

MINUTES
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm on September 3, 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: E. Skiba

Homestead:

Liberty:

Lincoln: T. Firda

McKeesport: T. Maglicco

Munhall: M. Fallon

Port Vue: D. Thomas

S. Versailles: R. Lawson

Versailles: R. Jacklitch

W. Elizabeth:

W. Homestead: A. Cain

Whitaker:

White Oak: L. Bender

Welcoming Remarks

None

Public Comments

None

Minutes

A **motion** was made by A. Cain and seconded by A. Miklos to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of June 4, 2020. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Asheyn Cain

A **motion** was made by A. Miklos and seconded by A. Cline to approve the Cash Statement for June, July, and August and the List of Bills as dated. All in favor. Motion Carried.

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

President's Report: Tammy Firda

The deadline for the 2020 Census is September 30. Pennsylvania is only in the 68th percentile for completion. Please remind your citizens to fill out the census in any way possible.

Solicitor's Report/Resolutions: Falco Muscante

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by A. Cain to approve Resolution No. 10/2020R to authorize entering into contract with Jet Jack, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$217,250.00 for the CSO Regulator Improvement project in Glassport Borough. All in favor. Motion carried.

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A **motion** was made by R. Ford and seconded by A. Miklos to approve the marketing agreement with TrailBlaze Creative for the elevate412 program. All in Favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by R. Ford to approve the Waste Management Agreement (30% reduction in cost) for the HSC. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by A. Cain and seconded by M. Fallon to approve the Keystone Environmental Services Agreement (20% reduction in fees) for the HSC. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by A. Miklos and seconded by E. Skiba to ratify the updated TCV lease for the HSC. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by D. Thomas to approve the short-term MUSA lease for the HSC. All in favor. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Directors/Programs Report: An Lewis

Steel Rivers COG PPP loan application through First Commonwealth Bank was closed on May 11, 2020 in the amount of \$77,800. The funds have been used, but the FCB online portal for forgiveness application is not yet available.

A **motion** was made by R. Ford and seconded by T. Maglicco to authorize A. Lewis to apply for forgiveness as soon as the portal is available. All in favor. Motion carried.

Steel Rivers COG received quotes for cyber liability insurance from both Travelers and Hudson. The quote from Hudson is considerably lower than the quote from Travelers. A. Lewis recommended purchasing cyber liability insurance from Hudson.

A **motion** was made by A. Miklos and seconded by A. Cline to authorize A. Lewis to purchase cyber liability insurance from Hudson. All in favor. Motion carried.

Staff Updates

Mark Mashoney resigned his position as the street sweeper driver on June 29, 2020.

James Trainer was hired as the new street sweeper driver and began on July 15, 2020.

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A **motion** was made by A. Cline and seconded by A. Cain to ratify the acceptance of the resignation of Mark Mashoney. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by M. Fallon to ratify the approval of the hire of James Trainer. All in favor. Motion carried.

James currently has room in his schedule for additional boroughs to participate in the street sweeping program. Contact A. Lewis to schedule.

Human Service Center Tenants

Both MUSA Little Lambs and Little Bumble Bees Daycare opened June 8, 2020. AIU Headstart teachers started August 24, 2020 and the kids will start on September 8, 2020. MUSA's 'after school' program is set to move to HSC short term and start on September 8, 2020. Some consumers will also be returning to TCV Community Services on September 8, 2020.

There is a COVID-19 alert system in place with all tenants should anyone test positive.

The hot water tank burst in mid-July, which eliminated all hot water in the building. It was replaced on July 20, with a total cost of \$5,109.23.

A **motion** was made by A. Miklos and seconded by R. Ford to ratify the expenditure to replace the hot water heater in the HSC under emergency conditions. All in favor. Motion carried.

Train Station Sewer Lateral Collapse

On August 17, 2020, A. Lewis was alerted that there was water in the basement of the Train Station located at 500 Amity Street. COG staff called Roto-Rooter who quoted \$15,000 for the repair. Shane Lawson of Lawson Excavating was also contacted and provided a quote of \$9,500.

A **motion** was made by D. Thomas and seconded by A. Miklos to ratify the authorization of the emergency sewer repair by Lawson Excavating located at 500 Amity Street. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Schedule

The emergency declaration allowing board meetings to be held online has been extended 90 days, to December 2, 2020. All members agree to meet online in October and decide then whether to meet online or in person for November and December meetings.

Meeting Date	Location
October 8, 2020	ONLINE
November 5, 2020	ONLINE vs. Port Vue Borough
December 3, 2020	HOLIDAY DINNER/ANNUAL DINNER

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Community Development Report: Carla Barron

CDBG Year 47 – Pre-applications for Allegheny County are being accepted electronically. The COG’s deadline is September 4, 2020; ACED deadline is September 11, 2020.

CDBG Year 46 – Programs are underway; began July 1, 2020. ACED is processing environmental clearances for approved projects. Demo projects require legal clearances of properties in order for ACED to proceed with environmental. ACED contracting will follow.

CDBG Year 45 – Construction activities have resumed and contractors must follow Secretary of Health guidance policy and procedures.

Glassport and Whitaker demolition bids were opened and are currently under review. Should have recommendations for next meeting. Same for Homestead West Street reconstruction.

Community Reports / Discussion

None

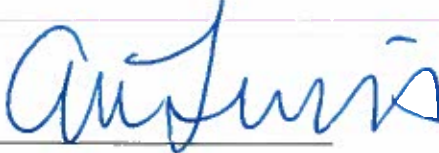
Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:14p.m. on a **motion** made by R. Ford and seconded by A. Cline. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Kayla Geahry



An Lewis, Executive Director