



Borough of Ben Avon

Council Meeting

Minutes

November 15, 2022

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, virtually and at 7101 Church Avenue for the purpose of transacting General Business. President Richard Wagner presided and opened the meeting at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Richard Wagner, Jennifer Bett, Russell Kuehner, Ken Opiery, Kara Roggenkamp, Jim Thornton, Tavia Washington

Others Present: Mayor Melanie Hughes-Holcomb, Solicitor Weston Pesillo, Emsworth Fire Company Chief Jim Kohl, JPC Representative Mary Smith, Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

PRESENTATION

SmartLink Group – Joe Cortese/David Farquar

Mr. Cortese spoke to those present about Verizon's desire to place a 5G cell tower in the Borough and to answer the questions of the Council and residents. The proposed tower would resemble a flagpole approximately 90 ft. in height.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jesse Colaizzi, 7220 Church Avenue

Mr. Colaizzi said he found plenty of service and little problem connecting. He would like more details concerning the placement of a tower.

Dominika Brown, 7428 Perrysville Avenue

Ms. Brown asked about the tower's 4G or 5G capabilities. She asked about benefits other than those described for improved service. She also asked about any energy that would be emitted. When asked about the timeframe, Mr. Cortese replied they were looking to build in the next few months.

Tom Pappalardo, 7438 Perrysville Avenue

Mr. Pappalardo expressed his concern about the aesthetics of the tower in the historic town. He also asked what the zoning would allow. He questioned if the service wouldn't be better served if the tower was placed on a higher point in the area. Mr. Cortese stated they preferred the service to be closer to the end users.

Henry Casale, 7423 Church Avenue

Mr. Casale was a former council member and wanted to remind the residents that the council is made up of volunteers and trusts them. He stated that even if a variance is applied for, it is no guarantee that it will be given.

Mr. Michael Bett, 221 Ridge Avenue

Mr. Bett read a statement referencing the cited capacity problems but felt there was no data to support that claim. Mr. Cortese said that could be supplied. Mr. Bett felt that there were some concerns about health issues such as cancer and felt that the risks and claims of increased capacity would not enrich the lives of the residents.

Mr. Daniel Hoey, 7505 Brighton Road

Mr. Hoey stated he would not like the tower in his neighborhood.

McKenna Maylin, 7225 Brighton Road

Ms. Maylin asked about micro sites vs the tower. Mr. Cortese stated there would need to be many more of those sites, and the Borough would get no lease money from them. Ms. McKenna also requested that any data available from Verizon be put on the website.

Mr. Rob Grentz, 248 Alder Drive

Mr. Grentz asked if it is built on the suggested site, what would that mean for the former firehouse? Mr. Cortese stated the revenue would transfer with the sale.

Mr. Paul Gregor, Breeding Avenue

Mr. Gregor asked for a timeline to consider. Mr. Wagner said there was no timeline as no proposal has been submitted.

Lisa Bisnette, 248 Hilands Avenue

Ms. Bisnette asked several questions on buffering, and location and requested more concrete data.

Mike Cozza, 7409 Perrysville Avenue

Mr. Cozza stated that no other options were presented and was concerned about an eyesore. He also noted that Verizon was wanting to solve a problem that did not exist. He felt the project was not of good value.

Barb Zerbee, 229 Hilands Avenue

Ms. Zerbee asked if the Bellevue and Avalon towers addresses could be provided.

Bill Bossong, 6831 Prospect Avenue

Mr. Bossong asked if this tower is approved, can Verizon use it to expand? Mr. Cortese stated they could, however it would just mean an equipment change, not changing the tower physically.

Patty Hugney, 323 Forest Avenue

Ms. Hugney asked that in a small community such as Ben Avon, how is placing the tower close to residents necessary? Mr. Cortese stated the current network is stressed with more people on the internet and fewer landlines in homes.

Mr. John Goodheart, 6616 Virginia Avenue

Mr. Goodheart asked about the signal strength and noted the height of the tower may be a detriment.

Maureen Roman, 6907 Prospect Avenue

As there does not seem to be a need in the Borough, Ms. Roman suggested that Ben Avon was solving an issue for the neighboring municipalities.

ADJOURN FOR BREAK

Motion: Mr. Pipery; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion Carried** to adjourn for a break and to move the meeting room at 8:24 p.m.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion: Mr. Pipery; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion Carried** to return to the regular council meeting at 8:34 p.m.

BOROUGH REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Holcomb attended a recent meeting of the Hollow Oak Land Trust and Animal Friends pathway. She thanked the Ohio Township Police and the Emsworth Fire Department for their assistance with the Halloween festivities. In addition, she noted a special Halloween Trick or Treat was being planned on one of the Borough streets for a local child who was hospitalized on Halloween and unable to participate.

Ohio Township Police Report – See Attachment A

Mayor Holcomb stated there was nothing new or unusual to report for October.

Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company Report – See Attachment B

Chief Kohl noted an error on the report that has since been corrected. Following an incident at the local church, Mayor Holcomb stated she would see the value in pursuing knock boxes as discussed at a previous meeting.

Chief Kohl stated that the fire company will be escorting Santa in the Boroughs on December 10. Schedule to be provided at a later date.

Solicitor's Report –

Solicitor Pesillo stated there was no report, however he requested an executive session to discuss a contract matter.

Joint Planning Commission – No report given, minutes in packet

Ms. Roggenkamp reported her attendance at the joint meeting for General Code. She said Ben Avon updates code and participating would be a duplication of effort and expense.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 18, 2022, Council Meeting

Motion: Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022, council meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Revenue & Expense Report

Motion: Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the financial statement for the month of October, 2022, as presented.

Accounts Payable

Motion: Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr.; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the Accounts Payable report and the paying of invoices in the amount of \$62,629.37.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Report

Ms. Bett reported that the committee is finalizing the fee schedule for 2023 and wants it on the December voting meeting agenda.

Ms. Bett presented a request by Jennifer Quigley to serve as a representative Ben Avon for Avonworth Park.

Motion: Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **Motion Carried** to approve Ms. Quigley's appointment to ACORD for a five-year term.

Public Affairs & Communications

Ms. Bett reported she is reaching out to other publishing sources to find a replacement for the *Citizen* in 2023. She also stated she is continuing to explore vendors to restructure and maintain the Borough website.

Mr. Wagner noted there will only be four work sessions in 2023 rather than holding them monthly as in the past few years. The monthly voting meetings will remain on the third Tuesday of each month.

Public Safety – See Attachment C

Mr. Wagner reported that code enforcement is currently working on several neighbor disputes. Ohio Township Police were involved in assisting. He noted that the rental inspections are slowly progressing.

Public Works

Mr. Pipery reported that any income from the rent at the warehouse/coffee shop is put back into the building's maintenance. Recently, the final phase of the rubber roof was completed.

Mr. Pipery also noted that Shane Scigliano recently completed his one-year probationary period in the Public Works Department.

Contractor Mele & Mele completed some repairs on several streets, and will address the sewer problem on Walnut, weather permitting.

Community of Governments – See Attachment D

Mr. Wagner reported on a recent meeting in Edgeworth with Waste Management present. While some municipalities had complaints, Ben Avon reported no issues and found WM (Waste Management) to be responsive when contacted with any issues.

Sustainability

Ms. Roggenkamp reported she attended several Connect webinars preparing municipalities for the proposed infrastructure bill.

Special Projects

Building Project

Mr. Wagner reported bids for Phase I are awarded. Mr. Pipery will work on the capital plan. The \$200,000 grant will cover most of the roof repairs and replacement, which is proposed to cost \$230,000.

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Budget

Mr. Pipery presented the 2023 budget and reviewed all changes compared to the 2022 spending plan.

Motion: Mr. Pipery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by voice vote to advertise the proposed 2023 Budget in the *Citizen*.

Ordinance 793 – 2023 Tax Rate

Motion: Mr. Pipery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to advertise the upcoming vote on Ordinance 793 setting the formula for the tax rate once the final assessed values are provided by Allegheny County in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance 792 – Updated Act 57

Motion: Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve Ordinance 792 – Updated Act 57 amending Chapter 24 of the Borough Code to require the Borough Tax Collector to waive charges for real estate taxes due to a failure to receive a tax notice when a property is purchased within the prior twelve months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – *to discuss pending litigation*

Motion: Ms. Roggenkamp; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:28 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

Motion: Mr. Pipery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by voice vote to return to regular session at 9:45 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Patch

Borough Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

11/09/2022

Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes
OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE
10/01/2022 THROUGH 10/31/2022
For Municipality: 05

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>OCT COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	1	13
0503 - ALARM - BUSINESS	0	7
0614 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0615)	0	2
0624 - THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0625)	0	1
0644 - THEFT-ATTEMPTED-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0645)	0	3
1100 - FRAUD	2	8
1150 - FRAUD - CREDIT CARDS, ATM	1	2
1190 - FRAUD-ALL OTHER(FLIM FLAM, CONFIDENCE	0	1
1410 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO AUTOMOBILES	0	1
1430 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - PUBLIC BUILDINGS	0	1
1440 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - ALL OTHER	1	1
1490 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - REPORTS	0	1
1531 - WEAPONS - POSSESSION - FIREARMS	0	1
1810 - DRUG VIOLATIONS	0	1
1841 - NARCOTICS-USE-MORPHINE, HEROIN, CODIENEC	0	1
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	0	2
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	0	3
2122 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE - DRUGS-IMPAIRED	0	1
2300 - PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	0	2
2400 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT	0	3
2440 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT-DISTURBING THE PEACE	0	4
2450 - HARASSMENT	0	3
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	0	8
2633 - DUMPING	0	1
2634 - FIRE CODE (ORDINANCE VIO.)	0	1
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	0	8
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	0	2
2656 - THREATS	0	1
2720 - DOG LAW (1ST OFF. & STATE CIT)	0	2
2810 - TWP ORD-ABANDONED VEH (INCLUDING STATE)	0	1
2811 - CURFEW LAW (JUVENILE) - MALE	1	2
2812 - CURFEW LAW (JUVENILE) - FEMALE	0	1
2910 - LOST/MISSING PROPERTY	0	1
3000 - FOUND/RECOVERED PROPERTY	2	2
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	1	6
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	0	5
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	1	12
3620 - DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHT,DISPUTES,ETC)	1	1
3800 - SERVICE CALL-MISCELLANEOUS	0	1
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	0	14
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUNDED)	0	6
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	0	3
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	16
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	1	10
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	6	66
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	2	24
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	0	4
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	1	27

11/09/2022

Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes

OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE
10/01/2022 THROUGH 10/31/2022
For Municipality: 05

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>OCT COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
4010 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES	0	1
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	0	6
4016 - PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS	0	1
4020 - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	1	15
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2	10
4024 - WATER LEAKS, MAINS, ETC.	0	10
4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	1	10
4027 - TREES DOWN	0	13
4090 - OTHER REPORTS	0	1
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	0	4
5002 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ANIMAL	1	2
5004 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	0	2
5006 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ANIMAL	0	4
5008 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	0	1
5014 - LOST & FOUND - MISSING ADULT FEMALES	0	2
5504 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - DOG BITES	0	1
5506 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	0	4
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	2	8
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	2	12
6004 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMA	1	2
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	1	3
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	2	16
6310 - TRAFFIC POST	0	1
6312 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT - WARNINGS	0	2
6390 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT-REPORTS	0	2
6602 - TRAFFIC RELATED-IMPOUNDED VEHICLE	0	2
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED -ABANDONED VEHICLE	0	4
6610 - TRAFFIC RELATED - MOTORIST AID	0	4
6612 - TRAFFIC RELATED-SIGNALS-SIGNS OUT	0	4
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	2	17
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	6	22
7016 - FOLLOW UP INFORMATION	0	4
7090 - PUBLIC SERVICES-REPORTS	2	4
7094 - FOOT PATROL	0	7
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	0	7
9002 - ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	0	1
9008 - ADMINISTRATIVE - CLERICAL	0	3
911 - 911-HANG UP	0	2
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	0	53
CITW - WARNING	0	32
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	1	12
WARR - WARRANT	0	1
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ATTACHMENT B

AT&T

6:35 PM

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Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company

Emsworth, PA

This report was generated on 11/7/2022 6:34:39 PM



Base: Incident only for Incident Type

Incident Types: All Incident Types | Start Date: 10/01/2022 | End Date: 10/31/2022

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
10/01/2022	2022-261	220072169	126 Fisk Ave	Fire alarm due to bad cooking. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/02/2022	2022-262	220072324	79 north	truck in to the wall helped with traffic control and clean up Aleppo	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/02/2022	2022-263	220072506	324 Plummer Ave	car into a pole with wires down. blocked the road and waiting for DQL Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/06/2022	2022-264	220073705	5900 Babcock Blvd	Apartment fire helped with searching the building and venting. ROSS	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/07/2022	2022-265	220073956	starr ave	Car hit a person. 108 on scene holding to 108 . Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/07/2022	2022-266	220074043	168 Washington Ave	Fire alarm. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/10/2022	2022-267	220074657	Wallistion	Accident into a fence. PD on scene no need for fire. Dispatched & Cancelled Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/10/2022	2022-268	22074724	347 Roosevelt RD	Brush fire. home owner called back fire is out no need for fire. 148 C-1 on scene fire is out fire can cancel Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/11/2022	2022-269	220074942	179 North	Accident helped with traffic and clean up Aleppo	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/12/2022	2022-270	220075477	440 Jefferson Ave	Smoke inside the building helped venting the building. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/14/2022	2022-271	220076107	65	Accident car into pole. helped with clean up and traffic Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/15/2022	2022-272	220076244	360 W. Riverview Ave	Deck on fire. Fire was out when FD showed up. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/19/2022	2022-273	220077208	Meston RD	Accident rollover. Dispatch & Cancelled Call was in Pittsburgh not Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/19/2022	2022-274	220077402	79 South	Tractor Trailer crashed into the hill side 220-C1 on scene holding to 101 & 220. Dispatched & Cancelled. Aleppo	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/19/2022	2022-275	220077449	327 S. Home Ave	Fire Alarm set off from a pull station. Dispatched & Cancelled Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/22/2022	2022-276	220078365	841 California Ave	Fire Alarm helped with searching the building. Nothing found Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/26/2022	2022-277	220079646	17 Oak St	Fire Alarm due to bad cooking. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/25/2022	2022-278	220079290	718 O.R.B.	Car accident Dispatched & Cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/26/2022	2022-279	220079555	179 SB	Truck and trailer roll over. 101 C-1 on scene holding to 101 for traffic control. Dispatched & Cancelled Aleppo	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/27/2022	2022-280	22079735	Kendalle Ave	Two car accident. Dispatched & Cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
10/28/2022	2022-281	220080173	213 Spring Ave	Natural Gas inside the house from the hot water heater. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/29/2022	2022-282	220080518	328 Meadow St	Tree and wires down blocked the road and waited for DQL. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
10/31/2022	2022-283	220080929	216 Jefferson Ave	Fire alarm Dispatched & Cancelled Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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November 10, 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:

7072 Woodland Ave - Fence

Property was inspected on 11.09.22 for a fence possible constructed without a permit.

ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS/CITATIONS:

221 Alder Drive – Property Maintenance

Property was inspected for property maintenance violations on 09.21.22. A notice of violation was sent on 09.23.22 allowing for 10 days remediation. Notice was received on 09.26.22.

Reinspection scheduled for 10.11.22

11.10.22 Property reinspected on 10.11.22; all violations remediated. Item to be closed.

243 Alder Drive – Property Maintenance

Property was inspected for property maintenance violations on 07.12.22. A notice of violation was sent on 07.18.22 allowing for 30 days remediation. Property posted on 08.29.22 allowing for 30-days remediation after certified notice returned to code enforcement.

11.10.22 A Citation was filed on 10.07.22. A Magisterial hearing is scheduled for 11.30.22.

Engineering & Surveying

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Codes & Zoning

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

Permits@HarshmanLLC.com

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. A Citation was filed on 07.13.22 for the open violations.

11.10.22 Citation remains open with the magistrate. Property was posted on 10.07.22 for possible rodents. Reinspection on 11.09.22 found that the grass had been remediated.

MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS

No hearings this month.

RENTAL INSPECTIONS**PASS**

1. 242 Berringer Place
2. 228 Hilands Ave

FAIL

1. None

BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS**BUILDING PERMITS**

1. 211 Breeding Ave – Renovations
2. 227 Dalzell Ave – Kitchen Reno

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
Lead Code Technician

cc: File 19.159



QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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Executive Director's Report – November 2022

Active Shooter Training – On November 21st and 22nd QVCOG police departments will be participating in a two-day comprehensive active shooter training course. The event will be facilitated by the Ohio Township Police Department and the SRT tactical operating unit and will take place at the Ross Township Police SRT Training Facility.

Shared Fingerprint Scanner – At their November 1st meeting the QVCOG Police Chief's Group agreed to move forward with an application through the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association for a mobile fingerprint scanner which would be shared amongst our region's police departments. If awarded, the device would be free of charge. However, there is an annual charge of \$1,025.00 which covers a no-fault maintenance agreement, administrative costs, and the secure data connection. The QVCOG has established a budget line item for shared programming, etc. for the Group which will cover the aforementioned cost.

2023 Membership Dues – At its October 19th meeting the QVCOG's Board of Delegates voted unanimously to approve a Resolution freezing the 2023 schedule of dues at 2022 rates.

Remaining 2022 Managers and Secretaries Meetings – At its October 26th meeting the QVCOG's Managers and Secretaries Committee agreed to combine the November and December meeting dates into one which will occur on December 7th at 11:00 a.m. at the Aleppo Township Municipal Building. The meeting will be in-person exclusively.

Letter of Support Concerning Municipal Advertising Requirements – At its October 19th meeting the QVCOG's Board of Delegates voted unanimously to send correspondence to all state representatives and senators that represent member communities requesting their support for the re-introduction of House Bill 955 of 2021 (or the introduction of similar legislation). This legislation would amend Title 45 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes concerning municipal advertisement requirements allowing for digital notice of public meetings, etc. Letters outlining the request were sent to Senator Devlin Robinson (PA 37) Senator Wayne Fontana (PA 42), Representative Valerie Gaydos (PA 44), Representative Robert Matzie (PA 16), Representative Emily Kinkad (PA 20), and Representative Anita Kulik (PA 45). Member communities are encouraged to send similar requests to their respective elected officials.

GIS Roadway Infrastructure Map - Member communities are asked to forward the names of any private streets within their municipalities via email to pconners@qvcog.org. This information will be used to create a new GIS map which will outline road/infrastructure ownership (i.e. PennDOT, County, Municipal, or Private).

SHACOG Fall Commodities - On October 6, 2022 SHACOG opened bids for fall commodities and tabulations are available on the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance's website for the following commodities: Bagged Rock Salt, Bagged Ice and Snow Melt, Calcium Chloride, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel, Infield Conditioner, Liquid Calcium Chloride, Lubricants (Antifreeze, Diesel Oil, Gear Oil, Heavy Duty Grease, Hydraulic Oil, Motor Oil, Tractor Fluid, Transmission Fluid, Windshield Fluid), Pesticides, and Snow Plow Blades and Cutting Edges. Please note that participating communities must formally accept the bids to secure the prices offered by the vendors. Each municipality is responsible for accepting these bids which should be done by December 16, 2022.

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