

MINUTES  
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
FEBRUARY 2, 2023

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm on February 2, 2023 by Board President, Tammy Firda.

**Those Present Included**

|                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Braddock Hills: T. Evans, J. Brown | Lincoln: T. Firda       |
| Clairton: E. Hatchett              | McKeesport:             |
| Dravosburg: B. Snodgrass           | Munhall: R. Fry         |
| Duquesne: E. Washington            | Port Vue: K. Hresko     |
| Elizabeth: D. Cress, S. Craighead  | S. Versailles:          |
| Forward: A. Cline                  | Versailles: J. Sheedy   |
| Glassport: A. Colecchi             | W. Elizabeth:           |
| Homestead: D. Schulte              | W. Homestead: B. Ferson |
| Liberty:                           | Whitaker:               |
|                                    | White Oak:              |

**Welcoming Remarks**

None.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Minutes**

A **motion** was made by J. Brown and seconded by A. Colecchi to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of January 5, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

A **motion** was made by B. Snodgrass and seconded by D. Schulte to approve the Cash Statement for December 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:** T. Firda

**Building Inspection Underwriters (BIU)**

Discussion about who uses BIU and the billing issues.

**Associate Memberships**

T. Firda informed the Board that Lincoln Borough decided to pay the first-year membership fee for the fire department and suggested others do the same if possible.

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**Solicitor's Report:** F. Muscante

**Munhall Railroad Crossing**

F. Muscante explained that Transtar Railroad suggested a settlement in which they pay the cost for having the railroad tracks removed before paving by the contractors hired by SRCOG. The board discussed potential concerns with the amount.

A **motion** was made by D. Schulte and seconded by E. Hatchett to approve the settlement and crossing agreement with Transtar Railroad and Munhall, which withdraws SRCOG's original PUC complaint. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Director's Report**

**HSC Updates**

*AIU Video Intercom Installation*

A. Lewis informed the Board that the AIU Facilities contact requested permission to install video intercoms on the outside of the building for their classrooms. MUSA requested video systems in the past, so SRCOG staff connected AIU and MUSA. Barrier Protection will install the new systems February 14 through 16.

*Kapp Communications Installation Complete*

In order to facilitate the growth of TCLB and the incoming DHS program, Kapp Communications installed 21 CAT6 wires in two rooms in the HSC. Staff will move to new spaces when new telephones arrive.

*Staff Changes*

A. Lewis discussed the possibility of eliminating the part-time janitorial staff and hiring a full-time maintenance/janitorial employee that could also do some overflow TCLB work.

A **motion** was made by K. Hresko and seconded by J. Brown to hire a full-time building maintenance/janitorial employee. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by J. Sheedy and seconded by B. Snodgrass to hire a Seasonal Street Sweeper Driver. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Temporary Rental Space – Nomad Indoor – B3 \$100/month*

A. Lewis informed the Board that Nomad Indoor, a current tenant, would like to use B3 for \$100 per month starting now until April 2023.

A **motion** was made by B. Ferson and seconded by D. Schulte to offer Nomad Indoor a supplemental lease to use Room B3 for \$100/month until April 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Commercial Truck Scales & Chevy Van

A. Lewis explained that she would like to sell the red van that was previously donated to SVCOG to TCLB at fair market value. Also explained that she would like to dispose of the truck scales, as they no longer charge. F. Muscante informed the Board that resolutions are required.

Whole Home Repair Program

A. Sisco discussed the Whole Home Repair Program and handed out flyers and interest forms for residents to fill out and return to SRCOG.

Annual Dinner

The SRCOG 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday, April 6 at The Sunset Room in Elizabeth, PA, starting at 5pm. Members are urged to share any old photos that can be included in the celebration.

County Executive Candidate Forum

Planning to be held March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm at McKeesport Palisades. The Board discussed topics and agenda items and are urged to send any others to A. Lewis.

Community Development Report: Grace Schierberl

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

G. Schierberl informed the Board that new CD contracts have been issued for signature and should be coming in next month. Tentatively planning bidding schedule for open projects.

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be held on March 2, 2023 at the Human Services Center located at 1705 Maple Street in Homestead, PA.

| Meeting Date      | Location  |
|-------------------|---|
| March 2, 2023     | SRCOG   |
| April 6, 2023     | ANNUAL DINNER – THE SUNSET ROOM                     |
| May 4, 2023       | PARK BAPTIST CHURCH<br>HOSTED BY VERSAILLES BOROUGH |
| June 1, 2023      | TBD   |
| September 7, 2023 | TBD   |
| October 5, 2023   | TBD   |
| November 2, 2023  | SRCOG<br>HOSTED BY LINCOLN BOROUGH                  |
| December 7, 2023  | TBD   |

Community Reports/Discussion

D. Schulte, Homestead

Informed the Board that there's a small group that would like to install a video camera on the

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day. A. Lewis suggested that if there's funding available to reach out to Vertical Bridge, the company currently leasing the cell phone tower on the property.

E. Washington, Duquesne

The Earl "Fatha" Heinz Landmark has been approved and dedication will take place this summer. Will share dedication date when received.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:34pm on a **motion** made by K. Hresko and seconded by E. Hatchett. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Kayla Geahry

  
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An Lewis, Executive Director