

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
Virtual Meeting  
January 20, 2021

This meeting was recorded via Google Meet and made available on the QVCOG YouTube channel.

Executive Director Susan Hockenberry called a virtual meeting to order at 7:01 p.m followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken.

**The following members in attendance:**

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| Aleppo: Arthur Williams  | Glen Osborne: Barbara Carrier              |
| Avalon: Paul Morak       | Glenfield:                                 |
| Bell Acres:              | Haysville: Amy Paff                        |
| Bellevue:                | Kilbuck: Jean-Sebastien Valois (President) |
| Ben Avon: Richard Wagner | Leet: Donna Adipietro                      |
| Edgeworth: John Schwend  | Leetsdale:                                 |
| Emsworth: Paul Getz      | Sewickley Heights:                         |

**Election of Officers**

Susan Hockenberry, Executive Director led the meeting.

**Motion** was made by Paul Getz to nominate Jean-Sebastien for president of Quaker Valley Council of Governments for the year 2021. Seconded by Barbara Carrier. Motion carried.

Discussion: Jean-Sebastien Valois accepted the nomination and presidency.

Susan Hockenberry turned the meeting over to President Jean-Sebastien Valois.

**Motion** was made by Jean-Sebastien Valois to nominate Paul Getz as Vice President of Quaker Valley Council of Governments for the year 2021. Seconded by Barbara Carrier. Motion Carried.

Discussion: Paul Getz accepted the nomination and vice presidency.

**Motion** was made by Paul Getz to nominate Anthony DiTuillo as Treasurer of Quaker Valley Council of Governments for the year 2021. Seconded by Barbara Carrier. Vote was taken with no one in favor.

**Motion** was made by John Schwend to nominate himself as Treasurer of Quaker Valley Council of Governments for the year 2021. Seconded by Barbara Carrier. Motion carried.

Discussion: John Schwend accepted the Treasurer position.

**Public Participation:** Suzanne Watters, Ashley DiGregorio, Josh Sutimen and Nell Simakas of PRC discuss Glass Recycling 2021. Newly elected Representative Emily Kinkead introduction to QVCOG.

**COVID-19 Check-In:** Covid has become more personal. Many are inquiring as to where and when to get vaccinated. Concern for public works employees for getting their vaccines. Recommended to send a letter to the Allegheny County Health Department concerning public works employee vaccinations. Covid Alert.PA app was recommended for latest Covid updates.

**Omnibus Motion** was made by Paul Getz to approve December 16, 2020 minutes and Financial Statements as submitted. Seconded by Amy Paff. Motion carried.

**Financial Reports** - Financials were reviewed by the Executive Director.

**President's Report** - referred to the Executive Director's report.

**Executive Director's Report** – Dues invoices have gone out to members. Regional Asset District (RAD)

invoices are in process. RAD receipts for 2020 were greatly impacted by COVID-19. Allegheny County Economic Development announced there will be one final round of CITF Grant funding available was a maximum application amount of \$250,000. Katie Stringent is no longer working for Sewickley Heights Borough. Nate Bridges is the interim delegate for QVCOG. Monthly Reports moving forward to be sent to all elected officials in the Quaker Valley Council of Governments membership in the form of a newsletter.

### **New Business**

**Request for Membership, Sewickley Borough** - Letter was received from Marla Marcinko, Sewickley Borough Manager, requesting membership in the Quaker Valley Council of Governments. Sewickley Borough recognizes the importance of and value in working cooperatively with their neighbors in the spirit of good government.

**Motion** was made by Richard Wagner to accept Sewickley Borough's request for membership in the Quaker Valley Council of Governments. Seconded by Barbara Carrier. Motion carried.

Discussion - Sewickley Borough was welcomed by the QVCOG Board of Directors. Julie Barnes is the QVCOG delegate for Sewickley Borough.

### **Old Business**

**Glass Recycling 2021** - Ashley DiGregorio of Pennsylvania Resource Council reviewed PRC's POP-UP Glass Recycling Program. QVCOG members were encouraged to work together to provide pop-up glass collection sites for the communities. Josh Sutimen of PRC discussed issues with hard to recycle items.

**65 Corridor Study Phase II** - Upcoming Zoom event January 27th, Exploring Rt 65.

**Solid Waste and Recycling Drafting Committee Update** - QVCOG Managers and Secretaries, Elected Officials and QVCOG Board of Directors to reach out to the Solid Waste and Recycling Drafting Committee to provide their communities needs and input.

**CDBG Project Review** - CDBG Coordinator - Janet Wenger reviewed all CDBG Projects, open, closed and not started.

**Other Concerns of the Delegates** - Regional Response to Volunteer FireFighter. Richard Wagner, Ben Avon Borough Councilmember, began a discussion to address the Volunteer FireFighter Crisis in the QVCOG region. The number of volunteer firefighters are dwindling and costs are rising. Is there an interest in defining a long term approach to fire safety that is in alignment with County and State recommendations. And to address economics. Recommends a group get together and look at the needs of Quaker Valley Council of Governments communities and region.

Glen Osborne has met their budget, no tax increase. Interested in Glass Recycling and Waste Management Contract.

### **Adjournment:**

**Motion to Adjourn** was made by Paul Getz. Seconded by Barbara Carrier. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned by President Jean-Sebastien Valois at 9:08 pm.

**The next virtual meeting is scheduled for:** March 17, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan G. Hockenberry  
Executive Director