

**TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 3, 2015
6:30 pm**

DELEGATES: Tim Bridge, Mark Swinney, Joe Costa. Kevin Collins, Darrell Rapp, Jack Wilson, Dennis Simon, Paige Trice

STAFF:

Amanda Settelmaier and Liz Kozub

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:43

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dennis seconded by Mark to approve the Minutes and Treasurer's Report from October 22, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

CITF BID APPROVALS

CD 40-3.11.7 Safe Neighborhood Demolition, North Braddock Borough- Motion to accept bid from Lutterman Excavating in the amount of \$9,200.00, pending the Borough Engineer's recommendation and Council's approval, made by Tim Bridge. Seconded by Dennis Simon. Motion passed unanimously.

CD 41-7.4 Josephine Street Reconstruction, North Braddock Borough- Motion to accept bid from Victor Paving in the amount of \$31,835.00, pending the Borough Engineer's recommendation and Council's approval, made by Tim Bridge. Seconded by Paige Trice. Motion passed unanimously.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:

Joe did not hear from anyone who wanted to nominate another person to the Executive Board, nor did he hear from anyone wanting to nominate themselves. He recommends the current officers be nominated for another term. The officer positions are as follows:

Tim Bridge - Chairman
Dennis Simon - Vice Chair
Max Spencer - Secretary
Lucky Price - Treasurer

Joe made a motion to vote for the officers in place already, motion seconded by Darrell. Motion approved unanimously

Property Maintenance Appeals Board

You may recall a few years ago we approved a COG wide UCC appeals board. Some of our towns were having trouble getting enough people to serve on the board. Once the joint UCC board was established we were receiving requests from code officials and managers of our communities that wanted to establish a joint Property Maintenance Appeals Board. The board would hear appeals related to code enforcement such as high grass and nuisance issues. We did talk with some of the representatives who serve on the UCC Board and some are willing to serve on the Property Maintenance Appeals Board as well. We can also go through the process as we did the last time, which is towns can recommend members to the board, which are vetted by the managers and approved by the COG board

Darrel- My recollection is that the UCC require professional certifications, does the property maintenance appeals board have the same requirements?

Amanda- No, there are no required professional certifications to serve. However we would want people with some knowledge of property maintenance requirements.

This service of providing an option for property maintenance appeals it at no charge to the participating municipalities and is another way the COG can add value to members.

Motion by Joe to approve the Property Maintenance Appeals Board Policies, seconded by Denis. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Please see attached report. Amanda spoke about the Homes within Reach Conference by the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania. She attended a session on hoarding which was very interesting. She is going to set up a meeting with Allegheny County's Health Department and invite municipal representatives and code officials. It is important that code official know how to approach situations which involve something whose hoarding is of a health and safety concern. The board members shared their experiences with people hoarding within their respective communities and felt it would be good to gather more tools and insights into systematic approach.

Reminder that the Annual Dinner will be January 22nd at the Holiday Inn on Monroeville. Sean Logan the keynote speaker and will be speaking about the Pennsylvania Turnpike projects.

Also a remainder the next TCC meeting is Dec 17th. We really need to have a quorum but it is the reorganization and election of officers. There is a reception afterwards sponsored by Keystone

OTHER BUSINESS

Joe noticed in the paper that Monroeville was hiring a code enforcement officer and was wondering if they could participate in the COG program. Amanda advised that she did speak with a number of people from Monroeville and we will be presenting to their council in the near future. We would love for them to join the program.

Mark Swinney wanted to speak about his frustrations with communication with Allegheny County. He had wrote a letter requesting paving from Greenburg Pike, and had other boroughs also sign. The road was paved, but he had called a number of times and there was a lot of acknowledgement the letter was ever received.

Motion to adjourn by Jack, seconded by Pete. Motion approved unanimously.