

MINUTES
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
NOVEMBER 4, 2021

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm on November 4, 2021 by SRCOG President Tammy Firda.

Those Present Included

Braddock Hills: T. Evans, J. Brown
Clairton:
Dravosburg:
Duquesne:
Elizabeth: A. Miklos
Forward: A. Cline
Glassport: E. Skiba, A. Colecchi
Homestead: B. Esper
Liberty: M. Zrenchak

Lincoln: T. Firda
McKeesport:
Munhall:
Port Vue: D. Thomas
S. Versailles: R. Lawson
Versailles: R. Jacklitch
W. Elizabeth:
W. Homestead: A. Cain
Whitaker:
White Oak:

Welcoming Remarks

Public Comments

None

Minutes

A **motion** was made by J. Brown and seconded by A. Cline to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 7, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ashley Cain

A **motion** was made by R. Lawson and seconded by B. Esper to approve the Cash Statement for October 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

None

Solicitor's Report/Resolutions: Pete Halesey

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by A. Miklos to approve the following resolutions. All in favor. Motion carried.

Resolution #33/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for CDBG funds with Allegheny County Economic Development in the amount of \$94,050 by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments.

Resolution #34/2021R authorizing the filing of applications for Community Development Year 48 Block Grant Funds with the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development for projects identified in Attachment A in the amount of \$2,799,763 by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments.

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Resolution No. 35/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for Street Reconstruction on behalf of Elizabeth Borough requesting GEDTF funds with RAAC in the amount of \$50,000.

Resolution No. 36/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for McClure Street/Hazel Way Storm Sewer Separation Project on behalf of Homestead Borough requesting GEDTF funds with RAAC in the amount of \$434,000.

Resolution No. 37/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for Street Reconstruction on behalf of Elizabeth Borough requesting GEDTF funds with RAAC in the amount of \$500,000.

Resolution No. 38/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for VFD Parking Lot Reconstruction on behalf of Elizabeth Borough requesting GEDTF funds with RAAC in the amount of \$264,000.

Resolution No. 39/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for Port Vue Blight Remediation on behalf of Port Vue Borough requesting GEDTF funds with RAAC in the amount of \$168,000.

Resolution No. 40/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for Street Reconstruction on behalf of Port Vue Borough requesting GEDTF funds with RAAC in the amount of \$306,794.

Resolution No. 41/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for E Street Alley Reconstruction on behalf of Liberty Borough requesting GEDTF funds with RAAC in the amount of \$134,620.

Resolution No. 42/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for Liberty Way Street Reconstruction on behalf of Liberty Borough requesting GEDTF funds with RAAC in the amount of \$302,809.

Resolution No. 43/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for Storm Inlet Replacement on behalf of Liberty Borough requesting GEDTF funds with RAAC in the amount of \$120,000.

Resolution No. 44/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for Community Center Improvements Phase IV on behalf of Braddock Hills Borough requesting GEDTF funds with RAAC in the amount of \$89,000.

Resolution No. 45/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for Long Run Stream Bank Stabilization Phase II on behalf of White Oak Borough requesting GEDTF funds with RAAC in the amount of \$250,000.

Resolution No. 46/2021R authorizing the filing of an application for New Public Works Facility on behalf of Whitaker Borough requesting GEDTF funds with RAAC in the amount of \$275,000.

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Directors/Programs Report: An Lewis
Human Service Center

A. Lewis explained that a new lease was executed with Nomad Percussion, starting November 1, 2021.

Following last month's discussion about shared office space for non-profit organizations, A. Lewis discussed writing a lease with the solicitor. Found that it will be best to create a new lease when an organization is interested.

Credit Card Policy

A. Lewis and staff drafted a credit card policy, shared with the solicitor for review and incorporated feedback. A copy of this policy was shared with the Board for review.

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by J. Brown to approve the credit card policy as written. All in favor. Motion carried.

2020 Audit

The 2020 Audit was distributed and discussed at the October meeting. K. Geahry found an error and it was rectified by Mark Turnley, CPA.

A **motion** was made by A. Cain and seconded by R. Lawson to approve the 2020 Audit. All in favor. Motion carried.

2022 Budget

After reviewing the budget that was distributed at the October meeting, A. Lewis realized that the health insurance policy pricing was incorrect. The budget was updated the budget to reflect the price difference.

A **motion** was made by R. Lawson and seconded by A. Cain to approve the updated 2022 budget. All in favor. Motion carried.

2021 Annual Dinner

The 2021 Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at the Sunset Room. Invitations and sponsorship pledges were sent and RSVPs are due by November 12.

Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed locations and dates of upcoming meetings. The Board decided to host the January meeting at SRCOG. Members were instructed to call the office if they'd like to host an upcoming meeting. A. Lewis noted that the Annual Dinner in March may be rescheduled based on ALOM dates.

Meeting Date	Location
November 4, 2021	SRCOG
December 2, 2021	HOLIDAY DINNER – SUNSET ROOM
January 6, 2022	SRCOG
February 3, 2022	TBD

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March 3, 2022	ANNUAL DINNER
April 7, 2022	TBD
May 5, 2022	TBD
June 2, 2022	TBD
September 1, 2022	TBD
October 6, 2022	TBD
November 3, 2022	TBD
December 1, 2022	HOLIDAY DINNER

Community Development Report: Carla Barron

C. Barron explained that CD Year 48 applications are due to SRCOG by Friday, November 5 and due to Allegheny County by the following week.

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

Community Reports / Discussion

B. Esper, Homestead

Distributed posters for the Homestead holiday parade.

A. Cline, Forward

Explained that the company proposing a coal mine has withdrawn their application. Will update the Board on further developments as necessary.

D. Thomas, Port Vue

Announced the grand opening of the new Recreation Facility on December 3, complete with a ribbon cutting ceremony, light up night, and a visit from Santa.

T. Firda, Lincoln


Discussion about US Steel and elevating the conversation. Will continue to work on it and bring in Board members as more is learned.

Discussion about the Act 152 Program, the difficult process for demolishing vacant properties, and blight remediation legislation. A. Lewis suggested working with neighboring municipalities to submit clusters of properties for demolition, as it helps set the application apart from others.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:29p.m. on a **motion** made by E. Skiba and seconded by R. Lawson. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Kayla Geahry



An-Lewis, Executive Director