

**TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MEETING (VIRTUAL)
February 22, 2024
6:30 pm**

VOTING DELEGATES:

Chad Hoover, Diane Law, Mike Breaston, Juanita Giles, Angela Stribling, Kevin Hanes, Sylvia Martinelli, Joe Hartzell, Ben Love, Joe Hyzy, Max Spencer, Linda Atkins, Mark Petri, Rob Parker & Renee Haynes-Johnson.

STAFF:

Amanda Settelmaier, Molly Valentine, Natalie Merola

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:34

APPROVAL OF MINUTES & Treasurer's Report

- Motion by Rob Parker seconded by Max Spencer to approve the November 2023 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Rob Parker seconded by Joe Hyzy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Motion by Rob Parker seconded by Sylvia Martinelli to approve the 2022 COG Audit. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- A. Bid Approvals
- B. Motion by Chad Hoover seconded by Joe Hartzell to approve bid opening results for the following project: CD 48-3.12.13 – Ice Plant Hill Remediation, East McKeesport. Low bidder, State Pipe Services, Inc - \$249,633. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Please see attached report.

- Amanda provided dates for upcoming March Meetings
- We asked for feedback regarding the annual dinner. All were very pleased with the guest speaker. The only complaint was regarding the sound system provided by the venue.
- Amanda provided an update on the Recompete Federal Grant application. Unfortunately, we did not receive the grant. Our intention is to use pieces of the work from the recompete application to apply for other funding opportunities.
- Suggestions for the Hospitality Suite for ALOM were taken. Suggestions for drink preferences & snacks were noted. We also discussed the option of having a DJ.
- CodeNforce was discussed. The app is ready and is currently on track to begin use in the field in March. We will also start the business plan process this spring/summer. Thank you to Monroeville for help with a codenforce video made with Natalie.

- Amanda urged our community representative to check out the proposed alignment for the Turtle Creek Trail Connector project and participate and provide their input at one of the public meetings. The meetings are being held on March 12th at the Wilmerding Community Center & March 14th at the Braddock Battlefield History Center. Both meetings will take place from 6-7:30 pm.
- Cable Franchise Renewal will be discussed at the March Manager's meeting. Those wishing to participate will need to submit an engagement letter by April 30th.
- Police training will be held again in April. Amanda urged council to take advantage of this low-cost training for their officers. The basic class will be held on April 15&16. The advanced class will be held on April 22&23. There has been discussion to expand classes including around vehicles.
- Discussions were held regarding the possibility of losing the Monroeville Convention Center

Open Forum

- Sylvia Martinelli is hoping to get representation on the WPJWA Board for Wilkins Township. Abigail Salisbury is assisting with this. Sylvia cited poor communication & sub-par assistance by the Water Authority during a water outage in Wilkins Township.
- Chad Hoover encouraged all in attendance to support your local fish fry's this Lenten season.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Max Spencer seconded by Rob Parker to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18