

MINUTES  
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
DECEMBER 3, 2020

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm on December 3, 2020 by SRCOG President Tammy Firda via ZOOM.

**Those Present Included**

Braddock Hills: Tom Evans

Clairton: Lee Lasich

Dravosburg:

Duquesne:

Elizabeth: Andy Miklos

Forward: Amy Cline

Glassport: Elaina Skiba

Homestead: Lloyd Cunningham

Liberty: Mike Zrenchak

Lincoln: Tammy Firda

McKeesport:

Munhall: Mark Fallon, Rich Votedian

Port Vue: Debbie Thomas

S. Versailles: Roy Lawson

Versailles: Rob Jacklitch

W. Elizabeth:

W. Homestead: Ashley Cain

Whitaker:

White Oak: Louis Bender

**Welcoming Remarks**

T. Firda welcomed everyone with the hopes that in-person meetings will be possible in 2021. E. Skiba introduced Anthony Colecchi of Clairton City Council as her guest. Darla Cravotta of Allegheny County thanked everyone for the invitation to attend. Dave Harhai of West Homestead thanked everyone for the invitation and commended A. Cain for representing the borough. A. Miklos thanked Darla for her help with the CARES Act funding earlier in the year.

**Public Comments**

None

**Minutes**

A **motion** was made by R. Lawson and seconded by A. Miklos to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of November 5, 2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ashley Cain

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by E. Skiba to approve the Cash Statement for November 2020 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:** Falco Muscante

None

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**Staff Reports**

**Directors/Programs Report: An Lewis**

**Tenants**

TCV has closed their day program due to rising COVID-19 numbers. A few staff people are working in the offices, but there are no clients.

MUSA closed for two weeks following the Thanksgiving holiday due to rising COVID-19 numbers, but will re-open before Christmas. Their current temporary lease agreement is up on January 7 and will be re-visited in December for 2021.

ACHA would like to enter into a 3-year lease agreement at 500 Amity Street (Train Station) under the same terms (\$3,825/month, January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023). Reports show that this is an income-generating program for SRCOG and A. Lewis recommends executing a lease with these terms.

A **motion** was made by L. Cunningham and seconded by L. Lasich to authorize A. Lewis and Falco Muscante to draft and execute a lease with ACHA for 3 years at \$3,825 per month. All in favor. Motion carried.

The box gutters at the Train Station are in desperate need of repair and re-lining. SRCOG staff has received two estimates and is waiting on a third. The current lowest estimate is \$5,700.

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A **motion** was made by R. Lawson and seconded by M. Fallon to authorize A. Lewis to hire a vendor to repair the box gutters at the Train Station for an amount not to exceed \$5,700. All in favor. Motion carried.

Both the furnace and a/c units in the Train Station are about 20 years old and are in need of repairs or replacement. The current maintenance company, DeLattre, attempted to repair the leaking furnace, but it was a larger issue. Replacement is less than \$1k more than a repair. Given that the unit is 20 years old, it seems better to replace at this point. SRCOG staff is receiving estimates from multiple HVAC companies and the current lowest estimate is \$6,250.

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by E. Skiba to authorize A. Lewis to replace the furnace and a/c unit at the Train Station for an amount not to exceed \$6,250. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Meeting Schedule

The governor has extended the emergency declaration, so meetings will remain online in January. Board to reevaluate in January.

Meeting Date	Location
January 7, 2021	ONLINE

**Community Development Report:** Carla Barron

C. Barron provided the Board with a report containing all ongoing CDBG project amounts.

**Community Reports / Discussion**

L. Lasich, Clairton

The groundbreaking for the Clairton Inn was held; state officials, county officials and many others were in attendance. Light-Up Night will be held on December 12, where goodie bags will be handed out to children, similar to Halloween.

A. Miklos, Elizabeth

Elizabeth Borough is interested in sharing staff services with other boroughs and looking for ways to do that. T. Firda explained how Lincoln shares a secretary with Liberty. L. Cunningham mentioned the COG having a shared finance manager in the past, which was very helpful. A. Lewis explained that informal relationships should continue; the COG can step in when needs are more complicated. Elizabeth Borough is also interested in borrowing a leaf vacuum from another municipality in the future.

A. Cline, Forward

Currently dredging the Monongahela River in anticipation of the removal of lock and dam #3. Forward is currently in talks with the Army Corps of Engineers about the effect this will have on the boat launch and usability. Reminder to always call the Army Corps of Engineers for help in situations like these.

E. Skiba, Glassport

There is a duck pin bowling alley that needs help paying for renovations necessary to re-open in light of the pandemic (touchless bathroom and scoring). Thoughts and ideas are needed to help save this business, as it's a cornerstone of the community. Darla Cravotta and A. Lewis to get in touch with E. Skiba with ideas.

L. Cunningham, Homestead

In lieu of the Christmas parade, Homestead is hosting a window decorating contest, so please take a drive through!

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T. Firda, Lincoln

Reminder to pick up any salt left from last year, as storage fees will begin at the end of December. The Training Complex Range lease will be expiring in 2025 and SRCOG would like to get the lease extended before County Executive Fitzgerald is finished in 2023. Darla Cravotta to help with that and get in touch with A. Lewis.

A. Cain, West Homestead

The West Homestead recycling program will be starting in January after being pushed due to the pandemic. Working on a massive overhaul of the parks and recreation program. Working on a social media channel upgrade. West Homestead participated in the SRCOG street sweeping program for the first time this year and found it useful. In the future, would be interested in a Code Enforcement program.

Misc.

If new state funding becomes available, it will most likely be at a county level, but A. Lewis and staff are paying attention and will inform the board of any possible funding in the future.

Darla Cravotta thanked everyone for being able included and explained that she took copious notes and will be following up on many topics.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:39p.m. on a **motion** made by L. Cunningham and seconded by L. Lasich. All in favor. Motion carried.

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An Lewis, Executive Director