

MINUTES  
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
JUNE 4, 2020

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm on June 4, 2020 by SRCOG President Tammy Firda via GoToMeeting.

**Those Present Included**

Braddock Hills: T. Evans; J. Brown  
Clairton: R. Ford; L. Lasich; R. Lattanzi  
Dravosburg:  
Duquesne: N. Nesby  
Elizabeth: A. Miklos  
Forward: A. Cline  
Glassport:  
Homestead:  
Liberty: M. Zrenchak

Lincoln: T. Firda  
McKeesport:  
Munhall: R. Votedian; M. Fallon  
Port Vue: D. Thomas  
S. Versailles: R. Lawson  
Versailles: R. Jacklitch  
W. Elizabeth:  
W. Homestead:  
Whitaker:  
White Oak: G. Pambacas

**Welcoming Remarks**

None

**Public Comments**

None

**Minutes**

A **motion** was made by A. Miklos and seconded by A. Cline to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of May 7, 2020. All in favor. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** A. Lewis

A **motion** was made by R. Votedian and seconded by A. Miklos to approve the Cash Statement as of April 30, 2020 and the List of Bills as dated. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual was provided to members.

**President's Report:** T. Firda

T. Firda attended a meeting with A. Lewis and learned that our areas have low 2020 Census participation rates. Since the Census impacts funding for all areas (government representatives, fire departments, etc.), T. Firda urged all members to spread the word to all residents and remind them to participate.

**Solicitor's Report / Resolutions:** Falco Muscante

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A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by R. Ford to approve Resolution No. 9/2020R authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to submit a grant request on behalf of SRCOG member municipalities of up to \$300,000 to the Blight Remediation Program of the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the demolition of blighted properties and authorization for A. Lewis to sign the resolution on behalf of Steel Rivers Council of Governments. A. Lewis gives clarification by explaining that municipalities may apply individually, but she believes it would be a more competitive move for the COG to apply instead. A. Lewis to send additional information to all board members following the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by R. Ford and seconded by A. Miklos to ratify the COG's participation in the PA Solar Center's RFP to assess the HSC's energy use and potential cost savings for integrating solar panels as part of the PA GET Solar Program, which was discussed at the May 2020 meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Staff Reports**

**Directors/Programs Report: A. Lewis**

Steel Rivers COG PPP loan application through First Commonwealth Bank was closed on in the amount of \$77,800. A. Lewis has participated in several webinars to learn about the loan forgiveness process. We have eight weeks to expend the funds, which shouldn't be a problem. Additional information here: <https://fortune.com/2020/06/04/ppp-loans-bill-cares-act-coronavirus-stimulus-small-businesses/>

A **motion** was made by R. Votedian and seconded by T. Evans to authorize A. Lewis to renew the Fiduciary Liability Insurance policy that expires on 7/31/2020. The cost last year was \$695. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by A. Miklos and seconded by R. Ford to authorize A. Lewis to apply and receive a formal quote for Cyber Liability Insurance. This protects an organization if any information in electronic files are infiltrated and compromised. Cost will be presented to the board for approval at September meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

A. Lewis informs the Board that Local Government Academy has summer workshop series happening now that is targeted to elected officials and municipal staff. All are free to attend and can be found here: <https://localgovernmentacademy.org/summer-workshop-series>

**Staff Updates**

Mark Mashoney was hired as the new street sweeper driver and began on May 25, 2020.

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Kayla Geahry was hired as the new Accounts and Office Manager and began on June 1, 2020.

Human Service Center Tenants

Both MUSA Little Lambs and Little Bumble Bees Daycare will be opening 6/8/2020. SRCOG office will also reopen and staff will rotate days in the building, working in pairs and following COVID-19 social distancing protocols.

Edna has been recalled and is working three days per week and will return daily when the building is busier. Robert has been recalled to take care of the lawn and other tasks around the building.

TCV Community Services is not sure how to safely run their programs and is unsure if they'll be returning to the HSC. There is no update and their lease formally ends on June 30. If they do not renew their lease, A. Lewis will reach out to AIU to see if they require additional space.

All additional lease renewals have been sent and are expected to return.

COVID-19 Resources Page: <https://steelriverscog.org/our-programs/covid19resources/>

This page has been handled by E. Woodard and has been a great resource for many municipalities when looking for information on reopening. If there's any other way we can continue to be a resource, please let us know.

September Meeting Location

There was a discussion about COVID-19 protocols and whether possible to meet in person. Following discussion, the board concluded that the September meeting should be held online.

Annual Dinner

There was a discussion about COVID-19 protocols and whether the Annual Dinner should be held. Following the discussion, the board concluded that the Annual Dinner should be combined with the Holiday Dinner and December meeting. Location will be discussed during the September meeting.

Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Location
September 3, 2020	Glassport Borough
October 8, 2020	ANNUAL DINNER
November 5, 2020	Port Vue Borough
December 3, 2020	HOLIDAY DINNER

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**Community Development Report: Carla Barron**

ACED issued CD 46 approval letters. Projects are beginning to move forward again following COVID-19 hold.

**Community Reports / Discussion**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:36pm on a **motion** made by R. Ford and seconded by T. Evans. All in favor. Motion Carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Kayla Geahry

  
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An Lewis, Executive Director