

Quaker Valley Council of Governments
Board of Directors Meeting
January 20, 2016

Ben Avon Representative R.J. White called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. at the Avalon Municipal Building, 640 California Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15202. Mr. White then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following members in attendance:

Aleppo: Joanne Schollaert	Kilbuck: Jean-Sebastian Valois
Avalon: Tom Lloyd	Leet: Betsy Rengers
Bell Acres:	Leetsdale: Jeffery Weatherby
Bellevue: Tom Fodi	Sewickley: Susan Aleshire
Ben Avon: Richard J. White	
Edgeworth: John Swend	
Emsworth: Jolene Bennett	
Glenfield:	
Glen Osborne: Bill Monski	
Haysville:	

Re-organization:

Ben Avon Representative RJ White explained that he was stepping down from the President's position and called for nominations for President. Members of the Board thanked Mr. White for his efforts during a difficult time.

President

Kilbuck Representative Jean-Sebastien Valois was nominated for the position of President by Emsworth Representative Jolene Bennett, with a second by Leetsdale Representative Jeff Weatherby, with all in favor.

Kilbuck Representative Jean-Sebastien Valois agreed to serve as President as long as the members agreed to move forward with the current COG and not look at merging or disbanding, as was previously discussed at the December meeting. The members were in agreement with Mr. Valois.

Vice President

Leet Representative Betsy Rengers was nominated for the position of Vice President by Emsworth Representative Jolene Bennett, with a second by Leetsdale Representative Jeff Weatherby, with all in favor.

Secretary

Avalon Representative Tom Lloyd was nominated to the position of Secretary by Aleppo Representative Joanne Schollaert, with a second by Emsworth Representative Jolene Bennett, with all in favor.

Treasurer

Emsworth Representative Jolene Bennett was nominated for the position of Treasurer by Leetsdale Representative Jeff Weatherby, seconded by Avalon Representative Tom Lloyd, with all in favor.

Executive Session:

The Board went in to Executive Session at 7:10 to discuss personnel matters. The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:25 after discussing personnel matters.

Committees:

A sheet with COG Committees was distributed to the Board with instructions to add or change committees if needed. The list will be updated and redistributed.

Board and Committee Reports:

There were no reports at that time.

President's Report:

No report at that time.

New Business:**Garbage Bids**

Leet Representative Betsy Rengers explained that the Managers recently met and would like to form a "Garbage Bid Committee" in the interest of formulating the specs for the contract and expediting the bid process. A discussion was had around the issue.

Motion: Leet Representative Betsy Rengers made a motion to allow the managers to form a Garbage Bid Committee to begin working on the garbage bid specs and recommend said specs to the Board of Directors for advertisement, seconded by Sewickley Representative Susan Aleshire, with all in favor.

Motion: Leet Representative Betsy Rengers made a motion to allow the Garbage Bid Committee to meet with the major haulers for a pre-bid meeting, seconded by Leetsdale Representative Jeff Weatherby, with all in favor.

Verizon Agreement:

Attorney Dan Cohen had presented a bid to the COG to negotiate the Verizon Franchise Agreement. Not all municipalities will participate.

Motion: Leet Representative Betsy Rengers made a motion for participating municipalities to move forward with Dan Cohen with the Verizon Contract process and to negotiate for a better price with Mr. Cohen, seconded by Sewickley Representative Susan Aleshire, with all in favor.

Executive Session:

Board members went in to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The Board resumed the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m. after discussing personnel issues in Executive Session.

Objectives:

Objectives of the COG were discussed along with different publications to advertise in and pricing. Committee structures were discussed along with the formation of an Executive Director Search Committee. Ben Avon Representative Richard J. White felt that important items are falling by the wayside and suggested that new committees are created to follow projects as well as the bid and CD

projects. Other committees were discussed along with the creation of a Comprehensive Plan for the COG. Police Holding Facilities, website management and the creation of marketing materials were discussed.

Special Meeting:

The Board will hold a Special Meeting on Feb. 3rd with the intention of discussing the Executive Director Position and job description. The meeting will be advertised.

Budget: The 2016 Budget is almost complete.

Executive Director:

The Managers and Secretaries would like to have a statement from the Solicitor regarding the Executive Director's status.

Motion: Sewickley Representative Susan Aleshire made a motion to ask Solicitor Harlan Stone to provide verbiage regarding John Jakeila's separation from the COG that may to be provided to Council members and read aloud at Council meetings and provide it for the special meeting, seconded by Leetsdale Representative Jeff Weatherby, with all in favor.

2016 Meeting Schedule:

The 2016 Board of Directors Meeting Schedule was discussed.

Motion: Ben Avon Representative RJ White made a motion advertise the 2016 Meeting Schedule once completed, seconded by Leetsdale Representative Jeff Weatherby, with all in favor.

Cog Delegates and alternatives were asked to make the COG important. Alternates may attend the meetings with the Delegate.

Executive Session:

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and came back into Regular Session at 8:32 p.m. after discussing personnel issues.

Outstanding CD Projects:

Leet Representative Betsy Rengers will contact the County about outstanding projects.

Adjournment:

Motion: Leetsdale Representative Jeff Weatherby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Emsworth Representative Jolene Bennett, with all in favor.