

MINUTES
STEEL RIVERS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MARCH 4, 2021

The SRCOG Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 6:33pm on March 4, 2021 by SRCOG President Tammy Firda via ZOOM.

Those Present Included

Braddock Hills: T. Evans, J. Brown

Clairton: L. Lasich

Dravosburg:

Duquesne:

Elizabeth:

Forward: A. Cline

Glassport: E. Skiba, A. Colecchi

Homestead: Mayor B. Esper

Liberty:

Lincoln: T. Firda

McKeesport: T. Maglicco

Munhall:

Port Vue: D. Thomas

S. Versailles: R. Lawson

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W. Elizabeth:

W. Homestead:

Whitaker:

White Oak: L. Bender

Welcoming Remarks

None

Public Comments

None

Minutes

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by Mayor B. Esper to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of February 4, 2021. All in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: An Lewis

A **motion** was made by J. Brown and seconded by A. Cline to approve the Cash Statement for February 2021 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

Act 152 Demolition Program

T. Firda explained that the Act 152 Demolition Program passed and the COG received all information to share with each municipality. After review, An and Amanda submitted a list of questions to the County for clarification. A. Lewis to send information to all municipalities and will be working with Emily from SRCOG staff to compile and submit all applications. SRCOG staff will also create GIS maps for the applications to show a regional impact. Applications will be open March 10 through April 30 and administrative fees will most likely follow the same structure as CDBG projects.

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Shared Services Meeting

T. Firda explained that SRCOG hosted a meeting on February 24 to discuss what shared services each municipality would be interested in. If any community was unable to attend, please reach out to A. Lewis to discuss. Once all are heard, A. Lewis to work on preliminary budget numbers and set up a second meeting to discuss further.

Solicitor's Report/Resolutions: Falco Muscante

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by E. Skiba to approve Resolution No. 1/2021 to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Allegheny Global Environmental, Inc. in the amount of \$6,750.00 for Asbestos Inspection Services for the Gateway Improvements Project in the City of Duquesne. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by Mayor B. Esper and seconded by D. Thomas to approve Resolution No. 2/2021 to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with McKee Asphalt Paving for an amount not to exceed \$99,429.00 for the Street Reconstruction project in the City of Duquesne. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by Mayor B. Esper and seconded by T. Evans to approve Resolution No. 3/2021 to authorize the Steel Rivers Council of Governments to enter into contract with Sports & Recreation Associates, LLC for an amount not to exceed \$88,882.50 for the Polish Hill Playground project in the City of Duquesne. All in favor. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Directors/Programs Report: An Lewis

TCLB/SRCOG Summary Report 2020

The board was provided a summary of time allocations and budget items for staff working for the SRCOG vs Tri-COG Land Bank.

SBA Loan

A. Lewis and K. Geahry applied for the second round of SBA PPP loans, which was approved by First Commonwealth Bank. SRCOG received \$73,111.02 for personnel support.

Training Complex Furnace

A new furnace was installed at the Training Complex on February 24 by Hlastala Heating and Cooling. A. Lewis informed T. Firda before proceeding, as there was no time to request additional quotes from suggested installers.

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PA Department of the Auditor General

The pension audit for 2016-2019 has been finalized by Joseph Ostroski.

HSC Tenants

A. Lewis explained that AIU is interested in adding Room 208 for storage, but at a \$3 per sq. ft. discount. A. Lewis to work with F. Muscante to write an addendum to the current lease or create a second lease that would run in tandem and expire at the same time as the existing lease.

A **motion** was made by Mayor B. Esper and seconded by T. Maglicco to authorize A. Lewis to offer Room 208 to AIU at a rate of \$170.36 per month. All in favor. Motion carried.

ASLET – Advanced Security & Law Enforcement Training

A. Lewis explained that in the past a police officer from Elizabeth named Garrett Kimmel had booked the Training Complex under the Elizabeth Police Department, but used the time for his personal company, ASLET. When the situation became known in 2018, A. Lewis contacted Kimmel and generated invoices for the private company rate in the amount of \$1,400 that were never paid. The company is now no longer associated with Kimmel and has new owners who are interested in clearing the debt and signing a new agreement to use the Training Complex. A. Lewis explained that the new owners are willing to divert the final payment on the promissory note in the amount of \$1,284.12 to SRCOG to satisfy the balance due.

A **motion** was made by E. Skiba and seconded by D. Thomas to authorize A. Lewis to accept payment of \$1,284.12 from ASLET to satisfy the outstanding balance of \$1,400. All in favor. Motion carried.

A **motion** was made by L. Lasich and seconded by E. Skiba to authorize SRCOG to enter into a new agreement with ASLET and allow the organization to resume regular use of the Training Complex. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mt. Lebanon Street Sweeping

SRCOG received a bid sheet for street sweeping in Mt. Lebanon Borough and A. Lewis prepared a bid to submit.

A **motion** was made by T. Evans and seconded by L. Lasich to authorize A. Lewis to submit a bid for Mt. Lebanon Street Sweeping. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Meeting Schedule

Some board members expressed that they were comfortable with meeting in person while others were not comfortable until everyone is fully vaccinated. Board members agreed to continue meeting online and revisit next month.

Meeting Date	Location
April 1, 2021	Online
May 6, 2021	TBD
June 3, 2021	TBD
September 2, 2021	TBD
October 7, 2021	TBD
November 4, 2021	TBD
December 2, 2021	ANNUAL/HOLIDAY DINNER

Community Development Report

The board received a written CD report from Carla Barron.

Community Reports / Discussion

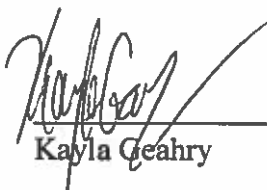
Mayor B. Esper, Homestead: Suggested board members look into the American Rescue Program to see if their municipality will be receiving grant funding through this program. A. Lewis explained that the money will most likely flow through Allegheny County to distribute. A. Lewis to research and update board members as possible.

T. Firda, Lincoln: Congratulated communities for food banks, clothing drives, grocery pickups and other programs happening throughout the county.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:27p.m. on a **motion** made by L. Lasich and seconded by A. Cline. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Kayla Geahry



An Lewis, Executive Director