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STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FEBRUARY 4, 2021

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm on February 4, 2021 by SRCOG President Tammy Firda via ZOOM.

Those Present Included

Braddock Hills: J. Brown

Clairton: R. Ford

Dravosburg:

Duquesne: N. Nesby, E. Washington, K. Robertson

Elizabeth:

Forward: A. Cline

Glassport: E. Skiba, A. Colecchi

Homestead: B. Esper, V. McCarthy Johnson

Liberty: M. Zrenchak

Lincoln: T. Firda

McKeesport: T. Maglicco

Munhall: M. Fallon

Port Vue: D. Thomas, M. Migliori

S. Versailles: R. Lawson

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W. Elizabeth:

W. Homestead: A. Cain

Whitaker:

White Oak: L. Bender

Welcoming Remarks

T. Firda welcomed Councilman Bob Macey, and Darla Cravotta, Jim Johnston, Joe Scullion and Jack Exler of Allegheny County.

Public Comments

None

Guest Speakers: Allegheny Department of Economic Development

Jim Johnston and Joe Scullion gave a presentation of the new Act 152 Demolition Program targeted to launch in March of 2021.

Minutes

A **motion** was made by R. Ford and seconded by T. Maglicco to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 7, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ashley Cain

A **motion** was made by E. Washington and seconded by B. Esper to approve the Cash Statement for January 2021 and the List of Bills as dated. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

President's Report: Tammy Firda

Local Government Academy

T. Firda informed board members that LGA began the Leadership Circle as a helpful learning

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tool. The Gold Level is \$500 and offers a new virtual training platform for COG delegates and alternates. Encouraged all members to reach out to A. Lewis for additional information.

Dues Invoices

Reminded board members to follow up with their office to make sure that all dues invoices are paid.

Training Complex Agreement

Reminded all communities to adopt, sign and send the updated agreements back to A. Lewis.

Meeting Overview

Asked that all managers share the meeting overviews sent by K. Geahry after each meeting with their elected officials. Overview documents illustrate the importance of SRCOG.

Solicitor's Report/Resolutions: Falco Muscante

None

Staff Reports

Directors/Programs Report: An Lewis

SBA Loan

A. Lewis and K. Geahry applied for the second round of SBA PPP loans, which is currently being reviewed by First Commonwealth Bank. If approved, SRCOG will receive a little over \$73,000 for personnel support.

Training Complex Furnace

A. Lewis explained that the furnace in the classroom at the Training Complex was repaired but needs replaced in the near future. SRCOG staff received three bids and the lowest is \$5,250 from Hlastala Heating and Cooling, who recently installed a new furnace at the Train Station.

A. Cline recommended reaching out to local company, Jeff Sorick Heating and Cooling, for a bid. T. Firda recommended reaching out to local company, Haywood Refrigeration Service, for a bid. A. Lewis to check with F. Muscante about legality of securing additional bids.

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by A. Cline to authorize A. Lewis to replace the furnace at the Training Complex for an amount not to exceed \$5,250. All in favor. Motion carried.

PA Department of the Auditor General

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Joseph Ostroski is currently working on a pension audit for 2016-2019.

Meeting Schedule

Board members agreed to continue meeting online.

Board members agreed to combine the Annual Dinner and Holiday Dinner and hold it in December.

A. Lewis moved the April meeting from March 25 to April 1 since the ALOM conference has been postponed until June 2021.

Meeting Date	Location
March 4, 2021	Online
April 1, 2021	TBD
May 6, 2021	TBD
June 3, 2021	TBD
September 2, 2021	TBD
October 7, 2021	TBD
November 4, 2021	TBD
December 2, 2021	ANNUAL/HOLIDAY DINNER

Community Development Report: Carla Barron

SRCOG will receive bids for 11 projects on Tuesday, February 23.

C. Barron provided the board with a report containing all ongoing project statuses.

C. Barron explained that she is in contact with municipal engineers to review and submit CITF 2021 program applications electronically by Friday, February 12.

E. Skiba inquired about the timeline of a CD Year 45 demolition in Glassport. C. Barron explained that she is in contact with the borough manager and will keep E. Skiba updated

T. Firda reminded board members to write a letter and send to A. Lewis if there are ever any issues with a contractor.

Community Reports / Discussion

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A. Lewis, SRCOG

Explained that the new website is live with a few new features: calendars for scheduling the Training Complex and Street Sweeping, plus a special page for each municipality with websites linked.

E. Washington, Duquesne

Inquired about shared services meeting. A. Lewis explained that she is finalizing the time for February 24 and will be sending an announcement to all municipalities.

Shared that the home of Earl "Fatha" Heinz was submitted to become a historical monument.

T. Firda, Lincoln

Congratulated SRCOG staff for doing an excellent job and being so helpful.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:54p.m. on a **motion** made by E. Washington and seconded by E. Skiba. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Kayla Geahry



An Lewis, Executive Director