

TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD MEETING
Sept 25, 2025
6:30 pm
Turtle Creek Borough Community Room

VOTING DELEGATES:

Linda Atkins, Matt Castiglia, John Eikert, Juanita Giles, Joe Hartzell, Renee Haynes-Johnson, Chad Hoover, Joelissa McDonald, Robert Parker, Brittney Pepper, Max Spencer, Angela Stribling.

STAFF:

Amanda Settelmaier, Natalie Merola

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:44

Motion to approve minutes and treasurers report from May, June, July, Aug 2025 – Motion by Max, moved by Linda, 2nd Matt ,all in favor

Old Business: -

New Business:

Concurring Resolutions: Act 152

Demolition, Storm Damage, North Braddock - \$60,000 - Motion by John, moved by Matt, 2nd Rob, all in favor

Concurring Resolutions:GEDTF

- Holiday Park Phase 4.5, Plum Boro - \$236,640
- Quarry Field Safety Improvements, East Pittsburgh - \$499,873
- Street Improvements, North Braddock - \$315,000
- Street Reconstruction, Wall Borough - \$426,252
- Tall Trees Amphitheater Lighting & ADA, Monroeville - \$150,000
- Borough Wide Demolition, Swissvale - \$160,000
- Demolition, Wilkins Township - \$495,900
- Raymond Street Reconstruction, Swissvale - \$175,000
- TCVCOG CodeNforce Database Enhancements, TCVCOG - \$160,000
- Street Reconstruction, Wilmerding - \$448,218
- PA DEP Storm Sewer Separation, Turtle Creek - \$445,650
- PA DEP Storm Sewer Separation, Braddock - \$374,400
- 14th Street Park Improvements, Pitcairn - \$187,150
- Community Center Improvements, Phase 2, East McKeesport - \$267,168
- Street Reconstruction, Turtle Creek - \$279,510
- DPW Vehicles & Equipment, Rankin - \$204,200

- Motion by Max, moved by Linda, 2nd Angela, all in favor

Nominating Committee: Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer – Please let Amanda know if you interested in joining.

Motion to approve: 2024 Audit – No Findings Motion by Linda, moved by Rob, 2nd Juanita, all in favor

Motion to enter into an agreement with Acrisure for Actuarial services related to the TCVOG pension plan set-up (\$3,500) and annual maintenance (\$825). Motion by Rob, moved by Max, 2nd Juanita, all in favor

Motion to accept the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO): \$60,170 Motion by Rob, moved by Max, 2nd Juanita, all in favor

Motion to appoint John Hedeem as an alternate to the UCC Appeals Board Motion by Max, moved by Rob, 2nd Juanita, all in favor

Motion to re-appoint Dave Gilliland to the UCC Appeals Board Motion by Max, moved by Rob, 2nd Juanita, all in favor

Motion to approve the 2026 Vector Budget Motion by Rob, moved by Juanita, 2nd Max, all in favor

TCVOG By-Laws – Is it time to update? Amanda will circulate a copy to board members for review and comments

Directors Report,

- **Grant Update &** Amanda discussed the Reconnecting Communities Grant it was previously cancelled and it now reinstated. Amanda will share more info as it comes available.
- Amanda reviewed the directors report
- **Utility Billing,** Natalie discussed our new accounts and new proposals. Please keep us in mind when it's time to think about billing. We are exploring the benefit in the relationship between CodeNForce and delinquent utility billing accounts the TCVOG collects and sharing collective data with Code enforcement officers.
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- **On the Road:** Please let us know if we can engage with your council at a meeting.
- **Financial Software :** We have spent a great deal of time finding the correct fit for accounts payable service as well as inhouse. There will be some changes but enhanced services offered when we update to a new program, strong possibility of QuickBooks.
- **Codenforce:** We have presented the system to Latrobe and they have demonstrated a strong interest. The group discussed the benefit in using the system. Natalie and Amanda will be presenting at the Alle Kiski Intergovernmental Council in October as well as PACOG annual conference. Codenforce was mentioned in the Alle Kiski blight study.

- **Switch Together Program**, Amanda discussed the program, please let her know if you have any questions. We have had some calls from residents to confirm validity and more interest.
- **Fire Code Appeal**, Clyde Wilhelm from Swissvale Borough approached the TCVCOG regarding creation of a Fire Code Appeal Board. Amanda has circulated messages to gauge level of interest from the managers.
- **Disaster Preparedness**: After the last severe storm Michelle McAndrew, Seth Abrams, and Rebecca Vargo all worked together to host an event at Monroeville Convention center with the Red Cross to find solutions for residents who are not prepared.
- **Vactor**: After Board approval the 2026 budget will allow for a decrease in price to use the service. The board members were pleased to hear this and all agreed this is a benefit to working together through the TCVCOG.
- **PACOG: Annual Conference**, all are welcome please see the agenda for workshop details.
- **CDBG and Demo Grant applications** are due by Oct 24th this gives us enough time to review and improve apps before the deadline. Amanda also discussed what the types of grants were.
- A list of meetings the staff participated in through the summer was circulated.
- Matt and all Board Members recognized all the TCVCOG staff for the effort put in to make the office move a success.

Open Forum

- Juanita announced there is a Oktoberfest Oct 5th North Braddock 12-5pm.
- Chad discussed East Boroughs Fire Discussions, the group will discuss initiative's for improvement the next meeting is Oct 13 @ Wilkins VFD#3 please encourage chiefs to participate.

Motion to Adjourn 7:33— Motion by Max, moved by Rob, 2nd Linda, all in favor