

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DELEGATES MEETING

May 22, 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 7:05 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: Dan McKelvey*

Ben Avon: Tavia Washington*

Edgeworth:

Emsworth:

Sewickley Heights:

Glen Osborne: Barbara Carrier

Glenfield: Joel Kaminski*

Haysville: Amanda Muzichuck*

Kilbuck: Daryl Hartman

Leet: Donna Adipietro

Leetsdale: Maria Napolitano*

Sewickley:

Public Comment: Ms. Dionisia Dingler of the Tri-Boroughs Joint Planning Commission (JPC) came before the Board to introduce herself and the JPC. She noted that the JPC serves Avalon, Bellevue, and Ben Avon Boroughs. President Carrier thanked Ms. Dingler for attending the meeting and commended the JPC for its collaborative efforts.

Approval of April 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Mr. Hartman moved to approve the April 17, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

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

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

President's Report:

President Carrier cited that during the most recent Glen Osborne Borough meeting Borough Council commended the QVCOG for its recent success in bringing grants to the region.

Route 65 Report:

Executive Director Connors highlighted that the Route 65 Committee convened on April 23rd and reviewed a GIS based map along with Ms. Rose Iksic of Civic Mapper outlining potential stakeholders along Ohio River Boulevard. He also cited that the Committee is

set to meet on Friday, May 24th and will review the draft intergovernmental agreement that has been generated by QVCOG Solicitor Matthew Racunas.

Emergency Preparedness Committee Report:

Executive Director Conners reported that the Emergency Preparedness Committee last met on May 2nd where they reviewed and discussed existing Emergency Operations Plans. He cited that the Committee is set to convene next on June 6th.

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 June Board of Delegates meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

Act 101 Section 904 Awards – Executive Director Conners reported that the QVCOG has been informed that it is expected to receive a total award amount of \$26,888.34 for its joint 2022 Act 101 Section 904 Recycling Performance Grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. He noted that this is a \$755.02 increase year over year. He highlighted that once the award is received, participating communities will receive payment via check from the QVCOG which will be based on their respective residential recycling tonnage rates in addition to a bonus amount based on population and commercial tonnage collection rates. He cited that formal approval of the individual payments would take place at a future Board meeting after the grant award is received. He continued by stating that the remaining award amount will be rolled into the QVCOG's joint recycling fund, a separate line item within the organization's capital savings account. He stated that this fund has been utilized to help pay for the glass drop-off recycling program, the 2024 Hard to Recycle event, and will be the basis for future collaborative recycling initiatives.

Managers and Secretaries Picnic – Executive Director Conners reported earlier that afternoon the QVCOG hosted its annual "Managers and Secretaries" picnic which took place at Avalon Borough's Community Park. He cited that the event was catered by the Sewickley Bridgeside Market and approximately 20 attendees enjoyed the festivities.

QVCOG Intergovernmental Reception – Executive Director Conners reported that in place of the traditional "Annual Dinner" event, the QVCOG will be hosting a more interactive and engaging reception to recognize the value of intergovernmental collaboration and those who make it all possible. He cited that the event will take place at the Edgeworth Club on August 29th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. President Carrier noted her excitement for the new format, highlighting that Glen Osborne Borough organizes a similar event annually.

New Business

Change in Location for June 19, 2024 Board of Delegates Meeting:

Executive Director Conners stated that the Sewickley Public Library will be closed on June 19, 2024 in observance of Juneteenth. He highlighted that the QVCOG will need an

alternative meeting location and has been given permission by Leetsdale Borough to meet at their municipal building on the aforementioned date.

Mr. Williams moved to approve Leetsdale Borough as the alternate meeting location for the June 19, 2024 QVCOG Board of Delegates meeting. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Old Business

None.

Other Concerns of the Delegates:

Avalon Borough: Ms. Edwards cited that the Bellevue Farmer's Market would be taking place on June 5th.

Bellevue Borough: Mr. McKelvey cited ongoing changes to the Borough's Fire Department as well as anticipated progress regarding Phase VII of the Lincoln Avenue Streetscape Project which is funded through the CDBG program.

Leet Township: Ms. Adipietro noted that Leet Township is working to update its community war memorial and would be putting the project out to bid in the coming months. She then noted that the Township would be having a community yard sale during the last weekend of June. A discussion regarding regional flooding ensued.

Leetsdale Borough: Ms. Napolitano noted that Leetsdale Borough was awarded funding to realign Washington Street. She also cited that the Borough was awarded an intern, Mr. Theodore Almeter, through the Local Government Academy's Municipal Intern Program. She continued by reporting that the "splash pad" would be opening on Memorial Day.

Adjournment: Mr. Hartman moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Williams. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will take place at the Leetsdale Borough Municipal Building (373 Beaver Street, Leetsdale, PA 15056) on June 19, 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