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STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APRIL 1, 2021

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:31pm on April 1, 2021 by SRCOG President Tammy Firda via ZOOM.

Those Present Included

Braddock Hills: Tom Evans, Jack Brown	Lincoln: Tammy Firda
Clairton: Lee Lasich	McKeesport:
Dravosburg:	Munhall:
Duquesne: Elaine Washington	Port Vue: Debbie Thomas
Elizabeth: Andy Miklos	S. Versailles: Roy Lawson
Forward: Amy Cline	Versailles: Rob Jacklitch
Glassport: Elaina Skiba, Anthony Colecchi	W. Elizabeth:
Homestead: Mayor Betty Esper	W. Homestead: Barb Ferson
Liberty:	Whitaker:
	White Oak:

Welcoming Remarks

T. Firda welcomed Barb Ferson from West Homestead.

Public Comments

None

Guest Speakers: Aaron Lauer, University of Pittsburgh Institute of Politics

Aaron Lauer gave a presentation of the Local Government Finance Initiative and asked questions of the Board of Directors pertaining to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the communities.

Minutes

A **motion** was made by L. Lasich and seconded by A. Cline to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 4, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: An Lewis

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by B. Esper to approve the Cash Statement for March 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.

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President's Report: Tammy Firda

T. Firda recommended beginning an awards program to recognize when council members and others are exceeding expectations. To draft up the idea in an email and send to Board for review and feedback.

T. Firda reminds Board members to be aware of the financial scams that are making their way around the communities. Watch your email and don't send information that can be used by hackers.

Solicitor's Report/Resolutions: Falco Muscante

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by L. Lasich to approve Resolution No. 4/2021 to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Murin & Murn, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$47,463.00 for the B Street Storm Sewer Project in Liberty Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by A. Miklos and seconded by E. Washington to approve Resolution No. 5/2021 to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with McKee Asphalt Paving for an amount not to exceed \$126,442.50 for the Street Reconstruction Project in Homestead Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by A. Miklos and seconded by L. Lasich to approve Resolution No. 6/2021 to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$397,237.70 for the West Street Reconstruction Project in Homestead Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by B. Ferson to approve Resolution No. 7/2021 to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with El Grande Industries, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$123,357.60 for the Liberty Way Street Reconstruction Project in Port Vue Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by B. Esper to approve Resolution No. 8/2021 to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Creative Enterprises Corp. for an amount not to exceed \$75,750.00 for the Catch Basin Replacement Project in Munhall Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by A. Miklos to approve Resolution No. 9/2021 to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Jet Jack Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$108,350.00 for the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project for the Clairton Municipal Authority. All in favor. Motion carried.

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A **motion** was made by B. Esper and seconded by A. Miklos to approve Resolution No. 10/2021 to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Independent Enterprises Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$144,930.00 for the Indiana Avenue Street Reconstruction Project in Glassport Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by B. Esper and seconded by E. Washington to approve Resolution No. 11/2021 to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with McKee Asphalt Paving for an amount not to exceed \$37,547.00 for the Maple Avenue Street Reconstruction project in the Borough of Elizabeth. All in favor. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Directors/Programs Report: An Lewis

MUSA Summer Camp Lease

MUSA would like to rent Rooms 200, 201, 202 and 225 for Summer Camp from June 1 through August 31.

A **motion** was made by B. Esper and seconded by E. Skiba to authorize An Lewis to enter into contract with MUSA for Rooms 200, 201, 202 and 225 from June 1 through August 1 for \$1,776.00 per month. All in favor. Motion carried.

Act 152 Update

A. Lewis reminded all communities that are planning to apply for the Act 152 Demolition Program through SRCOG to make sure that someone from the municipal office gets in touch with SRCOG Staff by Monday, April 5. Deadlines for program administration were provided to the board members via email prior to the meeting.

Public Officials Liability Insurance

SRCOG received a renewal notice for Public Officials Liability Insurance from US Liability Insurance Company for \$2,236.00, which increased slightly from \$2,150.00 in 2020.

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by L. Lasich to authorize An Lewis to renew the Public Officials Liability Insurance policy with US Liability Insurance Company for \$2,236.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

Street Sweeping

Street sweeping season is set to begin Monday, April 5. A. Lewis reminded communities and municipalities to sign and return new agreements, which were mailed prior to the meeting. A. Lewis also reminded any community that would like to take part in street sweeping but has not scheduled yet to call the SRCOG office, as the calendar is filling up quickly.

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A. Lewis reported that SRCOG was the lowest bidder for the Mt. Lebanon Street Sweeping project.

Train Station Sewer Backup

A. Lewis explained that a section of the sewer lateral at the Train Station was replaced in mid-2020, but the sewage has continued to back up in the basement. A. Lewis has scheduled the line to be assessed to find the issue, but fears another portion of the lateral has collapsed.

A motion was made by T. Evans and seconded by L. Lasich to authorize the Executive Director, An Lewis, to commission the repair of the sewer line at the SRCOG property at 500 Amity Street in an amount not to exceed \$21,300. The Executive Director will obtain quotes in accordance with the PA Department of Labor and Industry. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Schedule

The Board agreed to continue meeting online.

Meeting Date	Location
May 6, 2021	Online
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

The Board received a written report from Carla Barron, detailing the current status of all CD projects.

Community Reports / Discussion

A. Cline, Forward

On March 20, Forward had a concealed carry permit event that was a resounding success, with twice the number of attendees as the previous year.

A. Miklos, Elizabeth

A. Miklos inquired about the change in voting rights across Pennsylvania, directed to William McElligott of Representative Austin Davis' office. McElligott to look into it and send update to A. Lewis, who will share with the Board.

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E. Washington, Duquesne

The application to have the Earl "Fatha" Heinz House dedicated as a historical landmark was approved on March 5. The dedication should take place after July.

L. Lasich, Clairton

MBI is demolishing and starting to build their project; expecting to have the building up and ready for occupancy in 2022 with retail on the bottom floor and about 49 rental apartments above that. Other industrial projects including a possible medical center and soccer field may be coming soon.

E. Skiba, Glassport

Glassport has about 130 acres on the hill that borders Liberty and will be having a town hall meeting April 12 at 6pm to discuss the possibility of opening an off-road vehicle park there.

T. Firda, Lincoln

Enjoying the Meeting Overview that is sent following the board meeting and recommends sending to the full board instead of just borough managers. K. Geahry to send to all board members and officials moving forward.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m. on a **motion** made by A. Miklos and seconded by L. Lasich. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Kayla Geahry



An Lewis, Executive Director