

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING

April 17, 2024

The meeting took place at the Sewickley Public Library (500 Thorn St, Sewickley, PA 15143) and was broadcast via Zoom.

President Carrier 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: Art Williams

Avalon: Roberta Edwards*

Bell Acres:

Bellevue:

Ben Avon:

Edgeworth:

Emsworth: Abby Donovan*

Sewickley Heights: Nate Briggs*

Glen Osborne: Barbara Carrier

Glenfield: Paul Carmody

Haysville: Amanda Muzichuck*

Kilbuck: Daryl Hartman

Leet:

Leetsdale: Maria Napolitano*

Sewickley: Julie Barnes

Public Comment: None.

Approval of March 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Ms. Barnes moved to approve the March 20, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

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

Subsequently, Mr. Carmody moved to approve the March 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 the recent heavy rain events and associated flooding that has impacted many QVCOG member communities. She commended the region's first responders for their efforts in assisting residents and business owners impacted by the floods.

Route 65 Report:

Executive Director Connors highlighted that the Route 65 Committee is set to convene on April 23rd. He continued by reporting that he would be meeting with QVCOG Solicitor Matthew Racunas via Zoom on April 18th to discuss the development of an intergovernmental agreement for the continued evaluation and advocacy of Route 65 improvements. He concluded by informing the Board that the University of Pittsburgh's

Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) may be developing a capstone course based upon the Route 65 Strategic Design Guide during the 2024-25 Academic Year. He cited that he would be looking further into this development and its potential impact on the QVCOG and hoped to provide an update to the Board in the coming months.

Ms. Barnes discussed the Route 65 Committee's progress and noted the importance of an intergovernmental agreement that would bind all QVCOG member communities towards the continued evaluation of Route 65. A discussion regarding the anticipated development costs of such an agreement ensued. Ms. Napolitano inquired regarding the responsibility of member communities once the agreement is developed. Executive Director Conners stated that the agreement would be in the form of a resolution which can be considered and approved by member communities.

Ms. Barnes moved to direct Executive Director Conners to negotiate with QVCOG Solicitor Racunas to develop a Route 65 intergovernmental agreement at a cost not exceeding \$3,000.00. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Grant Status Report:

Executive Director Conners provided brief updates concerning all active and recently awarded CDBG and GEDTF projects. He noted that the awards for CDBG Year 50 should be announced prior to the May Board of Delegates meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

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 stated 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 invited staff and elected officials from QVCOG member communities to tour the upgraded facility on June 4th at 10:00 a.m. He noted that anyone interested in attending the event should send an email to pconners@qvcog.org at their earliest convenience.

Managers and Secretaries Picnic – Executive Director Conners reported that on Wednesday, May 22nd the QVCOG will be hosting the annual Managers and Secretaries picnic which will take place of the usual monthly meeting. He stated 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 cited the event will be catered by the Bridgeside Market. He cited that all municipal staff and seasonal interns are invited and encouraged to attend.

SHACOG Purchasing Alliance Rock Salt Agreement – Executive Director Conners stated that under the current terms of the multi-year SHACOG Purchasing Alliance rock salt agreement, unless a participating municipality has terminated their contract with Cargill, Inc. they must give notice of its intent to extend the term **in writing on municipal letterhead** to the vendor by **May 1, 2024**. He stated that Cargill, Inc. will have until May

10, 2024 to notify the participating municipality in writing if it wants to continue the contractual relationship. He noted that because every participating municipality is the official party to the contract with the vendor, only the municipality can exercise the option. He highlighted that participating communities should email their letter exercising the second option year to Salt_CustomerCareRoadSafety@cargill.com. He concluded by citing further details, including a sample letter prepared by SHACOG, is available at QVCOG.org.

Emergency Preparedness Committee – Executive Director Conners reported that the Tri-Borough Emergency Preparedness Committee met on April 9th and discussed the overall goals and mission of the group as well as the QVCOG’s overall role. Ms. Barnes noted available federal grant funding through the Department of Transportation’s Safe Streets and Roads for All Program that may be of interest to the QVCOG.

New Business

None.

Old Business

None.

Other Concerns of the Delegates:

Due to a severe weather alert, this portion of the meeting was postponed until the May 22nd Board of Delegates meeting.

Adjournment: Ms. Barnes moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carrier. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

The next meeting will take place at the Sewickley Public Library (500 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143) on May 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will also be broadcast via Zoom. Please visit qvcog.org for further information.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick M. Conners
Executive Director