

TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 22, 2015
6:30 pm

VOTING DELEGATES:

Timothy Bridge, Darrell Rapp, Kevin Collins, Robert Parker

ALTERNATE DELEGATES:

Joe Costa, Karen Peterson

STAFF:

Amanda Settelmaier and Liz Kozub

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:35

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rob Parker seconded by Joe Costa to approve the Minutes and Treasurer's Report from January 22, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL of CDBG BID OPENINGS

Bid openings for CDBG projects took place on Wednesday April 22, 2015 at 12:00 pm at the Turtle Creek Valley COG offices. Tim advised that for each project we will need a motion to accept the bid pending the Borough Engineer's recommendation and Council's approval.

CD 40-3.11.7 Safe Neighborhood Demolition, Braddock - Motion to accept bid from Eveready Contracting in the amount of \$137,900, pending Allegheny County's single bid approval, the Borough Engineer's recommendation and Council's approval, made by Rob Parker. Seconded by Joe Costa. Motion passed unanimously.

CD 40-7.4 - Catch Basin Installation, Braddock - Motion to accept bid from Satiera Construction Inc. in the amount of \$13,300, pending the Borough Engineer's recommendation and Council's approval, made by Rob Parker. Seconded by Karen Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

CD 40-3.11.7 Safe Neighborhood Demolition, East McKeesport - Motion to accept bid from Eveready Contracting in the amount of \$15,850, pending Allegheny County's Single Bid approval, the Borough Engineer's recommendation and Council's approval, made by Tim Bridge. Seconded by Joe Costa. Motion passed unanimously.

CD 40-3.11.7 Safe Neighborhood Demolition, North Versailles - Motion to accept bid from Eveready Contracting in the amount of \$6,800, pending Allegheny County's Single Bid approval, the Borough Engineer's recommendation and Council's approval, made by Tim Bridge. Seconded by Karen Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.

CD 40-3.11.7 - Safe Neighborhood Demolition, Wilmerding - Motion to accept bid from Eveready Contracting in the amount of \$6,400, pending Allegheny County's Single Bid

approval, the Borough Engineer's recommendation and Council's approval, made by Karen Peterson. Seconded by Rob Parker. Motion passed unanimously.

CD 40-3.11.7 - Safe Neighborhood Demolition, Pitcairn - Motion to accept bid from Eveready Contracting in the amount of \$21,900, pending the Borough Engineer's recommendation and Council's approval, made by Tim Bridge. Seconded by Rob Parker. Motion passed unanimously.

CD 40-3.11.7 Safe Neighborhood Demolition, Rankin - Motion to accept bid from Eveready Contracting in the amount of \$18,800, pending Allegheny County's Single Bid approval, the Borough Engineer's recommendation and Council's approval, made by Tim Bridge. Seconded by Rob parker. Motion passed unanimously.

CD 40-3.6 Miller Street Reconstruction, Rankin - Motion to accept bid from Victor Paving in the amount of \$41,195, pending the Borough Engineer's recommendation and Council's approval, made by Tim Bridge. Seconded by Joe Costa. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

See attached report.

In October Allegheny County's Redevelopment Authority engaged the Center for Community Progress to conduct an analysis of the land bank business plan. The center for Community Progress has agreed to present their findings to our local officials, municipal staff, and others that are interested.

Darrell asked if Woodland Hills representatives should come. Amanda advised she did send an invitation to school board representatives and the superintendent.

Karen asked if East Allegheny was invited to come. She will talk to the representatives on the board that would be interested in coming.

The ALOM conference was a great success. The TCVCOG hospitality room had a lot of visitors. We also had an exhibitor table for the first time. We will be following up with individuals that seemed interested in either our billing services or vector operations. Amanda asked for feedback from the conference.

Darrell said he was very interested in the presentations but did not have a lot of time to look at the vendors. He would have liked to see more breaks in order to visit with the vendors and continue to network. Darrell thought the storm water management and sewer presentations were very good.

Amanda advised that the gentleman from the EPA was there to talk about what is coming in terms of the consent decree, which is very important for municipalities. Darrell mentioned that the next permit round is starting 2018, but DEP has a draft and will be going out for public comment sometime this summer. There is going to be a large focus on water quality.

Tim commented that street sweeping and catch basin cleaning was stressed at ALOM as important actions to be taken by municipalities.

Darrell said that a lot of the discussion was focused on the consent orders and what they are doing now. The summary was municipalities need to deal with the DEP and if the DEP feels that the municipality is not cooperating, then the municipality will need to deal with the EPA and could potentially get fined.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Karen wanted to know if communities were talking about regional policing again. Joe said they have been talking about this for a while but a lot of the police chiefs are not interested. They were considering Forest Hills, Wilkins and Churchill since the communities, staff and salaries are pretty similar. They are going to put together a 20 min. presentation to begin the conversation again with Jay Costa and Paul Costa. There is money available from the state for communities that are interested in combining or regionalizing their police forces. Governor Wolf is very supportive of these types of plans and the state may have money to help with the transition, such as making all the police cars the match.

Karen is interested in looking into this issue further in hopes that combining police forces is something that would benefit the community.

Motion to adjourn made by Karen Peterson and seconded by Rob Parker. Motion passed unanimously.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25