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STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MARCH 2, 2023

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm on March 2, 2023 by Board President, Tammy Firda.

**Those Present Included**

Braddock Hills: T. Evans, J. Brown  
Clairton: E. Hatchett  
Dravosburg: B. Snodgrass  
Duquesne:  
Elizabeth: D. Cress  
Forward: A. Cline  
Glassport: A. Colecchi  
Homestead: D. Schulte  
Liberty: M. Zrenchak

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

**Welcoming Remarks**

None.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Minutes**

A **motion** was made by J. Brown and seconded by A. Cline to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 2, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

A **motion** was made by B. Snodgrass and seconded by D. Schulte to approve the Cash Statement for January 2023 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

None.

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

**Commercial Truck Scales and Chevy Van**

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by D. Thomas to approve Resolution #2/2023R, authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to approve the sale of personal property to the Tri-COG Land Bank. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by D. Schulte and seconded by E. Hatchett to approve Resolution #3/2023R, authorizing the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to declare ten General Electrodynamics

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Corporation truck scales unused and unnecessary and approve the disposal for junk value of said property. All in favor. Motion carried.

F. Muscante updated the Board on the train track removal in the Waterfront. Once signed, payment will be provided within 70 days.

**Director's Report**

**HSC Updates**

*Door Replacements*

A. Lewis discussed the need for replacement doors in the Human Services Center. Barrier Protection Services suggested replacement following multiple maintenance calls for stuck doors.

A. Colecchi left the room.

A. Lewis explained that one bid from Johnny's Glass was received for \$17,575. Staff to solicit additional quotes.

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by E. Hatchett to authorize A. Lewis to hire a company to replace the Maple Street doors of the Human Services Center for a price not to exceed \$17,575.00. All in favor. Motion carried.

A. Colecchi re-entered the room.

*Lease Renewals*

A. Lewis informed the board that the next round of leases for tenants of the Human Services Center will begin July 2023 and requested a price increase to \$10.25/sq. ft. for the first year and a \$.05/sq. ft. increase each year after. The board discussed comparable rates and other topics.

A **motion** was made by B. Snodgrass and seconded by A. Colecchi to authorize a rental rate increase for the Human Services Center to to \$10.25/sq. ft. for the first year and a \$.05/sq. ft. increase each year after for the remainder of the lease. All in favor. Motion carried

*Summer Lease*

A. Lewis informed the Board that MUSA would like to rent Rooms 200, 201, and 220 for Summer Camp for the same rate as last year.

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by R. Fry to authorize A. Lewis to work with F. Muscante to create a short-term lease for MUSA Summer Camp. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Personnel Updates**

*Staff Changes*

A. Lewis informed the Board that she would like to offer the current janitor position a severance package of \$2,500 once the full-time janitor/maintenance position is filled. The Board discussed

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the possibility of keeping both positions; A. Lewis confirmed there is not enough work for two people and the current employee is unable to perform building maintenance, which is necessary.

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by J. Sheedy to authorize A. Lewis to offer \$2,500 in severance pay to the current janitor position once the full-time janitor/maintenance position is filled. All in favor. Motion carried.

Staff Office Moves

A. Lewis explained that staff is still in the process of shifting offices, but will be complete soon.

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

Will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm at McKeesport Palisades. Invitations sent and RSVPs are required. Members are urged to send any topics and/or questions to A. Lewis.

Whole Home Repair: A. Sisco

A. Sisco explained that the program is still not live, so SRCOG will continue to collect interest forms. We've received 350 so far – a lot from Clairton, McKeesport and Duquesne. This will give us the ability to speak to Action Housing and the County to let them know there's a lot of need for this work in the Mon Valley.

Community Development Report: Grace Schierberl

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

Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2023 at The Sunset Room in Elizabeth, PA.

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

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**Community Reports/Discussion**

**D. Schulte, Homestead**

Explained that Homestead Council approved Associate Membership and payment on behalf of their fire department.

**A. Cline, Forward**

Invited all to attend a concert on June 7 at 6:30pm, benefiting their Community Days. Explained that there are funds available through the Musician's Union to bring bands and music to your community.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:14pm on a **motion** made by J. Sheedy 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