

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 15, 2017

Board President Jean-Sebastien Valois called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. at the Edgeworth Municipal Building, 301 Beaver Road, Edgeworth, PA 15143. Mr. Valois then led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was taken with the following members in attendance:

Aleppo: Matt Doebler	Kilbuck: Jean-Sebastien Valois (President)
Avalon: Tom Lloyd	Leet: Betsy Rengers
Bell Acres:	Leetsdale: Jeffrey Weatherby
Bellevue:	Sewickley:
Ben Avon:	
Edgeworth: John Schwend	
Emsworth:	
Glen Osborne: John Orndorff	
Glenfield: Curtis M. Reiner	
Haysville:	

Public Comment: Avonworth student Anastasia Wagner made recommendations on Junior Councilperson Programs.

Motions:

Omnibus Motion was made by Matthew Doebler to approve the January 18, 2017 meeting minutes, Accounts Payable (Bills to Pay) for the period as of 02/13/2017, Reconciliation of Citizens Debit Account 5950, Checking Account 1378, CD Account 0710, Savings 2218, Statement of Revenue and Expense and Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2017. Seconded by Tom Lloyd. Motion Carried.

Discussion: About half of the member municipalities have paid their dues to date.

Committee Reports:

By-Laws: The committee has decided to work on the bylaws from scratch. An outline should be available in June for discussion by the board.

Executive Director's Report: Susan Hockenberry

New Business:

Appointment of UCC Board of Appeals Members

Motion: Motion was made to appoint Jeff Eck as a member of the UCC Board of Appeals by Jean-Sebastien Valois, contingent upon Kilbuck Township approval. Seconded by Tom Lloyd.

Vote was taken: Matt Doebler opposed and John Schwend abstained. Motion Carried.

Motion: Motion was made to appoint Aimee St. Germain as a member of the UCC Board of Appeals by Matthew Doebler and seconded by Tom Lloyd. Vote was taken, all in favor with John Schwend abstained.

Discussion: The UCC Board of Appeals is a service the QVCOG provides to our members. The UCC will be called upon in the event that someone would not agree with their building inspector/code enforcements. Jeff Eck's background is home improvement construction. Recommended by Kilbuck Township. Aimee St. Germain is an architect, recommended by Aleppo Township.

Question was asked "What is the fee structure?". The person who makes the appeal pays for the appeal. If the UCC Board of Appeals Solicitor and stenographer would be involved the cost upwards of \$800.00. It was recommended that the cost to file the appeal be \$350.00 for a submission only. No decision was made pending further research as to past fee structure.

Route 65 Corridor Planning: Guest speaker, Stephen Quick, Remaking Cities Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, explained the potential of the Rt 65 serving as a "proof of concept" on highway corridor impacts on communities. Discussion occurred on how academic research will tee up potential multi-model projects for the QVCOG.

Resolution establishing 457 Deferred Compensation Plan: The ICMA RC was established by Resolution. 457 Deferred Compensation Plans are for state and local governments, and the QVCOG qualifies.

Motion: Motion was made to accept a resolution establishing a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan by Matthew Doebler. Seconded by John Schwend. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

President Valois initiated discussion about the QVCOG Recycling Consortium. As a means of sustaining recycling as a priority for the QVCOG, a committee of the COG needs to exist to take this into the future. There are grant dollars available to the COG and member municipalities in support of recycling that can continue our education as well as our special recycling events. If we set up the committee and the COG is the applicant for the 904 grants we can execute. Other ideas: Supporting Pennsylvania Resource Council for some memberships that can be worked out as time goes on. Recycling event for the spring and fall are slated. If we are not able to establish a recycling committee and a funding stream that probably this would become a project to phase out in the future. The "Consortium" is an enterprise proposal to approach this in a way that does not lose money in a way that it has in the past.

The commercial recycling has the potential for expanding the tonnage that is collected in our COG territory which will drive up the grant resources. Which could be used for anything to do with recycling, including Hazardous Household Waste, Hard to Recycle and drop off recycling. Historically that is what the COG has offered and what has been expressed through the strategic planning process and managers committee, that this is something that people value and would like to see continued. This does not mean this is proscriptive. The decision is up to the board.

President Valois indicated that the feedback received will be worked into the proposal and that this item would be on the March agenda for a final decision from the Board.

Adjournment:

Motion: Jeffrey Weatherby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tom Lloyd Weatherby, with all in favor. Meeting was adjourned at **9:30** pm.

The next meeting will be held on: March 15, 2017 at 7:30 PM, at the Bellevue Municipal Building, 537 Bayne Avenue, Bellevue, PA 15202