

**TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
**BOARD MEETING – Virtual/TCVCOG**  
**October 23, 2025**  
**6:30 pm**

**VOTING DELEGATES:**

Chad Hoover, Matt Castiglia, John Eikert, Ben Love, Angelo Baiocchi, Joe Hyzy, Juanita Giles, Angela Stribling, Brittney Pepper, Renee Haynes-Johnson, Linda Atkins, Joseph Hartzell.

**STAFF:**

Amanda Settelmaier, Molly Valentine.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:34**

**Motion to approve minutes from September 2025**

- Motion by Joe Hyzy seconded by Joe Hartzell to approve the September 2025 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to approve Treasurer's Report from September 2025**

- Motion by John Eikert seconded by Joe Hyzy to approve the September 2025 Treasurer's Report. Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- A. Executive Board Nominations update – Current Executive board members, Chad Hoover, Joe Hyzy & Matt Castiglia, are willing to continue their posts should they be elected. Max Spencer is still considering.
- B. TCVCOG By-Laws – Amanda has been in contact with the LGA to discuss the possibility of an educational class that all area COG's could participate in to learn about best practices regarding our by-laws.

**New Business:**

- A. Bid approvals:
  - Motion by Matt Castiglia seconded by Joe Hyzy to approve bid opening results for the following project: 2023-BRP-011, Demolition, North Braddock. Low bidder, Minniefield Demolition Services - \$62,000. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Motion by Renee Haynes-Johnson seconded by John Eikert to approve bid opening results for the following project: 2023-BRP-028, Demolition – 1718 Murdough St, North Braddock. Low bidder, Minniefield Demolition Services - \$12,000. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Motion by Joe Hyzy seconded by Juanita Giles to approve bid opening results for the following project: 2024-BRP-018, Emergency Demolition, Storm Damaged Properties, North Braddock. Low bidder, Minniefield Demolition Services - \$42,000. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Motion by Juanita Giles seconded by Angela Stribling to approve bid opening results for the following project: 2024-GEDTF-057, Demolition, Wall Borough. Low bidder, DJ Demolition - \$37,000. Motion passed unanimously.

- Motion by Renee Haynes-Johnson seconded by Brittney Pepper to approve bid opening results for the following project: CD 49-3.11.10, Demolition, North Braddock. Low bidder, DJ Demolition - \$50,200. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by John Eikert seconded by Matt Castiglia to approve bid opening results for the following project: CD 49-3.11.11, Demolition, East McKeesport. Low bidder, Minniefield Demolition Services - \$11,000. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Grant Update: Molly provided update regarding current grant applications for Demolition & CDBG. Demolition applications are due into the County by 10/31 and CDBG applications are due into the County by 12/1. Delegates were asked to encourage their Borough Managers & Engineers to get their applications into the COG asap. It is our goal to have all CDBG applications submitted to the County prior to Thanksgiving.
- C. Nominating Committee: Chair, Vice Chair & Treasurer are needed. Anyone who would like to volunteer to serve on this committee is urged to let Amanda know as soon as possible.

#### **Directors' Report**

- Amanda provided dates for upcoming events: December 18<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Dinner meeting, location TBD & February 26<sup>th</sup>, TCVCOG Annual Dinner @ Edgewood Country Club.
- Amanda has applied for an ARC grant
- Amanda provided info from the Clean Tech Roundtable she attended
- Amanda provided an update on the PACOG
- We have submitted utility billing proposals to Churchill for sewage billing & Latrobe for refuse & stormwater.
- Overview of Municipal Shared Finance Service
- Amanda has been attending our Town's counsel meetings. Please let her know if you would like her to attend.
- Latrobe Counsel has approved the use of CodeNforce, our first Westmoreland County community.
- Amanda attended the Life Without Lead Summit
- Discussed the Switch Together program(group buying for solar)
- Amanda discussed a possible disaster preparedness event for residents.

#### **Open Forum**

- Amanda mentioned that our Reconnecting Communities grant is on hold due to the government shutdown.

Motion to adjourn by Renee Haynes-Johnson seconded by Matt Castiglia. Motion passed unanimously.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:16.