

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MONTHLY BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING

March 20, 2024

The meeting took place at the Sewickley Public Library (500 Thorn St, Sewickley, PA 15143) and was broadcast via Zoom. A video recording was made available on the QVCOG's 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:** Gregory Molchen

**Bellevue:** Dan McKelvey\*

**Ben Avon:** Tavia Washington\*

**Edgeworth:**

**Emsworth:**

**Sewickley Heights:**

**Glen Osborne:** Barbara Carrier

**Glenfield:** Paul Carmody

**Haysville:**

**Kilbuck:** Daryl Hartman

**Leet:** Donna Adipietro

**Leetsdale:** Maria Napolitano\*

**Sewickley:** Julie Barnes

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of February 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes:**

Mr. Hartman moved to approve the February 20, 2024 meeting minutes as presented.

Ms. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

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

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

**President's Report:**

President Carrier cited a house explosion that occurred in Crescent Township on March 12th. She noted the explosion could be heard throughout the Sewickley Valley and debris was found as far as the Quaker Village Shopping Center. Citing that Glen Osborne Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator was out of town, she noted that a regional emergency notification would have been valuable to ease the concerns of local residents.

**Route 65 Report:**

Executive Director Conners highlighted that the Route 65 Committee met on March 13<sup>th</sup> and had discussed the development of an intergovernmental agreement on the topic of Route 65. Ms. Barnes noted that the Committee reviewed the two-page flyer produced by Michael Baker International in an effort to build a strategy to promote past efforts and future endeavors related to Route 65. She also noted that a GIS map is in development to help match the Committee and future volunteers with stakeholders along the Boulevard. She concluded by citing the Committee's desire to meet with QVCOG's solicitor Matthew Racunas to discuss the development of an intergovernmental agreement for the continued study and evaluation of Route 65.

**Grant Status Report:**

Executive Director Conners provided brief updates concerning all active and recently awarded CDBG and GEDTF projects.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Hard To Recycle Event Details Finalized – Executive Director Conners reported that in partnership with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) the QVCOG has financially supported the return of a “Hard to Recycle” event to the region. He stated that the event has been scheduled for Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will take place at Leetsdale's Buncher Industrial Park, Building No. 15 (380 Leetsdale Industrial Drive, PA 15056). He cited that HTR events provide responsible and convenient disposal for items that are not eligible for curbside recycling such as e-waste, cell phones, polystyrene, Freon-containing appliances, tires and more. He noted that these events require all participants to register in advance. He encouraged those interested to visit [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org) for additional details.

WM Recycling Center Tour – Executive Director Conners reported that WM has spent the past year making significant renovations to their single-stream recycling facility on Neville Island (4100 Grand Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15225). He highlighted that the facility will now be one of the most technologically advanced material recovery facilities in Pennsylvania, allowing WM to increase recycling capacity, and increase the capture rate of most acceptable materials. He cited that municipal staff and elected officials from QVCOG member communities are invited to tour the upgraded facility on June 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. He concluded by requesting that anyone interested in attending the event send an email to [pconners@qvcog.org](mailto:pconners@qvcog.org) at their earliest convenience.

2024 Dues Invoices – Executive Director Conners reported that membership dues for the 2024 calendar year were sent out via email the week of March 4<sup>th</sup>. He cited that dues rates have remained frozen at the rate established by the QVCOG Board of Delegates beginning in 2022.

LGA Municipal Intern Program Awards – Executive Director Conners reported that two QVCOG member communities were selected as host sites for the Local Government Academy's (LGA) 2024 Municipal Intern Program (MIP). The aforementioned communities and projects can be found below:

*Kilbuck Township - Dixmont Cemetery Revitalization and Website Modernization Internship*

*Leetsdale Borough - Community Revitalization Internship*

**New Business**

None.

**Old Business**

None.

**Other Concerns of the Delegates:**

Leetsdale Borough: Ms. Napolitano cited that the Borough was awarded an intern through the Local Government Academy's Municipal Intern Program. She also noted that the Borough would be working to plant a number of public trees through the Treevitalize Program administered through the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Sewickley Borough: Ms. Barnes stated that the Borough recently opened a new tee ball field in War Memorial Park. She also cited that the Borough was working to complete a number of new grant applications.

Adjournment: Ms. Barnes moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Adipietro. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

The next meeting will take place at the Sewickley Public Library (500 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143) on April 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will also be broadcast via Zoom. Please visit [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org) for further information.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Executive Director