

MINUTES
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
JANUARY 6, 2022

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm on January 6, 2022 by Board President Tammy Firda.

Those Present Included

Braddock Hills: T. Evans, J. Brown
Clairton:
Dravosburg:
Duquesne: E. Washington
Elizabeth: D. Cress
Forward: A. Cline
Glassport: E. Skiba, A. Colecchi
Homestead: D. Schulte
Liberty:

Lincoln: T. Firda
McKeesport:
Munhall:
Port Vue: D. Thomas
S. Versailles: C. Kahler
Versailles: J. Sheedy, L. Sheedy
W. Elizabeth:
W. Homestead: A. Cain
Whitaker:
White Oak: J. Opferman

Welcoming Remarks

T. Firda welcomed all members and everyone introduced themselves.

Public Comments

None

Minutes

A **motion** was made by J. Brown and seconded by E. Washington to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of December 2, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Ashley Cain

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by D. Schulte to approve the Cash Statement for December 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

T. Firda reminded all members to ask municipal managers to update SRCOG staff on selected delegates and alternates for the year.

Solicitor's Report/Resolutions: Falco Muscante

None

Directors/Programs Report: An Lewis

COVID Sick Leave Policy

Due to the uptick in COVID cases, A. Lewis explained that she would like to reinstate the COVID Sick Leave Policy effective December 27, 2021. Members received a copy of the draft policy, which was updated to include 7 days of paid time off per incident due to change in quarantine and isolation time periods from the CDC.

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A **motion** was made by E. Washington and seconded by A. Cline to reinstate the COVID Sick Leave Policy for all SRCOG employees effective December 27, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

Dues and Training Complex Membership Notices

A. Lewis explained that Training Complex dues invoices and membership notices will be going out this month. D. Schulte requested pricing information following the meeting.

Street Sweeping Rates

A. Lewis explained that the current rate for SRCOG street sweeping services is \$85/hour, which is significantly less than other professional organizations. The last time rates were raised was 2017 and A. Lewis recommended raising the rate to \$90/hour. Members discussed and decided to raise to \$95/hour due to the increase in prices of fuel, maintenance, and labor.

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by D. Thomas to raise the SRCOG street sweeping services to \$95/hour beginning with the 2022 season. All in favor. Motion carried.

Train Station Appraisal – 500 Amity Street

SRCOG received an appraisal for the Train Station at 500 Amity Street from Howard Hanna Appraisal Services. After discussing with F. Muscante, A. Lewis recommends receiving a second appraisal from another company that the solicitor is familiar with. Members discussed rental amounts, building costs and the possibility of selling the property in the future.

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by D. Schulte to allow A. Lewis and staff to acquire a second appraisal of the Train Station located at 500 Amity Street in Homestead. All in favor. Motion carried.

Re-appointment of Senate Engineering

A **motion** was made by E. Washington and seconded by C. Kahler to reappoint Senate Engineering as the SRCOG engineer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Grant Programs – DCED: Grace Schierberl

G. Schierberl gave an overview of the following grants:

- Keystone Communities
- Municipal Assistance Program
- Allegheny County Grant Programs:
 - CDBG
 - GEDTF
 - Act 152

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Meeting Schedule

Members discussed the meeting schedule and were asked to call the SRCOG office if there is any interest in hosting future meetings.

Meeting Date	Location
January 6, 2022	SRCOG
February 3, 2022	SRCOG
March 3, 2022	HOST NEEDED
March 31, 2022	ANNUAL DINNER – GEORGETOWN CENTRE
May 5, 2022	HOST NEEDED
June 2, 2022	HOST NEEDED
September 1, 2022	HOST NEEDED
October 6, 2022	HOST NEEDED
November 3, 2022	HOST NEEDED
December 1, 2022	HOLIDAY DINNER

Community Development Report: Grace Schierberl

A CD report of all current projects was provided to all members.

Community Reports / Discussion


D. Schulte, Homestead

For the past 25 years, Betty Esper has hosted the Christmas Parade, but she will no longer be hosting it. Looking for someone to head this project.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. on a **motion** made by E. Skiba and seconded A. Cain. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Kayla Geahry



An Lewis, Executive Director