

**TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING, Turtle Creek Borough Building**  
**September 28, 2023**  
**6:30 pm**

**NO QUORUM**

**VOTING DELEGATES:**

Chad Hoover, Max Spencer, Paige Trice, Weldianne Scales, Joseph Hartzell, Matt Castiglia, Joe Hartzell, Markus Erbedinger, Allen Wagner.

**STAFF:**

Amanda Settelmaier, Molly Valentine, Natalie Merola

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:30**

**The voting delegates in attendance suggested emailing items that need a vote and can be ratified at the next meeting.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES & Treasurer's Report**

No Vote

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

No Vote

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Please see attached report.**

- Amanda gave updates on upcoming meeting dates & topics.
- Police Training – Fall dates are October 9-10 for Basic Police Training & October 16-17 for Advanced Police Training. Amanda encouraged council to urge their departments to utilize these training sessions. She also informed them that this training may become mandated for police departments next year.
- Vactor – Amanda Encouraged towns to scheduling any remaining dates they may have as the season is coming to an end.
- Amanda discussed the RECOMPETE Federal Grant Application being submitted by the TCVCOG, partnering with SRCOG, to address underemployment in defined targeted areas. Please see document handout for additional details. This will be a request for both planning & implementation dollars. The implementation grant is for 30 million dollars over 3 years. SPC & Allegheny conference are also participating partners.

- Amanda provided an update on the progress of the CodeNforce. The app will be completed approx.. January 2024. The office is working on a Keystone Communities Planning Grant application to DCED with a \$25k match from Hillman Foundation to explore partnerships, notably DHS.
- Duquesne Law School has offered to assist in tangled title work as well as helping with the PA Cog 501CR, please let Amanda know if you have any properties/ owners that need this type of assistance.
- The Fire Forum is Oct 18, the group talked about who may be in attendance from their towns, please encourage participation. Amanda discussed the speakers and topics.
- The Group agreed to keep the TCVCOG Annual dinner to the same as it has been in the past, Edgewood Country Club, on a Friday in February. Possible speakers were discussed, certainly send any recommendations.
- Amanda discussed hiring Anna Kochsberger part time to work on grants and other projects in the office.

#### **Open Forum**

- Weldianne Scales brought up the possibility of a shared Diversity Officer. The role would be to provide diversity & sensitivity training to our member communities. Other options were discussed such as having training sessions through the COG or possibly ALOM. Amanda will also follow up with the Local Government Academy to see what options are available.
- Matt Castiglia thanked all who attended the Churchill Days celebration. He was happy to see neighboring community officials attend.
- Allen Wagner invited all to schedule a spot on his radio show to discuss any happenings or concerns in their communities. There is a new timeslot for the show, Wednesdays at 10. He also introduced Fastest Labs, a new business in North Versailles. They provide different types of testing, ie. multiple types of drug screening, dna paternity testing, background checks. Etc. Fast and reasonably priced. The lab will come to a municipal office possibly saving time for employees. May be of use to our communities. Allen also announced that the Amazon facility is up and running.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14