

MINUTES  
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
OCTOBER 6, 2022

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm on October 6, 2022 by Board President, Tammy Firda.

**Those Present Included**

Braddock Hills: J. Brown  
Clairton: T. Kurta  
Dravosburg: B. Snodgrass  
Duquesne: S. Adams  
Elizabeth:  
Forward: A. Cline  
Glassport: A. Colecchi  
Homestead: D. Schulte  
Liberty:

Lincoln: T. Firda  
McKeesport: T. Maglicco  
Munhall:  
Port Vue: D. Thomas  
S. Versailles: R. Lawson  
Versailles: J. Sheedy, L. Sheedy  
W. Elizabeth: J. Isaacs, C. Welty  
W. Homestead: A. Cain  
Whitaker:  
White Oak:

**Welcoming Remarks**

None.

**Public Comments**

None.

**2021 Financial Audit**

Kim Turnley of Mark Turnley CPA presented the SRCOG 2021 Financial Audit.

A **motion** was made by R. Lawson and seconded by J. Brown to approve the SRCOG 2021 Financial Audit as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

A **motion** was made by J. Brown and seconded by B. Snodgrass to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of September 1, 2022. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

A **motion** was made by A. Colecchi and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the Cash Statement for August 2022 and the List of Bills as dated. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

RAD Report updates were provided to members.

**President's Report:** Tammy Firda

**Manager/Secretary Meetings**

T. Firda shared that SRCOG staff will be planning and hosting Manager/Secretary meetings on the first Monday of each month, beginning November 7, 2022. All municipalities are urged to attend.

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Officer Change

T. Firda informed the Board that Elaina Skiba of Glassport resigned her position on Council to become the Borough Manager, leaving the SRCOG Board Vice President seat vacant.

A **motion** was made by T. Firda and seconded by B. Snodgrass to appoint A. Colecchi as the SRCOG Board Vice President for the remainder of the term. All in favor. Motion carried.

December Board Meeting

T. Firda discussed the different possibilities for a 2022 Holiday Dinner. A. Lewis and staff to plan.

Solicitor's Report/Resolutions: Falco Muscante

A **motion** was made by R. Lawson and seconded by D. Thomas to approve Resolution #15/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments with RAAC in the amount of \$455,000 on behalf of the Borough of Elizabeth for the Street Reconstruction project located in the Borough of Elizabeth. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by A. Colecchi and seconded by B. Snodgrass to approve Resolution #16/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments with RAAC in the amount of \$264,000 on behalf of the Borough of Elizabeth for the VFD Parking Lot project located in the Borough of Elizabeth. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by A. Cain and seconded by B. Snodgrass to approve Resolution #17/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments with RAAC in the amount of \$200,000 on behalf of White Oak Borough for the White Oak Athletic Association Gymnasium HVAC Replacement project located in White Oak Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by S. Adams and seconded by B. Snodgrass to approve Resolution #18/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments with RAAC in the amount of \$485,000 on behalf of the City of Duquesne for the Street Reconstruction project located in the City of Duquesne. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by D. Shulte and seconded by A. Cline to approve Resolution #19/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments with RAAC in the amount of \$156,480 on behalf of the Borough of Braddock Hills for the Community Playground Facility and New Municipal Sign project located in the Borough of Braddock Hills. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by A. Colecchi to approve Resolution #20/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments with RAAC in the amount of \$182,765 on behalf of the Borough of Port Vue for the Street Reconstruction project located in the Borough of Port Vue. All in favor. Motion carried.

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A **motion** was made by B. Snodgrass and seconded by A. Cain to approve Resolution #21/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments with RAAC in the amount of \$400,940 on behalf of the Borough of Dravosburg for the Euclid Avenue Sidewalk Reconstruction project located in the Borough of Dravosburg. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by D. Shulte and seconded by J. Sheedy to approve Resolution #22/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments with RAAC in the amount of \$200,000 on behalf of Homestead Borough for the Sidewalk Improvements project located in the Homestead Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by B. Snodgrass and seconded by A. Colecchi to approve Resolution #23/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments with RAAC in the amount of \$60,529 on behalf of Liberty Borough for the Glenn Avenue Embankment project located in Liberty Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by D. Shulte and seconded by D. Thomas to approve Resolution #24/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments with RAAC in the amount of \$187,069 on behalf of Liberty Borough for the Stormwater Management project located in Liberty Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by B. Snodgrass and seconded by J. Brown to approve Resolution #25/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments with RAAC in the amount of \$412,664 on behalf of the Borough of Dravosburg for the US Steel Ballfield Parking Lot project located in the Borough of Dravosburg. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by D. Shulte and seconded by J. Brown to approve Resolution #26/2022R, authorizing the filing of an application by the Steel Rivers Council of Governments with RAAC in the amount of \$214,597 on behalf of the Borough of Dravosburg for the Street Reconstruction project located in the Borough of Dravosburg. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Director's Report: An Lewis**  
**Partnership Agreement – LGA, SRCOG, and TCLB**

A. Lewis reported that she would like to enter into an official agreement between SRCOG, LGA, and TCLB, which lays out specifications for collaboration and shared staff. Solicitors from all organizations have put together and reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding and A. Lewis requested authorization to sign said agreement.

A **motion** was made by B. Snodgrass and seconded by D. Shulte, authorizing A. Lewis to execute a MOU between SRCOG, LGA, and TCLB. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Allegheny County Department of Human Services Community Violence Reduction Plan Grant**  
A. Lewis explained that the grant has been approved and planning meetings began. Details to follow at the next board meeting.

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HSC Repairs and Renovations

A. Lewis explained that staff has reached out to contractors and received quotes for different solutions for access to the building, as the current system is old and out of date. A. Lewis requested authorization to move forward with a proposal from Barrier Protection to replace the existing panels for \$13,399.85.

A **motion** was made by B. Snodgrass and seconded by A. Cain to authorize A. Lewis to hire Barrier Protection to upgrade the building access panels on Maple and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue for a total amount not to exceed \$13,399.85. All in favor. Motion carried.

A. Lewis informed the Board that prices for office upgrades have been received from Kapp Communications. Costs include about \$3,489.00 for wiring and \$12,393.00 for 25 new phones, which will be split with TCLB and DHS grant.

A **motion** was made by D. Shulte and seconded by A. Colecchi to authorize A. Lewis to hire Kapp Communications to run wiring and upgrade office telephones once able to bill against the DHS grant. All in favor. Motion carried.

Allegheny County Mitigation Roundtable

A. Lewis informed the board that the Allegheny County Mitigation Roundtable will be taking place on October 11 from 1-4pm in the Elizabeth Borough VFD Station 129 Banquet Hall and G. Schierberl will be in attendance.

Community Development Report: Grace Schierberl

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

G. Schierberl announced that new projects funded for Act 152 were announced and funding was received for projects in Duquesne, Glassport, Homestead, Lincoln, South Versailles, and Whitaker.

G. Schierberl explained the new lead safe demolition requirements included with Act 152 funding and urged the Board to make sure their engineers and contractors follow said requirements. The Board, all borough managers, and engineers were supplied with these requirements.

T. Firda asked about Local Share Account grants; G. Schierberl confirmed no news has been received yet.

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**Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting will be held on November 3, 2022 at the Human Services Center.

<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
October 6, 2022	VERSAILLES BOROUGH
November 3, 2022	SRCOG
December 1, 2022	HOLIDAY DINNER

**Community Reports / Discussion**

**D. Shulte, Homestead**

Informed the Board that gang violence has resulted in shootings between residents of Homestead, Duquesne and McKeesport. A. Lewis explained that activities related to the DHS grant should help to mitigate these highly violent offenses, as it has been shown to work in similar cities.

**T. Firda, Lincoln**

Informed the Board that COSTARS is offering PPE for free. A. Lewis offered storage space inside the HSC if necessary.

MOVE

**2023 Draft Budget**

The Board entered into executive session at 7:18pm to discuss topics relating to personnel. All in favor. Motion carried.

Executive session ended at 7:38pm.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm on a **motion** made by B. Snodgrass and seconded by A. Colecchi. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Kayla Geahry

  
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An Lewis, Executive Director