets within their municipalities via email to pconners@qvcog.org. This information will be used to create a new GIS map which will outline road/infrastructure ownership (i.e. PennDOT, County, Municipal, or Private).

SHACOG Fall Commodities - On October 6, 2022 SHACOG opened bids for fall commodities and tabulations are available on the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance's website for the following commodities: Bagged Rock Salt, Bagged Ice and Snow Melt, Calcium Chloride, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel, Infield Conditioner, Liquid Calcium Chloride, Lubricants (Antifreeze, Diesel Oil, Gear Oil, Heavy Duty Grease, Hydraulic Oil, Motor Oil, Tractor Fluid, Transmission Fluid, Windshield Fluid), Pesticides, and Snow Plow Blades and Cutting Edges. Please note that participating communities must formally accept the bids to secure the prices offered by the vendors. Each municipality is responsible for accepting these bids which should be done by December 16, 2022.