

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 19, 2019

Board President Jean-Sebastien Valois called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Ben Avon Municipal Building, 7101 Church Avenue, Ben Avon, PA. 15202. Mr. Valois then led the pledge of allegiance.

The following members in attendance:

Aleppo:	Glen Osborne: Barbara Carrier
Avalon: Tom Lloyd	Glenfield:
Bell Acres:	Haysville:
Bellevue:	Kilbuck: Jean-Sebastien Valois (President)
Ben Avon: Megan Dolan	Leet:
Edgeworth: John Schwend	Leetsdale:
Emsworth: Paul Getz	Sewickley Heights: Katie Stringent

Public Participation: None

Motion - Omnibus motion was made by John Schwend to approve the May 15, 2019 minutes and the May 2019 financials as submitted. Seconded by Barbara Carrier. Motion carried.

President's Report - Proposed scheduling of meeting in August with Char West COG to continue with data collection.

Executive Director's Report – Attached and reviewed by the Executive Director.

Sewickley Heights to provide chipper at the August 14 Public Works Roundtable. All crews from all departments are asked to attend.

Carlee Benhart - returning intern from last year has graduated from IUP. She will be starting in the fall as the Women in Transportation Fellowship at the Heinz College of Carnegie Mellon University. Ms. Benhart will work exclusively on the Route 65 Corridor Study Project.

New Business - No new business.

OLD Business

Municipal Solar Initiative: Agreement with Solbridge EA for consulting - Municipal Solar Initiative is a group purchasing program. From the grant application to DCED the COG would receive project management and would also support the work of the consulting to evaluate the potential savings and conservation consulting to do energy audits.

Annual Dinner - Dinner Committee to visit each municipality with dinner packets late July early August. Confirmation received for keynote speaker Kelly Wesolosky from the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Interest in recognition of one member community and honoring elected officials.

CDBG Progress Report - Avalon Pool House ADA Improvements and Kilbuck demolition projects are out for bid. The bid opening date is July 9, 2019. Lincoln Avenue Streetscape Phase V is waiting on trash receptacles for completion. Park projects are near completion. All other projects are progressing.

Upcoming Meetings -

Hard to Recycle Event - Quaker Valley High School, June 29, 2019

GIS Cohort Meeting July 10, 2019 Kilbuck Township

Public Works Supervisors, August 14, 2019, Avalon Borough

Other Concerns of the Delegates

Waste Management non pickups and recycling complaints in various municipalities.

Lockfest was successful.

Avalon Motel blight is being addressed.

Bank signers to be reviewed.

Adjournment:

Motion: Barbara Carrier made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Lloyd, with all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at **8:20** pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on: July 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM, at Fern Hollow Nature Center, 1901 Glen Mitchell Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan G. Hockenberry
Executive Director

TO: QVCOG Members
FR: Susan Hockenberry, Executive Director
RE: QVCOG Notes, May 31, 2019

1. The 2019 Annual Dinner has been scheduled for October 16, 2019, 7 PM (6 PM Hospitality) at Clubhouse Assembly, 1000 Masonic Dr, Sewickley, PA 15143 (Aleppo Township). [Glen Osborne](#) Mayor Barbara Carrier is serving as 2019 Dinner Committee Chair. Kelly Kochamba Wesolosky, Community Outreach Specialist, Federal Bureau of Investigation- Pittsburgh Field Office is [Keynote Speaker](#). Mrs. Wesolosky is the primary liaison between the FBI Pittsburgh Division and the Private, Public and Non-Profit Business Sectors of the Pittsburgh Region. [Online event registration](#) is now open.



2. At the May 8, 2019 QVCOG Public Works Supervisors Roundtable, departments benefited from the knowledge and experience of one of our colleagues, Nate Briggs of Sewickley Heights Borough. Nate is a trained forester and certified in the Wildland Fire Chainsaw Safety Course, S-12. He provided safety instruction on this common but dangerous piece of equipment and also demonstrated precise tree falling. Additional thanks to Sewickley Heights Borough for hosting the may Public Works Supervisors Roundtable.

3. The 2019 Recycling Center Tour was completed on May 22, 2019. Members saw first hand the process for sorting recyclables collected at the curb by the current solid waste and recycling collector, Waste Management. This photo shows bales of clear plastic bottles collected and segregated from other materials. Additionally, other plastics, non-ferrous metals, aluminum and glass are processed at this facility on Neville Island. Thank you Waste Management for allowing our group an insiders view of this process.



4. The next Hard to Recycle event conducted with Pennsylvania Resources Council is June 29, 2019 at Quaker Valley High School. A [complete list of items to be collected and fees](#) is available here.
5. In May, Emsworth Borough enrolled in the Data-Driven Code Enforcement program of QVCOG. This combined with the [Zoning Technical Assistance](#) program allows Emsworth access to professional services on a time-share basis. We thank Emsworth for this vote of confidence in shared services!
6. We received acceptance into the [Local Government Academy Municipal Internship Program](#) in May. Carlee Benhart will be working with us this summer on the 65 Corridor project doing research on multi-municipal corridor governance and public engagement events. Carlee returns to QVCOG after having served as the GIS Intern in 2018. She continues her studies this Fall at the Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University as the Women in Transportation Fellow.
7. The next regular meeting of QVCOG will be held 7 PM, Jun 19, 2019 in Ben Avon Borough. The Managers & Secretaries Committee meeting of June 26, 2019 will be held in the form of a tour of the new Forest Hills municipal building. Forest Hills has implemented numerous energy efficiency and sustainable practices in their building, including solar, which is relevant to our [Municipal Solar Initiative](#).
8. This "QVCOG Notes" is provided for your meeting packets. Delegates, Managers/Secretaries, please distribute to your elected officials and staff. The QVCOG E-Newsletter is also available by signing up [here](#).