

Council Meeting Minutes June 21, 2022

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, virtually and at 7101 Church Avenue for the purpose of transacting General Business. President Richard Wagner presided and opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

<u>Council Members Present:</u> Richard Wagner, Russell Kuehner, Ken Opipery, Kara Roggenkamp, Jim Thornton, Tavia Washington

Council Members Absent: Jennifer Bett

Others Present: Mayor Melanie Hughes-Holcomb, Solicitor Weston Pesillo, Ohio Township Police Chief Joe Hanny, Emsworth Fire Company Chief Jim Kohl, JPC Representatives Catherine Houska and Christen Cieslak

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - There was no public participation

BOROUGH REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Holcomb reported she and Councilman Thornton meet with the Jaillet family with plans to install a marker in Avon Park as a memorial for Jake Jaillet.

Mayor Holcomb issued a proclamation recognizing National Gun Violence Awareness month in June and attended two gun-violence awareness events – one of which recognized Jake Jaillet in their memorials of the past year. Councilman Thornton as well as several residents were in attendance.

The mayor also reported she attended the Pittsburgh Pride event along with several residents. She wrote to our State Representatives re House Bill 606 to give municipal police the means to use radar devices. This legislation has been sitting in the House Appropriations Committee awaiting a third consideration for fourteen months per the PA State Mayor's Association.

Ohio Township Police Report – See Attachment "A"

Chief Hanny reported nothing out of the ordinary this month. OTP held a DUI checkpoint recently which netted 4-5 arrests.

Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company Report – See Attachment "B"

Chief Kohl referenced the monthly report and he had nothing further to add.

<u>Solicitor's Report</u> – Executive Session requested to discuss litigation

Mr. Pesillo reported a Resolution was drafted to facilitate the bank change and will be presented for vote this evening.

Joint Planning Commission – See attachment "C"

Ms. Cieslak discussed the ordinances that are in the process of being updated, and an additional review was requested.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

May 17, 2022, Council Meeting

<u>Motion:</u> Ms. Washington; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Kuehner; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022, council meeting as presented.

June 7, 2022, Work Session Meeting

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Ms. Roggenkamp; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022, work session.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Revenue & Expense Report

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Kuehner.; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve the financial statement for May.

Accounts Payable

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Ms. Roggenkamp; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$121,028.99.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Report

Mayor Holcomb reported a meeting of the Administration Committee is scheduled for next week.

<u>Public Affairs & Communications</u> – No report given

Public Safety – See Attachment "D"

Mr. Wagner reviewed the report submitted by Harshman CE Group.

Public Works

Mr. Opipery reported that Dale Regrut is still out on sick leave but keeping an eye on things remotely. Mr. Wagner mentioned the trash collected during the recent park clean-up project was bagged and placed at the main trash location. Waste Management was then notified for pick-up.

Community of Governments - See Attachment "E"

Ms. Washington reviewed the report submitted by the Executive Director, QV COG.

<u>Motion:</u> Ms. Washington; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Thornton; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve Resolution 2022-07 Glass Recycling Support.

<u>Sustainability</u> – No report given

Special Projects

<u>Building Committee</u> – Ms. Cieslak reported that the Borough has received approval by Allegheny County to move forward with the bid process for windows and roof. More detailed drawings are in process. No word on the elevator grant which may be tied to the new, unapproved PA budget.

<u>Avon Park</u> – Mr. Wagner stated the Eagle Scout project in the park is complete. All the erosion control plastic was successfully removed, trails were cleared, two benches and bridge were repaired. A full report will be provided in July.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2022-08 - Depository of Record

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Mrs. Roggenkamp; <u>Motion carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve Resolution 2022-08 and change the Borough depository to Dollar Bank.

OLD BUSINESS

Verizon Cell Tower

Mr. Wagner reported that representatives stated they were doing photo captures of the sites and developing mock-ups. No further information was available currently.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - pending litigation

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Ms. Washington; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss pending potential litigation.

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Kuehner; <u>Motion Carried</u> by voice vote to return to regular session at 8:44 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery.; <u>Second:</u> Ms. Washington.; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Patisch
Borough Secretary

ATTACHMENT A	
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OHIO TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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BEN AVON PATROLS FOR

May 2022



BA-1 189

BA-2 187

BA-3 208

BA-4 185

TOTAL 769

6/17/2022

Call Service Report Grouped by Ucrcodes OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE 5/01/2022 THROUGH 5/31/2022 For Municipality: 05

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CODE	MAY COUNT	YTD COUNT
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	4	9
0503 - ALARM - BUSINESS	1	4
0614 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0615)	0	1
0624 - THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0625)	0	1
0644 - THEFT-ATTEMPTED-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0645)	0	3
1100 - FRAUD	0	2
1190 - FRAUD-ALL OTHER (FLIM FLAM, CONFIDENCE	1	1
1430 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - PUBLIC BUILDINGS	0	1
1841 NARCOTICS-USE-MORPHINE, HEROIN, CODIENEC	0	1
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	0	1
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	0	2
2122 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE - DRUGS-IMPAIRED	1	1
2300 - PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	0	1
2400 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT	1	2
2440 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT-DISTURBING THE PEACE	1	1
2450 - HARASSMENT	0	2
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	1	3
2633 - DUMPING	0	1
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	0	8
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	0	1
2656 - THREATS	1	1
2720 - DOG LAW (1ST OFF. & STATE CIT)	0	1
2811 - CURFEW LAW (JUVENILE) - MALE	1	1
2811 - CURFEW LAW (JUVENILE) - FEMALE	1	1
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	0	5
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	0	2
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	2	7
3800 - SERVICE CALL-MISCELLANEOUS	1	1
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	1	7
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUND)	1	4
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	0	2
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	16
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	0	5
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	4	26
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED 3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	3	15
	0	2
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS 4010 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES	4	17
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	0	1
4016 - PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS	1	5
4020 - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	0	1
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2	6
	3	5
4024 - WATER LEAKS, MAINS, ETC. 4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	0	4
4027 - TREES DOWN	2	5
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	2	6
5002 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ANIMAL	0	2
5004 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	1	1
5006 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ANIMAL	0	1
5008 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	0	3
	0	1

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CODE	MAY COUNT	YTD COUNT
5504 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - DOG BITES	0	1
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	1	4
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	4	5
6004 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMA	0	1
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLING INJURY	0	1
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	1	5
6312 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT - WARNINGS	0	2
6390 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT-REPORTS	1	1
6602 - TRAFFIC RELATED-IMPOUNDED VEHICLE	0	1
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED -ABANDONED VEHICLE	2	3
6610 - TRAFFIC RELATED - MOTORIST AID	0	3
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	3	12
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	3	5
7016 - FOLLOW UP INFORMATION	0	3
7090 - PUBLIC SERVICES-REPORTS	0	1
7094 - FOOT PATROL	2	7
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	0	5
9002 - ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	0	1
9008 - ADMINISTRATIVE - CLERICAL	1	3
911 - 911-HANG UP	0	2
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	6	36
CITW - WARNING	3	17
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	2	9
WARR - WARRANT	0	1
	69	330

ATTACHMENT B



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Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company

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Incident Type(s): All Incident Types I Start Date: 05/01/2022 I End Date: 05/31/2022



Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
05/01/2022	2022-109	220030010	45 North Balph Ave	Stove fire fire was out when PD got on scene holding to 108 Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/04/2022	2022-110	220030971	289 Dawson Ave	Caller reporting a boat floating with two girls on it We did not find any boats on the river Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/04/2022	2022-111	220031051	142 Center Ave	Accident car ran into a park car 148 C-1 on scene no need for fire only PD Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/04/2022	2022-112		519 Dawson Ave	Possible fire 108 on scene with bad cook holding to 108 Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/04/2022	2022-113	220031016	120 North Ave	Helped EMS with a lift assist Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/05/2022	2022-114	220031160	570 Lincoln AVE	Natural gas smell inside the building Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/05/2022	2022-115	220031122	25 S. Starr Ave	Small kitchen fire helped with ventilation Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/06/2022	2022-116	220031633	I-79 north	two car accident at the construction split Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/09/2022	2022-117	220032365	8325 O.R.B.	Accident with inj. Motorcycle hit a dog that was on the road one male was taken to AGH Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/10/2022	2022-118	220032546	755 Chestnut Rd	Car fire 10' away from a house 258 C-1 on scene holding to the first two trucks Edgeworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/11/2022	2022-119	220032947	50 Farragut Ave	pallets on fire inside the building Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/12/2022	2022-120	220033200	315 Camp Horne RD	two car accident helped with clean up and traffic control Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/13/2022	2022-121	220033509	248 Alder drive	wires down and pole on fire blocked road way off and called for DCL. Ben avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/14/2022	2022-122	220033749	317 S. Home Ave	Fire alarm due to bad smoke head Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/14/2022	2022-123	220033619	145 Washington Ave	Fire alarm house owner called in no need for fire Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/15/2022	2022-124	220034024	79 North	2 car accident helped with clean up and traffic Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/16/2022	2022-125	220034295	O.R.B.	tree down on the road helped with cutting the tree up Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/16/2022	2022-126	220034332	125 Dalzell Ave	C.o. Alarm with no symptoms 148 C1 on scene no need for fire Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/18/2022	2022-127	220034855	171 Dickson Ave	Fire alarm due to shower steam Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/19/2022	2022-128	220034956	317 S. Home Ave	Fire Alarm due to people working Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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05/19/2022	2022-129	220034993	317 S. Home AVe	Fire alarm Dispatched and cancelled Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/20/2022	2022-130	220035293	629 Means Ave	House Fire called for man power Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/20/2022	2022-131	220035247	201 Lincoln Ave	Fire Alarm Dispatched and Cancelled Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/20/2022	2022-132	220035319	925 California Ave	Fire Alarm nothing found rest the alarm Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/20/2022	2022-133	220035393	923 California Ave	Fire Alarm due to bad cook Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/20/2022	2022-134	220035488	7312 Church Ave	Gas odor outside 148-C1 on scene with small odor of gas. Gas company was called to check Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/21/2022	2022-135	220035805	183 Independence Way	Fire Alarm due to something wrong with the alarm system told home owner to get it fixed Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/24/2022	2022-136	220036448	250 Greenwood Ave	Gas line hit by workers outside of the house. Gas company was already on the scene Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/25/2022	2022-137	220036857	648 N. Birningham Ave	Natural Gas inside the house heled with venting the house and called for the gas company Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/27/2022	2022-138	220037383	300 Union ave	Fire Alarm dispatched and cancelled Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/30/2022	2022-139	220037948	221 Alder dr	Gas stove on fire nothing else in the house damaged turned the gas off to the stove. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/30/2022	2022-140	220038089	509 Florence Ave	Smell of gas in inside the house Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/31/2022	2022-141	220038383	214 Bryson Ave	Transformer fire 148-C1 on scene called for DLC. No need for fire to be on scene C1 and PD put cones around the pole Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
05/31/2022	2022-142	220038396	111 Washington Way	Poss. Fire 220- C2 on scene with nothing showing holding to 220 Ohio TWP.	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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ATTACHMENT C

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Joint Planning Commission

JPC REGULAR MEETING

7 PM Monday, April 25, 2022, Avalon Borough 640 California Avenue, Avalon PA 15202 (Zoom for those who have contacted the chair in advance and cannot attend in person)

Leadership and Representatives

Avalon: Michael Kurela, David Haslett, Brigitte Jackson

Bellevue: Catherine Tulley (Vice Chair 2021), Justin Greenawalt, Dameon Holmes
Ben Avon: Catherine Houska (Chair 2021), Christen Cieslak (Secretary 2021), Mary Smith

Solicitor: Kerry Fraas

Minutes: Called to order 7:05 PM

1) Roll call

- a) Representatives
 - i) Present: Greenawalt, Kurela (Zoom), Houska (Zoom), Cieslak, Smith, Tulley
 - ii) Absent: Jackson, Haslett, Holmes
- b) Solicitor: Fraas Present
- c) Visitors: Justin Martin, Avalon resident

2) Public Questions and Comments: none

3) Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- a) Agenda: Catherine T made motion to approve. Mary 2nd. 6 Approve, 0 Abstain, No objections
- Minutes: Chris made motion to approve March 28, 2022 minutes. Justin 2nd. 6 approve, 0 Abstain, No objections
- 4) Communications and invoices: no discussion
- 5) Officer's Reports
 - a) Chairman's Report C. Houska
 - b) Vice Chairman's Report C. Tulley,
 - i) Brief discussion about desire for a JPC website to be hosted by one of the Boroughs. Purpose will be to make available to public comprehensive plan, municipal planning resources, forms for requesting JPC review, annual reports, agendas and minutes. Chris will re-engage Ben Avon.
 - c) Secretary's Report C. Cieslak
 - i) Nothing to report
 - d) Solicitor's Report K. Fraas: no update
 - e) Borough Updates
 - i) Avalon: no update
 - ii) Bellevue: Catherine T reported that Dameon obtained draft cell tower ordinance for IPC review
 - Ben Avon: Catherine H reported that Ben Avon's Zoning Hearing Board was reviewing some ordinances which may overlap with JPC jurisdiction and she will coordinate effort.
- 6) Old Business

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- a) Popeye's Development there appears to be misunderstanding regarding JPC role in reviewing SALDO applications. Kerry will review requirements with Bellevue solicitor and report back.
- b) Updating Joint Zoning Ordinance eCode 360 quote from Michael Peter Tulley is working to arrange a meeting with JPC/boroughs/eCode representatives to have an in-depth discussion about the two options. Michael to convene his team's availability by end of the week.
- c) Fence ordinances Cieslak revised the fence ordinance to correct errors identified during March meeting. Tulley reported that Bellevue Manager (Cindy) and Council President (Jodi Cerminara) did not receive drafts of ordinances for review that were circulated fall 2021. Chris suggested re-circulating latest draft of fence ordinance (plus signage and tavern) to all Boroughs for concurrent review. Houska said they should be accompanied by response to Ben Avon, Avalon and County comments. Tulley suggested that materials should be circulated via personal email account in case triboroughsjpc.com email is getting blocked by spam filter. All agreed. Chris will handle.
- New Business Mary Smith inquired about parking lot improvement and temporary fence at corner of Breading/Church. Chris will ask Ben Avon Council about it.
- 8) Adjournment: 7:29 PM. All present approved.

MEETING CALENDAR:

or to request Zoom link.

7pm at Avalon or Ben Avon Municipal Building as noted below Future dates 2022:

Avalon Borough Hall: May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24 Ben Avon Borough Hall: November 14, December 12

Note: Underlined dates are exceptions to the "fourth Monday" schedule

Attendance at meetings is required to be in person. Please contact Catherine Houska for excused absences

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ATTACHMENT D



June 14, 2022

Ben Avon Council Ben Avon Borough 7101 Church Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15202

Subject: Monthly Report

Code Enforcement, Zoning, and Building Code

Dear Council,

The following are updates on action items since the previous Council meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

NEW INVESTIGATIONS:

225 Park Avenue - Trash

Property was inspected for an accumulation of rubbish and insufficient containers. Notice received on 05.31.22 allowing for 10 days remediation. Property to be reinspected on 06.15.22.

7219 Perrysville Avenue - Grass

Property was inspected for overgrown grass. Notice sent on 05.27.22 allowing for 10 days remediation. Property was posted on 06.01.22. Property to be reinspected on 06.15.22.

11 Laurel Village - Grass

Property was inspected for overgrown grass. Notice received on 06.07.22 allowing for 10 days remediation. Property to be reinspected after 06.17.22.

ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS/CITATIONS:

6718 Brighton Road - Tree

Property was inspected for a tree that appears to be a threat to public safety. Notice received on 05.06.22 allowing for 10 days remediation. Property owner contacted the Borough and Code Enforcement with messages about an extension. No formal request has been made.

06.14.22 Tree was removed on 06.04.22 Item to be closed.

Engineering & Surveying 100 Courson Hill Road

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Codes & Zoning 2455 Park Ave Washington, PA 15301 T: 724-993-4505

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7119 Church Avenue - Fence

Property was inspected for a possible fence without a permit. Notice of violation was sent on 05.13.22 allowing for 10 days remediation. Property owner to provide approval for fence, remove if "temporary" or apply for a permit.

06.14.22 Property owner applied for a permit for the fence. The application was denied due to the height of the fence.

Tallied new complaints investigated are as follows:

- Structures 0
- Trash / Rubbish / Junk 1
- Grass / Trees 2
- Other 0

MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS

No hearings this month.

RENTAL INSPECTIONS

PASS

1. None

FAIL

1. None

BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS

Building Permits

- 1. 6913 Merton Road Deck
- 2. 7311 Terrace Ave Swimming Pool

Zoning Permits

1. Zoning review for Building Permits.

Please contact our office at any time with questions.

Jarrod D'Amico, BCO Director of Codes and Zoning Randy McCray, CZO Code & Zoning Technician

Randy & McCray

cc: File 19.159

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ATTACHMENT E

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Executive Director's Report - June 2022

Second Glass Recycling Center Opens – On Saturday, May 28th the QVCOG opened its second glass recycling drop off site. Residents within participating member communities are invited to use the additional site located in Avalon Borough (629 New Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15202). The Rules and Regulations remain the same as for the glass dumpster within Sewickley Borough's Riverfront Park. For more information, please visit qvcog.org.

Shared Glass Recycling Resolution – In order to ensure the financial sustainability of the shared glass recycling program, the QVCOG Board of Delegates has approved a cost sharing model (based on a community's population as of the 2020 Census) as well as a resolution which is to be approved by participating municipalities. Any additional costs (i.e. increased shipping costs, unanticipated dumpster pulls, etc.) will be absorbed by the QVCOG and its joint recycling fund. Member communities are asked to approve the prepared resolution which has been provided to QVCOG Delegates as well as all managers/secretaries. Once approved, each community will be billed on a quarterly basis based upon their designated rate (based on population). For any questions, please contact Executive Director Conners.

Cyber Security Training – In an effort to provide a proactive solution for an increasingly important workplace environment, the QVCOG has purchased access for a Cyber-Security webinar that will be hosted by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs which will take place on June 15, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Attendees will learn how to spot fraudulent emails, links, or texts and how to recover from a ransomware attack as well as what insurance policies will and won't cover. All member communities are encouraged to take advantage of this free webinar. Those who are interested in attending the webinar are asked to request the login credentials via email (pconners@qvcog.org). A recording of the webinar will also be available upon request.

Welcome Ms. Anna Richard – On June 1st Ms. Anna Richard of W & J College began her journey with the QVCOG. Anna will be working to increase engagement, both in-person and virtually, with member communities. Additionally, she will be assisting in the promotion of existing QVCOG programs and services. Anna's "capstone" project will include an internal organizational analysis as well as a list of recommendations for future programs and infinitives based upon an evaluation of other regional COGs and feedback from member communities.

Route 65 Committee Meeting – On June (date) at (time) the Route 65 Committee will be meeting at (location) to continue the discussion concerning the initial findings of the Route 65 Study as well as next steps, including the formation of an Intergovernmental Collaboration Agreement and the push towards a more comprehensive Master Plan to implement selected findings of the initial study.

PRC Hard to Recycle Event – On July 23rd the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) will be hosting a hard to recycle event at the Quaker Valley High School (625 Beaver St. Leetsdale, PA 15056). The event will take place between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. PRC's Hard to Recycle Collection events are registration based and timeslots are limited. Participants may drop off items such as cell/home phones, computer towers, and peripheral equipment (keyboards, laptops, mice, etc.) free of charge. For a fee, individuals can drop off televisions and computer monitors, printers, fluorescent tubes, small Freon appliances and tires (with and without rims). The fee schedule and registration information can be found by visiting prc.org.

Website Renovation – The QVCOG's website has undergone several enhancements in an attempt to improve accessibility and increase effectiveness. These renovations can be found on the front page of https://QVCOG.org and include a section highlighting events in the QVCOG's member communities, an upcoming events section, a gallery of photos, and an interactive calendar. These updates allow for increased awareness of what events and projects are occurring in the QVCOG. Members of the COG are encouraged to send in any upcoming events to be highlighted on the website. Notices of events can be emailed to pconners@qvcog.org

Aleppo Township, Avalon Borough, Bell Acres Borough, Bellevue Borough, Ben Avon Borough, Edgeworth Borough, Emsworth Borough, Glenfield Borough, Glen Osborne Borough, Haysville Borough, Kilbuck Township, Leet Township, Leetsdale Borough, Sewickley Borough, Sewickley Heights Borough