

**TURTLE CREEK VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - HYBRID
JANUARY 22, 2026
6:30 pm**

VOTING DELEGATES: Linda Atkins, Matt Castiglia, Juanita Giles, Barbara Grabowski, Joe Hartzell, Scott Howard, Chad Hoover, Joe Hyzy, Ben Love, Joelisa McDonald, Brittney Pepper, and Max Spencer

STAFF:

Amanda Settelmaier, Natalie Merola, Molly Valentine

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:38

Motion to approve minutes from December 2025

- Motion by Joe Hartzell seconded by Max Spencer to approve the December 2025 Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report from December 2025

- Motion by Joe Hartzell seconded by Max Spencer to approve Treasurer's report from December 2025. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker

- John Myler from PennDOT spoke about the Commercial Street Bridge Project. The project overview consisted of parkway closure dates, posted detours and project timeline & milestones. He also provided information regarding outreach to individual communities affected by the detours & closures as well as contact information for those who would like to schedule something for their specific community. All information will be available on our website.

New Business:

- **Election of officers** – Motion by Matt Castiglia seconded by Joe Hartzell to approve the election of Executive Officers, Chad Hoover (Chair), Max Spencer (Vice-Chair) & Joseph Hyzy (Treasurer) to the TCVCOG Board. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Juanita Giles seconded by Max Spencer to approve hosting the TCVCOG Hospitality Suite at the ALOM Spring Conference. Motion passed unanimously.
- Motion by Max Spencer seconded by Joe Hyzy to work with the TCVCOG Executive Board to switch banks if appropriate. Motion passed unanimously.

Summary of the Directors Report:

- Amanda invited newly elected officials to meet with the COG to discuss what the COG does for our members and specifically their towns if they would like.

- Natalie provided an update on utility billing collections. We have collected \$6 million and have added East McKeesport Refuse & Churchill Stormwater as new accounts
- Amanda informed attendees that we have switch to Accufund accounting software and explained the added benefit to our communities.
- Amanda explained the ALIGN Initiative which coordinates across sectors for clean tech & green projects. Discusses things like what is needed in our communities to be attractive to businesses looking into moving in to our region such as housing, childcare, etc.
- The TCVCOG is presenting at ALOM regarding Code Enforcement. Amanda asked what topics regarding code enforcement would entice attendees to attend the presentation. Some ideas were what lack of code enforcement in our communities can lead to, such as blight, fires, safety hazards that can result in loss of life. What options are available to communities to regulate short term rentals & air b&bs. How can people get involved and become code enforcement officers.
- Amanda informed Council that she will have suggested revisions to our by-laws by our March meeting.

Open Forum

- Matt Castiglia suggested with the incoming weather that if people encounter any issues to start locally by notifying you municipality and to make sure those at the municipality know who their contacts are at the County & State level.
- Chad Hoover encouraged Council to have their fire chiefs attend the monthly East Borough's Chiefs meetings.

Motion to adjourn by Max Spencer seconded by Joe Hartzell. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.