



# Borough of Ben Avon

Council Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2023

The Ben Avon Borough Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 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**

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

Others Present: Solicitor Weston Pesillo, Ohio Township Police Chief Hanny, Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – *there was no public participation.*

## **BOROUGH REPORTS**

Mayor's Report – there was no report.

Ohio Township Police- see attachment A

Chief Hanny reported a slow month in Ben Avon with 36 calls, most of which were traffic violations, fender-benders, and alarm responses.

Emsworth VFC – see attachment B

## Solicitor's Report

Atty. Pesillo stated that the funds from the Capital Expense account for the Fire Department were withdrawn and returned to the Borough. He suggested that a check for the agreed upon amount

be issued to the Ben Avon Fire Company and forwarded to Atty. Houser (BA VFC) to be held until the Bellevue/Ben Avon VFC merger is complete. The petition has been filed and will be presented on March 31. Mr. Kuehner questioned the solicitor's suggestion of paying the funds to Ben Avon VFC, when the agreement voted on by council states the money should be forwarded to the settled entity. After some discussion by Council members, Mr. Pesillo stated he would notify Atty. Houser that the check would be issued following the final decision on the merger which should be after April 2.

Atty. Pesillo stated that an executive session will be needed tonight to discuss a contract.

Joint Planning Commission (JPC) – no report given.

## **MINUTES**

Council Meeting February 21, 2023

**MOTION:** Mr. Thornton; **SECOND:** Ms. Washington; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes as presented of February 21, 2023.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Revenue & Expenditure Reports

2022 Final Report

Mr. Opiery presented the final expenditure and revenue report for 2022. Many events of 2022 will not be billed until January and February and must be accounted for in the correct year. Once these have been processed, a final analysis can be done to compare revenue and expenses in the budget. Mr. Opiery shared that a net surplus in the budget of \$449,178, which will enable a large transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund for scheduled upcoming expenses.

**MOTION:** Mr. Opiery; **SECOND:** Mr. Thornton; **MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote to approve the final Revenue & Expenditure Report for 2022.

January 2023 Revenue & Expenditures

**MOTION:** Mr. Opiery; **SECOND:** Mr. Kuehner; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to approve the Revenue & Expenditure Report for January 2023.

Mr. Opiery then reviewed several reports outlining the cash flow worksheet (see attachment C) showing the funds in the General Account to be moved to the Capital Reserve account for upcoming expenses. He also presented the capital expenditure plan for the Borough.

**MOTION:** Mr. Opiery; **SECOND:** Mr. Thornton; **MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote to approve moving \$420,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund for those planned expenses.

#### February 2023 Revenue & Expenditures

**MOTION:** Mr. Opiery; **SECOND:** Ms. Washington; **MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote to approve the Revenue & Expenditure Report for February 2023.

#### Accounts Payable

**MOTION:** Mr. Opiery; **SECOND:** Mr. Thornton; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to approve the accounts payable report for Ben Avon Borough authorizing payments for February 2023, in the amount of \$60,585.89.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Administration Committee

Ms. Bett stated the Administration Committee plans to meet on the 29<sup>th</sup> of the month.

#### Public Affairs/Communications

Ms. Bett reported the contract for the new website was forwarded to the solicitor for review and the Committee should have the information to the Council in the coming weeks.

Ms. Bett reminded members to be cautious of a recent spam emails and it is important to remember to not click on any links in emails that look suspicious.

#### Public Safety – see attachment D.

#### Park and Laurel Avenue Properties

Mr. Wagner reported that the Committee has been working with Harshman on three problem properties in the Borough. He would like to see a summary of details on what options remain to address these problems.

#### Ben Avon VFC Fund Distribution

Mr. Wagner reported he met with Gary Buckman from the BA VFC to withdraw the balance in the Capital Expenditure account. The funds are now with the Borough until the final decision on VFC's merger with the Bellevue Fire Company. Once complete, the agreed upon amount of 30% of the funds will be forwarded to the merged unit.

### Public Works

Mr. Pipery reviewed the ongoing consent agreement process and the resolutions, samples of which were provided by ALCOSAN, and presented them to the Council for their review and vote.

#### Resolution 2023-03

**MOTION:** Mr. Pipery; **SECOND:** Mr. Kuehner; **MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote to approve authorizing the execution of the transfer agreement and related documents on line O-16.

#### Resolution 2023-04

**MOTION:** Mr. Pipery; **SECOND:** Mr. Thornton; **MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote to approve authorizing the execution of the transfer agreement and related documents on line O-16Z.

#### Resolution 2023-05

**MOTION:** Mr. Thornton; **SECOND:** Ms. Washington; **MOTION CARRIED** by voice vote to approve authorizing the execution of the transfer agreement and related documents on line O-18.

Mr. Pipery also stated that recent sewer line problems have been repaired, and the road will be ready for paving. Mele will be on the paving project in the coming months, and once the project is scheduled, letters will be sent to the residents with specific dates and details.

### QV Council of Governments - see attachment E.

Ms. Washington reported that the Route 65 Committee voted to agree to pay Michael Baker International to produce a master plan and they will be sending out an intergovernmental agreement to all municipalities to get started. The goal was to have a small project approved to get started.

She also shared that PennDOT and Southwest PA are seeking input for its 2025 12-year transportation update plan. Interested parties are encouraged to share their transportation priorities, including specific infrastructure improvements for our area. This may be completed digitally, and Ms. Washington will forward the link for the survey.

In addition, a discussion was held during the delegates meeting of forming a committee to address what can be done to ensure the safety of so many of the municipalities that lie along the railroad.

### Sustainability

Ms. Roggenkamp reported on Connect following up on their Climate Action Plan and had several programs that would start in 2023. One of these programs is Get Solar Communities by PA Solar Center and is an extension of a program running for several years which connects folks with providers and quotes. This program will get underway with a webinar on April 11, and Ms. Roggenkamp reports that she signed up to represent the Borough for informational purposes for the Borough Hall and new building. She states there is no commitment involved, and as the new building and Borough Hall have new roofs, they are good candidates. If the Borough would like to move forward, she anticipates the Borough will need to provide utility bills to give an understanding of usage vs. savings. Ms. Roggenkamp will update the Council as more information is available.

### Special Projects

#### Centennial Building Project

Mr. Wagner reported that there has been a flurry of grants being awarded, and the Borough received two separate grants to facilitate the planned elevator project. These two new grants will not be administered by COG (Councils of Governments), and there are no matching funds required. He stated the project may be underway next year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Avon Club Request

Mr. Wagner reported the Avon Club asked the Council to consider moving the location of the Fall Festival this fall over one block to span from Forest to Hilands Avenues. There were no objections to this request.

**OLD BUSINESS** – there was no old business to discuss.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Mr. Thornton; **SECOND:** Ms. Bett; **MOTION CARRIED** to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a contract at 8:18 p.m.

**MOTION:** Mr. Opiery; **SECOND:** Mr. Thornton; **MOTION CARRIED** to return from Executive Session to the voting session at 8:52 p.m.

**OTHER BUSINESS** – there was no other business to discuss.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Ms. Bett; **SECOND:** Mr. Kuehner; **MOTION CARRIED** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Patsch  
Borough Secretary

## ATTACHMENT A

CHIEF OF POLICE  
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### OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Established 1808*

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania  
126 Lenzner Ct, Sewickley, Pa. 15143

### BEN AVON PATROLS FOR February 2023



BA-1 143  
BA-2 139  
BA-3 157  
BA-4 150

TOTAL 589

3/14/2023

**Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes**  
**OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE**  
**2/01/2023 THROUGH 2/28/2023**  
**For Municipality: 05**

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>FEB COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	2	3
0637 - THEFT - UNDER \$50 - FROM BUILDINGS	0	1
1150 - FRAUD - CREDIT CARDS, ATM	0	2
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	0	1
2410 - HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION	1	1
2450 - HARASSMENT	0	2
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	0	6
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	3	6
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	1	2
3610 - DISTURBANCES-JUVENILE	1	1
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	2	4
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUND)	0	1
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	1	2
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	4
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	5	13
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	2	4
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	1	4
4010 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES	1	1
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	1	1
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1	4
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	1	1
5008 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	0	1
5506 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	1	3
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	1	1
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	0	1
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	1	3
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	3	3
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	0	8
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	0	1
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	4	11
CITW - WARNING	1	3
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	2	3
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## Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company

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Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 02/01/2023 | End Date: 02/28/2023

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
02/01/2023	2023-39	230009067	1001 New Brighton RD	Fire alarm no fire or smoke. set off from a bad cook. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/03/2023	2023-40	230009683	699 Forest Ave	fire alarm due to bad smoke head. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/03/2023	2023-41	230009445	4200 O.R.B.	2 car accident helped with traffic and clean up Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/04/2023	2023-42	230009739	155 Kendalle Ave	Dispatched and cancelled fire alarm 108 on scene something wrong with the alarm holding to 108. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/04/2023	2023-43	230009742	818 Florence ave	Fire alarm due to bad smoke head Dispatched and cancelled Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/05/2023	2023-44	230010040	74 S. Fremont Ave	Fire Alarm Dispatched and cancelled Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/07/2023	2023-45	230010585	8136 O.R.B.	POSS. train fire. train company working on the tracks. no fire Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/08/2023	2023-46	230010975	79 North	3 car accident. Helped with cleaning the road and traffic control. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/09/2023	2023-47	230011306	18 N. Fremont Ave	Fire alarm 108 got on scene with one room on fire. helped with putting the fire out and overhauling Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/10/2023	2023-48	230011427	923 California Ave	Fire alarm. helped with searching the building found a bad smoke detector. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/10/2023	2023-49	230011549	400 Broadway Ave	POSS. house fire. Dispatched & Cancelled 277 on scene holding too 277 Mckees Rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/11/2023	2023-50	230011866	75 N. Bryant ave	poss house fire. 108 on scene no fire no smoke holding to 108. dispatched & cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/11/2023	2023-51	230011709	223 Church Ave	House fire helped with putting out the fire and overhuling and ventilation Emsworth contact ACFM for report on how the fire started.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/11/2023	2023-52	230011926	200 Cliffside MNR	caller reporting he can smell something outside his apartment that is not normally. Checked the around his apartment nothing found. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/13/2023	2023-53	230012252	527 O.R.B.	C.O. alarm. Got on scene and got returned 103 staying on scene for gas company. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/13/2023	2023-54	230012394	10 Walnut St	Small brush fire in the mulch. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/15/2023	2023-55	230013133	Camp horne rd	Accident EMS took on to the hospital. Helped with traffic and clean up Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/16/2023	2023-56	230013290	85 Helen st	Poss. house fire 277 on scene holding to 277. Dispatched and cancelled. Mckees rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
02/17/2023	2023-57	230013717	529 Monore Ave	Fire alarm owner called back with code. Dispatched and cancelled Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/20/2023	2023-58	230014454	6621 O.R.B.	POSS. stove fire. checked the wall and stove nothing found. turned the breaker off told the homeowner told her to call a electrician. Ben avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/22/2023	2023-59	230014846	O.R.B.	accident 108 on scene accident is in the city on 65. Dispatched & cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/22/2023	2023-60	230016895	O.R.B.	2 car accident helped with traffic and clean up. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/23/2023	2023-61	230015171	4276 O.R.B.	Car accident 108 on scene no need for fire. Dispatched and Cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/23/2023	2023-62	230015251	7220 Mccurdy PL	Natural gas smell inside the house leaking from the furnace. Gas company on scene told homeowner to get a plumber to fix the leak. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/24/2023	2023-63	230015667	155 N. Sprague Ave	possible fire inside apartment #3. Helped with searching the apartment. nothing found Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/24/2023	2023-64	230015443	118 Ohio St.	House fire called for man power. Stowe	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/26/2023	2023-65	230016051	624 Orchard ave	commercial fire inside a apartment building. Helped with putting out the fire and overhaul. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/26/2023	2023-66	230016072	958 O.R.B.	3 car accident PD on scene no need for fire. Dispatched & Cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/27/2023	2023-67	230016274	4501 O.R.B.	Accident Helped with traffic and clean up. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/27/2023	2023-68	230016409	4221 O.R.B.	Hit and run accident Pd on scene no need for fire. Dispatched & Cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/28/2023	2023-69	230016613	28 Pittsburgh St	Fire alarm no fire or smoke. due to back smoke head Dispatched and cancelled. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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## Ben Avon Borough 2023 Detail Projection Capital Spend

January Interest	478.66	636,630.46	Balances to General Ledger Cash
February Interest	364.36	636,994.82	
March Interest			
March Expense - Brighton Retaining Wall - Binoi (Final)	19,095.13	617,899.69	
<b>March - Add 2023 Transfer from General Fund</b>	<b>420,000.00</b>	<b>1,037,899.69</b>	<b>Projected Available Spend 2023</b>
<b><u>Spending Plan on Available Spend</u></b>			
Outstanding Payments	41,000.00	996,899.69	
Outstanding Payments	22,000.00	974,899.69	
2022 Paving in 2023 (Walnut, Virginia, Belle River, Forest, Laurel, Maple, Brighton)	345,647.50	629,252.19	
2022 Sewer Work in 2023 (Walnut/Virginia Sanitary)	25,583.00	603,669.19	
Forest Avenue Sanitary Lining	35,000.00	568,669.19	
DPW Pickup	70,000.00	498,669.19	
Borough Hall Improvements	45,000.00	453,669.19	
Street Sweeper Purchase	215,000.00	238,669.19	
COVID Grant (Required Sewer Work)	180,000.00	58,669.19	
EMS/Coffee Shop Rent for Improvements (2 years rent)	50,000.00	8,669.19	<b>Projected Ending Balance</b>

ATTACHMENT C

Ben Avon Borough  
Capital Reserve - 5 Year Forecast

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
<b>Cashflow</b>						
Beginning Balance Capital Reserve	636,994.82	90,764.32	53,444.32	101,124.32	143,804.32	271,484.32
Estimated Transfer from General Fund	420,000.00	350,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
<b>Estimated Available Balance</b>	<b>1,056,994.82</b>	<b>440,764.32</b>	<b>353,444.32</b>	<b>401,124.32</b>	<b>443,804.32</b>	<b>571,484.32</b>
<b>Projected Expenses</b>						
<b>Equipment</b>						
Street Sweeper	215,000.00					
DPW Pickup Truck (Replace 2009 F350 Pick Up)	70,000.00					
DPW Dump Truck 1 (Replace 2008 Ford F550 Dump incl plow & spreader - 16 Yrs)		130,000.00		-		
DPW Dump Truck 2 (Replace 2015 Ford F 550 Dump incl. Plow & spreader - 12 Yrs)					-	140,000.00
<b>Infrastructure</b>						
Sewer Work (incl COVID Grant/Walnut Sewer/Consent Order)	240,583.00		-	20,000.00	-	-
Paving (Church Avenue in 2028 - 32 Yrs)	345,647.50	225,000.00			225,000.00	-
Retaining Wall (Phase II - Brighton)			200,000.00			500,000.00
<b>Properties</b>						
Buildings (Borough Hall/Annual Rent Put Back into 7221/7219)	95,000.00	32,320.00	32,320.00	32,320.00	32,320.00	32,320.00
Parks/Other						
Total Capital Expenses	966,230.50	387,320.00	252,320.00	257,320.00	172,320.00	532,320.00
<b>Ending Balance (Capital Reserve)</b>	<b>90,764.32</b>	<b>53,444.32</b>	<b>101,124.32</b>	<b>143,804.32</b>	<b>271,484.32</b>	<b>39,164.32</b>



March 13, 2023

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:

No new investigations this month.

##### ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS/CITATIONS:

###### **225 Park Ave – Prop Maintenance**

A notice of violation was written requesting an interior inspection per IPMC section 104.3 of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code, which the Borough adopted on March 17, 2010. On 02.09.23 apartments 3 and 4 were inspected, as permitted by the tenants.

**03.13.23** Next steps to be discussed with the solicitor.

###### **231 Dalzell Ave – Rental Inspection**

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection.

**03.13.23** Property inspected on 03.07.23; citation withdrawn.

###### **6702 Shaffer Pl – Rental Inspection**

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection.

**03.13.23** Magisterial hearing scheduled for 05.10.23.

###### **237 Park Ave – Rental Inspection**

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection.

**03.13.23** Magisterial hearing scheduled for 05.10.23.

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##### Codes & Zoning

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**241 Alder Dr – Rental Inspection**

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection.

**03.13.23** Magisterial hearing scheduled for 05.10.23.

**7408-7410 Perrysville Ave – Rental Inspection**

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection.

**03.13.23** Property inspected on 03.01.23; citation withdrawn.

**221 Alder Dr – Rental Inspection**

A Citation was filed for failure to schedule a rental inspection.

**03.13.23** Magisterial hearing scheduled for 03.29.23. Property inspection scheduled for 04.12.23. Code Enforcement to request continuance until after the inspection.

**7072 Woodland Ave - Fence**

Property was inspected on 12.04.23 for an improperly constructed fence. A notice of violation was sent on 01.05.23 allowing for 30 days to remediate the fence. Property was reinspected on 02.08.23 A Citation was filed on 02.09.23.

**03.13.23** Magisterial hearing is scheduled for 03.29.23.

**MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS**

No hearings this month.

**RENTAL INSPECTIONS****PASS**

1. 231 Dalzell Avenue
2. 7226 Church Avenue
3. 260 Berringer Place
4. 7408-7410 Perrysville Avenue
5. 316 Breeding Avenue


**FAIL****BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS****BUILDING PERMITS**

1. 7412 Perrysville Ave – Porch Renovation

**ZONING PERMITS**

1. Zoning review for Building Permits.
2. No new permits this month.

Please contact our office at any time with questions.

  
Jarrod D'Amico, BCO  
Director of Codes and Zoning

  
Randy McCray, CZO  
Lead Code Technician





## ATTACHMENT E

QUAKER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
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### **Executive Director's Report – March 2023**

**Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Grant Award** – \$1.4 million in federal funding was awarded to the City of Pittsburgh and the Manchester Citizens Corporation from the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) Reconnecting Communities Pilot grant program, created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The project will study ways to reunite the Manchester and Chateau neighborhoods while keeping those who travel on PA-65 safe and connected. Construction of Route 65 "severed these neighborhoods, inflicting lasting detrimental effects on the community." The QVCOG provided a letter of support for the project's application and hopes to emulate the project's success in its continuing evaluation of the Route 65 corridor.

**Transportation Survey** - PennDOT and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission (SPC) are seeking public input for its 2025 12-year Transportation Program Update. Interested parties are encouraged to share their transportation priorities, including specific infrastructure improvements for our region (i.e. Route 65). the survey may be completed digitally by visiting <https://survey.talkpatransportation.com/#/Survey> or by requesting a paper copy (send an email to [pconnors@qvcog.org](mailto:pconnors@qvcog.org)).

**LGA Municipal Intern Program Awards** – A total of three QVCOG member communities were selected as host sites for the Local Government Academy's (LGA) 2023 Municipal Intern Program (MIP). Those who were selected are expected to attend two pre-program events. First a virtual Placement Site Orientation is set to take place via Zoom on Monday, March 13th from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Second and most important, the Municipal Intern Fair will take place on Wednesday, March 22nd from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the University of Pittsburgh's William Pitt Union Lower Lounge - 3959 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. Participants must confirm their attendance with LGA. The aforementioned communities and projects can be found below:

Avalon Borough - Blighted Property and Code Enforcement Initiative

Edgeworth Borough - Sidewalk Repair Project Project

Leetsdale Borough - Community Revitalization Project

**May Mart/Tree Pittsburgh Adoption Event** - Since 1965, the Sewickley Civic Garden Council's May Mart has welcomed in spring with a family-friendly street fair and activities to support gardening and the environment. Vendors and garden clubs will offer flowers, plants/native plants, herbs, gardening items, food, gifts, and products to enhance our region's gardens, lives and communities. A tree adoption event hosted by Tree Pittsburgh will coincide with the event. QVCOG residents may add some beauty to their yards by procuring a young native tree(s) which will be provided by Tree Pittsburgh! Interested participants may register by visiting [treepittsburgh.org](http://treepittsburgh.org). Registrants may pick up their tree(s) on Saturday, May 13, 2023, anytime between 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM, next to KeyBank (400 Broad Street) in Sewickley, PA. Please note, each QVCOG household may reserve up to two trees (while supplies last).

#### **Important Dates**

March 15, 2023 – QVCOG Board of Delegates Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Avalon Borough Building March 22,

2023 – QVCOG Managers and Secretaries Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m. Aleppo Township Building

March 22, 2023 – Municipal Intern Fair – 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. – William Pitt Union (Lower Lounge)

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