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STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
OCTOBER 1, 2020

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm on October 1, 2020 by SRCOG President Tammy Firda via ZOOM.

Those Present Included

Braddock Hills: T. Evans, J. Brown
Clairton: R. Ford
Dravosburg:
Duquesne:
Elizabeth: A. Miklos
Forward: A. Cline
Glassport:
Homestead:
Liberty: M. Zrenchak

Lincoln: T. Firda
McKeesport: T. Maglicco
Munhall:
Port Vue: D. Thomas
S. Versailles:
Versailles: R. Jacklitch
W. Elizabeth:
W. Homestead:
Whitaker:
White Oak: L. Bender

Welcoming Remarks

None

Public Comments

None

2019 Audit

Kim Turnley presented a review of the SRCOG 2019 audit. Members welcome to contact Kim with any further questions.

Minutes

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by A. Miklos to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of September 3, 2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: An Lewis

A **motion** was made by M. Zrenchak and seconded by A. Cline to approve the Cash Statement for September and the List of Bills as dated. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Solicitor's Report/Resolutions: Falco Muscante

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by T. Maglicco to approve Resolution No. 11/2020R to authorize SRCOG entering into contract with Minniefield Demolition Services,

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LLC for an amount not to exceed \$41,000.00 for the Safe Neighborhood Demolition in the Borough of Whitaker. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by A. Miklos and seconded by T. Maglicco to approve Resolution No. 12/2020R to authorize SRCOG entering into contract with Continental Construction & Demolition, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 for the Safe Neighborhood Demolition in the Borough of Glassport. All in favor. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Directors/Programs Report: An Lewis

SBA PPP Loan

Steel Rivers COG PPP loan funds have been used, but First Commonwealth Bank is waiting for the new legislation from Congress which could trigger automatic forgiveness for loans under a certain amount.

SRCOG Budget Planning

A. Lewis explained that renewal for the current health insurance plan is due 12/1/2020 and the deadline to accept is before the next board meeting. The current rate increase is 19.8% - per payroll increase from \$3,934.56 to \$4,715.68 and per year increase from \$47,214.72 to \$56,588.16. A. Lewis asked HGH Group for alternative rates and confirmed all other available plans are more expensive than the current plan.

A **motion** was made by A. Cline and seconded by T. Evans to authorize the renewal of the current health insurance plan. All in favor. Motion carried.

A. Lewis informed the board that the budget has been drafted and will be shared with the executive board for first review, then will be shared with the full board. Budget takes into account new health insurance rates.

Regional Training Complex Member Renewals

A. Lewis noticed that training complex agreements have not been updated since 1995 sent to Falco for review and addition of new rules. A. Lewis to send updated range agreements to all current members with 2021 membership invoices.

Human Service Center

The Musicians Union was encouraged by T. Evans to tour HSC, as they are currently looking for new office space. A. Lewis to update the board as more information becomes available.

LaToya from Little Bumble Bees is looking into starting a home health aid business and is

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interested in additional office space for this business. A. Lewis to update the board as more information becomes available.

Meeting Schedule

D. Thomas informed the board that the Port Vue Borough building would not be able to be deep cleaned before the meeting. Members agree to continue to meet online.

A. Lewis informed the board that the Sunset Room is only allowed to accommodate 25 people given the current guidance, which would not be enough for the Annual Dinner. Members discussed and decided to distribute information to the full general assembly for the December 3 meeting and host the board meeting and General Assembly via ZOOM.

Meeting Date	Location
October 1, 2020	ONLINE
November 5, 2020	ONLINE vs. Port Vue Borough
December 3, 2020	HOLIDAY DINNER/ANNUAL DINNER

Act 152

A. Lewis informed the board that she and T. Firda set up a proactive meeting with Rich Lattanzi, Mayor Cherepko and members of the Turtle Creek Valley COG to speak with the County Executive about the up and coming ACT 152 program and the requirements being set for demolitions.

Community Development Report: Carla Barron

CDBG Year 47

Pre-applications were submitted electronically in September to ACED and are currently being evaluated for eligibility. Municipal resolutions for adoption will be provided at October council meetings. SRCOG deadline for completion and return of resolutions, surveys, certifications and photos will be November 6, with full applications due to ACED by November 13.

CDBG Year 46

No contracts in place currently with Allegheny County. Anticipated bid advertising timing for road reconstruction/catch basin replacement projects is January 2021, with construction to take place in spring. Other projects that can be completed in the winter months will proceed contingent on ACED environmental clearance and contract in place.

CDBG Year 45

All projects are in process now. List of projects provided to members.

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Community Reports / Discussion

T. Firda explained that the census deadline has been extended to October 5 and urged members to conduct one final push before the deadline if possible.

T. Firda informed the board that grants from BCCD for body cameras for police officers are going to be available soon. Has shared additional information with all local station contacts.

A. Lewis explained that White Oak is currently looking for an Emergency Management Coordinator, but it is difficult. Asked board if other municipalities would be interested in sharing a Coordinator and sharing the cost. A. Lewis to reach out to the Emergency Management Center to see if this is possible or if each municipality must have their own representative.

J. Brown asked if towns are doing trick-or-treat. Representatives from Port Vue, Liberty, Braddock Hills, Elizabeth, Clairton, McKeesport and Lincoln confirm that trick-or-treat activities are still planned in their communities.

Executive Session

The board entered Executive Session at 7:27pm.

A **motion** was made by M. Zrenchak and seconded by T. Maglicco to approve the extended unpaid leave of Employee 123 and to continue SRCOG medical benefit coverage with the understanding that Employee 123 is responsible for their 3% contribution, commencing 10/8/2020 and extending through 1/15/2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

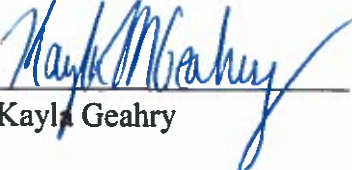
The board came out of Executive Session at 7:42pm.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:48p.m. on a **motion** made by A. Cline and seconded by R. Ford. All in favor. Motion carried.

Members of the executive committee met immediately following the meeting to discuss the 2021 budget.

ATTEST:



Kayla Geahry



An Lewis, Executive Director