

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MONTHLY BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING

November 15, 2023

The meeting took place at the Leet Township Municipal Building (194 Ambridge Avenue, Fair Oaks, PA 15003) and was also broadcast and recorded via Zoom and made available on the QVCOG website at the conclusion of the proceedings.

President Carrier 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:**

**Avalon:** Roberta Edwards\*

**Bell Acres:**

**Bellevue:** Dan McKelvey\*

**Ben Avon:** Tavia Washington\*

**Edgeworth:**

**Emsworth:** Paul Getz

**Sewickley Heights:** Nathan Briggs\*

**Glen Osborne:** Barbara Carrier

**Glenfield:** Paul Carmody

**Haysville:**

**Kilbuck:** Daryl Hartman\*

**Leet:** Dan Peluso

**Leetsdale:** Jeff Weatherby

**Sewickley:**

\*Attended the meeting via Zoom.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of October 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Getz moved to approve the October 18, 2023 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Weatherby seconded the motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of October Financial Reports, Payroll, and Unpaid Bills:**

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

**President's Report:**

No Report was provided.

**Route 65 Report:**

Executive Director Connors presented the two-page Route 65 flyer produced by Michael Baker International and encouraged members of the Board to utilize the tool while bringing up the topic of Route 65 to their individual boards and commissions. He noted that the flyer will be utilized to garner buy in from QVCOG member communities for future initiatives related to the Boulevard. He then requested the re-formation of a Route

65 Committee that can assist him in developing an intergovernmental cooperative agreement which would highlight the commitment of all 15 member communities in evaluating and planning for the future of Route 65.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Getz to establish a new Route 65 Committee. Mr. Weatherby seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

After the vote, Ms. Carrier expressed her desire to serve on the Committee.

### **Grant Status Report:**

Executive Director Conners provided brief updates concerning all active and recently awarded CDBG and GEDTF projects. He also noted that the QVCOG was asked to submit 5 Local Share Account (LSA) grant applications on behalf of member communities. He cited the deadline is November 30, 2023 for the LSA Program.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

Flagger Certification Training – Executive Director Conners reported that the QVCOG will be partnering with Optimus Risk Services to provide a flagger certification training. He noted the event will take place on December 14, 2023 at **8:00 a.m.** at the Aleppo Township Public Works Garage (100 North Drive Sewickley, PA 15143). He stated that attendees will receive a 3-year flagger certification upon completion of the course. He cited that interested participants may receive a registration form by contacting him via email ([pconners@qvcog.org](mailto:pconners@qvcog.org)).

Act 152 Award – Executive Director Conners announced that the QVCOG was selected for an Act 152 grant award in the amount of \$29,500.00 for its application on behalf of Bell Acres Borough. He cited that the Act 152 Program provides funding for demolition and blight remediation planning. He highlighted that the selected project involves the demolition and site restoration of 109 North Avenue.

Christmas Light Recycling – Executive Director Conners stated that Michael Brothers Hauling has invited QVCOG member communities to participate in their “Christmas Light Recycling Program”. He cited that this initiative not only helps keep countless stands of lights out of landfills, but also supports WTAE-TV and Salvation Army's Project Bundle Up. He reported that all proceeds raised from Michael Brothers' recycling efforts go directly to Project Bundle Up, making a meaningful impact during the holiday season. He stated that communities interested in hosting one of the collection bins (approximate measurements are 42” x 24”) should send an email to [pconners@qvcog.org](mailto:pconners@qvcog.org).

Managers and Secretaries Holiday Lunch – Executive Director Conners stated that on December 6<sup>th</sup> the annual QVCOG managers and secretaries' luncheon will take place at **11:00 a.m.** at the Aleppo Township Municipal Building. He cited that this gathering will take place of the November and December meetings.

LGA Newly Elected Officials Course – Executive Director Conners reported that in an effort to prepare the incoming group of elected leaders in our region, Local Government Academy is again offering its Newly Elected Officials Course. He cited that the Newly

Elected Officials Course is the most comprehensive training program offered to local government officials – it covers the basics, elevates best practices, and builds relationships. He highlighted that this offering has become a trusted resource for training public officials in the practice of good governance and typically sells out quickly. He concluded by reporting registration for the Course opened on November 8th at [localgovernmentacademy.org](http://localgovernmentacademy.org).

## **New Business**

### **Motion to have December 20, 2023 meeting exclusively on Zoom:**

Executive Director Connors cited that the next Board meeting is set to take place on December 20, 2023 at the Leetsdale Borough Building. He noted that with the holiday season being so near to that meeting date, it may be wise to shift the aforementioned meeting entirely to Zoom.

After some discussion a motion was made by Mr. Getz to conduct the December 20, 2023 Board of Delegates meeting exclusively on Zoom. Ms. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

### **Update on Tri-Borough Emergency Response Committee:**

Executive Director Connors highlighted that during its September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board approved the formation of a Tri-Borough Emergency Response Committee for Haysville, Glenfield, and Glen Osborne Boroughs. He cited that he hopes to organize a meeting for those communities and their leaders early in the new year.

### **Other Concerns of the Delegates:**

Avalon Borough – Ms. Edwards stated that Avalon has hired three new police officers that were sworn in at their November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting. She also stated that December 3<sup>rd</sup> would be Avalon Borough's light-up-night.

Bellevue Borough – Mr. McKelvey stated that Bellevue Borough's light-up-night will occur on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also noted that Bellevue is seeking to hire one new police officer.

Ben Avon Borough – Ms. Washington stated that Ben Avon's house tour would be taking place on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Glen Osborne Borough – Ms. Carrier stated that Glen Osborne Borough is in the process of updating its SALDO and will consider approval of the new document at their December meeting.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Weatherby moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Getz. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

The next meeting will be broadcast and recorded exclusively on Zoom and is scheduled for December 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Please visit [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org) for further information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick M. Conners  
Executive Director