

Council Alecting Minutes October 19, 2021

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, virtually and at 7101 Church Avenue for the purpose of transacting General Business. Vice President Megan Dolan presided and opened the meeting at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

<u>Council Members Present:</u> Jennifer Bett, Megan Dolan, Henry Casale, Kara Roggenkamp, Ken Opipery, David Stoeckle

Council Members Absent: Richard Wagner

Others Present: Mayor Melanie Hughes-Holcomb, Solicitor Anne Sweeney, Ohio Township Police Chief Hanny, Joint Planning Commission Representative Christen Cieslak, and Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - There was no public participation

BOROUGH REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hughes-Holcomb reported a meeting with Chief Hanny, Mr. Wagner, Mr. Opipery and Mr. Sullivan, Ohio Township Manager, to discuss the upcoming police agreement renewal. She stated that Ohio Township Police Chief Hanny continues to keep staff updated and current with renewed policy, procedures and safety measures.

Mayor Holcomb also outlined the plans for the upcoming Borough Halloween parade, and how best to celebrate with the current state of COVID. The annual luncheon at the fire hall will not be held this year to prevent gatherings, but the parade will be held on the 30th of October at 11 or 12 p.m. and run from Dickson Avenue to Dalzell Avenue. Candy will be distributed to those children participating.

Ohio Township Police Report – See Attachment "A"

Chief Hanny reports a quiet month in the Borough with 50 calls including 9 citations in September. Chief Hanny stated the police will be available to assist with the Halloween festivities once the final details are in place.

Ben Avon Fire Company Report – See Attachment "B"

There was no representative present in violation of past agreement.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Anne Sweeney reported a police contract matter to discuss. Mr. Casale commented there was no need for an Executive Session as the police contract contained no sensitive material. Mr. Opipery shared the details of the contract and reported there will be no tax increase due to the proposed increase in expenses. Mr. Opipery stated the current contract ends this December, and the new contract allows for increases of 2022 - 3.2%, 2023 - 2.6%, 2024 - 2.2%, 2025 - 1.5% and 2026 - 1% to keep up with increasing costs, which is within budget.

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Stoeckle; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve the 2022-2026 Police Contract with Ohio Township.

Joint Planning Commission – See attachment "C"

Ms. Cieslak reported the Commission is working through the details of the fencing and wall ordinance. JPC representatives received copies of the proposed Climate Action Plan to review and comment. The JPC next meets on Monday, October 25.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Meeting

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Stoeckle; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Casale; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021, Council meeting as presented.

Council Work Session Meeting

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Stoeckle; <u>Second:</u> Ms. Roggenkamp; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021, Council work session meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Revenue & Expense Report

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Casale; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve the Revenue & Expense report as the official financial statement for the month of September, 2021.

Accounts Payable

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Casale; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$150,322.27.

Mr. Opipery noted that the sanitary sewer line repair on lower Forest Avenue has been excavated and pipe replaced, with the cost coming in at \$60,000 as previously reported.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Report

Ms. Bett reported the Administration Committee will be discussing rental fees for the Borough hall and park pavilion at the November meeting.

Public Affairs & Communications

Ms. Bett reported updating social media and the website with the leaf collection announcement and the upcoming holidays.

Mayor Hughes-Holcomb noted that Ohio Township Police submits articles for the Ohio Township newsletter, and perhaps some of those submissions may also be appropriate for use in upcoming editions of the Ben Avon Bulletin.

Ms. Cieslak stated the Avon Club thanked the Borough for their help with the annual Fall Festival. She reported Avon Club will review processes and concerns from this year's event, and plan to address several parking and road closure issues for next year. In addition, their Holiday House Tour will be held on December 4.

Public Safety & Code Enforcement - See Attachment "D"

Public Works

Mr. Opipery reported the paving project for this year is complete other than a few handicapped ramps. Mele and Mele was also able to address a list from the 2019 project and have that complete. He thanked residents for their patience during the project and stressed the importance of cars staying off the street until the asphalt had time to properly cool.

Mr. Opipery said the utility companies are now working on repairs and completing their restoration. The gas company has done all repairs and restoration according to ordinance, West View Water has procured a new contractor to make their designated repairs.

Mr. Opipery stated that although the sewer line on Forest Avenue has been repaired to the best of the Borough's ability, it is still having seepage. Mr. Opipery will contact the Health Department to report what has been done to date, and perhaps schedule a dye test to further investigate the problem.

Mr. Opipery stated the leaf collection is pending and the new Public Works laborer will be starting Monday, October 25. Mr. Santucci continues to work part time to assist with ongoing projects. The leaf program will run until M-T-W prior to Thanksgiving, after which time residents can bag their leaves and place them out with their weekly garbage collection.

Quaker Valley COG – See Attachment "E"

Centennial Building Committee - No report was given

Climate Action Plan

Ms. Cieslak requested a deadline for Joint Planning Commission comments on the CAP. Ms. Roggenkamp stated she would like to see the plan adopted by the end of the year, therefore would like comments prior to December's council meeting. Ms. Roggenkamp plans to attend the upcoming JPC meeting on Monday to answer any questions and receive feedback on the plan. Ms. Sweeney asked for clarification on how adopting the plan will impact the community with regards to current ordinances and resolutions. Would it offer more of a guideline rather than a "must do" list? Ms. Roggenkamp explained the intent more related to outreach and education, not mandates.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business

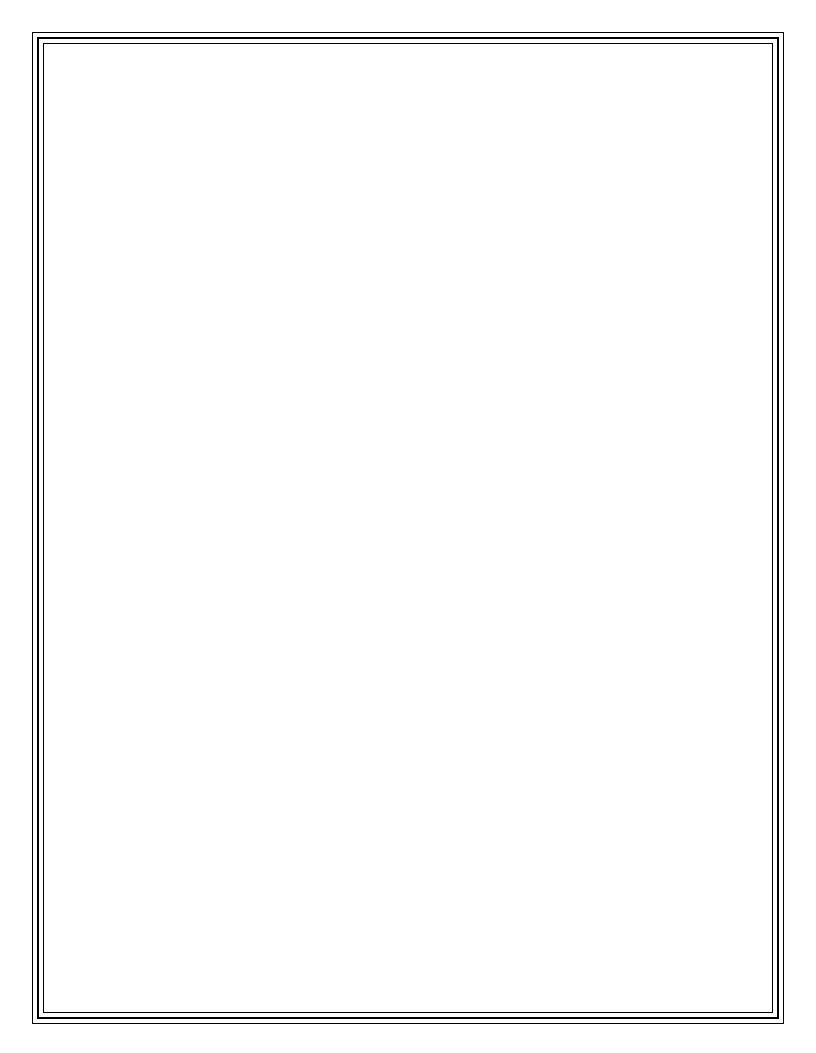
EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Stoeckle; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Casale; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Patsch Borough Secretary



ATTACHMENT A

10/15/2021

Call Service Report Grouped by Ucrcodes OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE 9/01/2021 THROUGH 9/30/2021 For Municipality: 05

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	SEPT	YTD
CODE	COUNT	COUNT
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	0	4
0503 - ALARM - BUSINESS	2	2
0590 - BURGLARY - REPORTS	0	1
0619 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-ALL OTHER	0	1
0633 - THEFT-UNDER \$50-RETAIL THEFT	0	1
0810 - SIMPLE PHYSICAL ASSAULT	0	2
1100 - FRAUD	1	10
1150 - FRAUD - CREDIT CARDS, ATM	1	2
1410 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO AUTOMOBILES	. 0	1
1440 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - ALL OTHERS	0	2
1511 - WEAPONS-USE-FIREARMS	0	1
1810 - DRUG VIOLATIONS	0	4
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	0	1
2110 - DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE-LIQUOR/DRUGS	0	1
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	0	3
2122 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-DRUGS-IMPAIRED	0	2
2300 - PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	0	3
2410 - HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION	0	3
2440 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT-DISTURBING THE PEACE	0	4
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	1	11
2633 - DUMPING	0	1
2634 - FIRE CODE (ORDINANCE VIO.)	0	2
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATION	0	1
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	0	2
2656 - THREATS	0	1
2660 - TRESPASSING OF REAL PROPERTY	1	1
2800 - TWP ORD-SOLICITING	1	-5
2810 - TWP ORD-ABANDONED VEH (INCLUDING STATE)	0	2
2900 - LOST/MISSING PERSONS	0	1
3000 - FOUND/RECOVERED PROPERTY	0	1
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	7
3310 - ATTEMPTED SUICIDES	0	1
3320 - DOA	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	0	4
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	1	9
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	. 1	13
3610 - DISTURBANCES-JUVENILE	0	6
3620 - DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHTS, DISPUTES, ETC)	0	3
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	0	10
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUND)	0	2
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	1	4
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	12
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	0	4
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	9	64
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	0	16
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	0	4
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	2	17
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	0	2
4020 - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	0	6
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	1	10

10/15/2021

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CODE	SEPT COUNT	YTD COUNT
<u> </u>	000111	
4024 - WATER LEAKS, MAINS, ETC.	0	3
4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	1	9
4027 - TREES DOWN	2	10
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	0	4
5002 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ANIMAL	0	3
5004 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	0	1
5006 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ANIMAL	1	2
5008 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	0	1
5012 - LOST & FOUND - MISSING JUVENILE MALE	0	2
5014 - LOST & FOUND - MISSING ADULT FEMALES	0	1
5504 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - DOG BITES	0	2
5506 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - STRAY ANIMALS	0	2
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	2	3
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	0	9
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	0	2
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	1	8
6010 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - OTHER ACC. INVEST.	0	1
6090 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS-REPORTS	1	2
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED-ABANDONED VEHICLE	0	2
6605 - DIRTBIKES/OFF ROAD VEHICLES	1	1
6610 - TRAFFIC RELATED - MOTORIST AID	0	2
6612 - TRAFFIC RELATED - SIGNALS-SIGNS OUT	0	4
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	5	13
6690 - TRAFFIC RELATED SERVICES - REPORTS	0	1
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	0	27
7016 - FOLLOW UP INFORMATION	0	1
7092 - ROUTINE PATROL COMPLETED	3	6
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	1	9
9008 - ADMINISTRATION - CLERICAL	0	5
911 - 911-HANG UP	0	8
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	9	33
CITW - WARNING	0	8
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	1	18
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CHIEF OF POLICE

JOSEPH P. HANNY



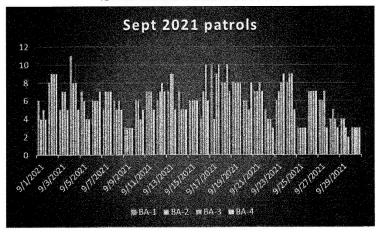
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POLICE DEPARTMENT Established 1803

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

BEN AVON PATROLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2021



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BA-4 169

ATTACHMENT B

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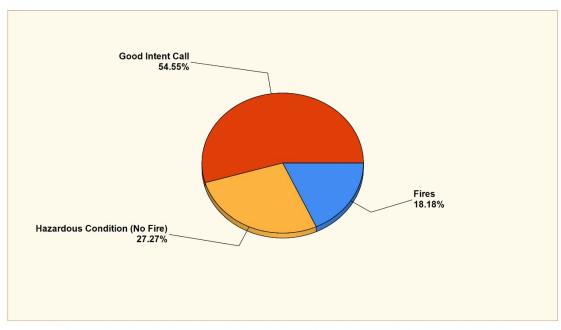
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Breakdown by Major Incident Types for Date Range

Zone(s): All Zones | Start Date: 09/01/2021 | End Date: 09/30/2021



MAJOR INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL
Fires	2	18.18%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	3	27.27%
Good Intent Call	6	54.55%
TOTAL	11	100%

Only REVIEWED and/or LOCKED IMPORTED incidents are included. Summary results for a major incident type are not displayed if the count is zero.



Detailed Breakdown by Incident Type			
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS	% of TOTAL	
111 - Building fire	1	9.09%	
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1	9.09%	
444 - Power line down	2	18.18%	
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1	9.09%	
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	6	54.55%	
TOTAL INCIDENTS	: 11	100%	

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Incident Type per Municipality for Date Range Start Date: 09/01/2021 | End Date: 09/30/2021

Start Date: 09/01/2021 End Date: 09/30/2021	
INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
Municipality: AVALON	
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	2
# Incidents for Avalon:	2
Municipality: BELLEVUE	
111 - Building fire	1
113 - Cooking fire, confined to container	1
# Incidents for Bellevue:	2
Municipality: BEN AVON	
444 - Power line down	2
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for Ben Avon:	3
Municipality: EMSWORTH	
463 - Vehicle accident, general cleanup	1
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for Emsworth:	2
Municipality: KILBUCK (TOWNSHIP OF)	
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for Kilbuck (Township of):	1
Municipality: ROSS (TOWNSHIP OF)	
611 - Dispatched & cancelled en route	1
# Incidents for Ross (Township of):	1

MUNICIPALITY data comes from the Basic Info 3 screen of an incident. Only REVIEWED incidents included.



ATTACHMENT C

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Joint Planning Commission

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Joint Planning Commission

JPC REGULAR MEETING

7:00 PM Monday, August 23, 2021, Zoom Meeting (See Below)

Leadership and Representatives

Avalon: Michael Kurela, David Haslett-excused absence, Brigitte Jackson (Michael, Brigitte

present)

Bellevue: Catherine Tulley (Vice Chair 2021)-excused absence, Leann Chaney, Dameon Holmes-

excused absence (Leann, Dameon present)

Ben Avon: Catherine Houska (Chair 2021), Christen Cieslak (Secretary 2021), Mary Smith (all present)

Solicitor: Kerry Fraas (7/20-6/21) (present)

Meeting called to order 7:03 PM

1) Roll call

a) Representatives - quorum achieved (need 6)

b) Solicitor - Kerry Fraas

c) Visitors: None

2) Public Questions and Comments - none

3) Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- a) Agenda Houska, Smith seconded
- b) Minutes July 26, 2021
 - i) Catherine Houska made some edits. All members reviewed
 - ii) Motion to approve: Brigitte
 - iii) Seconded: Chris
 - iv) All in favor:
 - (1) Affirmative 6
 - (2) Negative 0
 - (3) Abstained/No answer 1 (Dameon had not joined the meeting until after this vote)

4) Communications and invoices

Catherine Houska reported that there has been e-mail communications with Bellevue since last meeting regarding development of Toluca Mexican Restaurant and Enterprise Rental Car along Ohio River Boulevard. Neither development submitted an application or supporting materials for JPC review. Kerry explained that Toluca's application is a use-by-right and does not need JPC review. Enterprise needs to obtain Zoning Officer and Engineer review and report before sending to JPC.

5. Officer's Reports

a. Chairman's Report - C. Houska

Catherine Houska and Kerry will work together to clarify and formalize instructions to Boroughs and Code Enforcement Officers for when and how to engage JPC.

b. Vice Chairman's Report - C. Tulley

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Joint Planning Commission

i. No report, C. Tulley absent.

- Secretary's Report C. Cieslak nothing to report
- Solicitor's Report K. Fraas clarified that JPC reviews planned commercial d. development after recept of engineers report
- Borough Updates
 - i.Avalon B. Jackson, nothing to report
 - ii.Bellevue L. Chaney, nothing to report
 - iii.Ben Avon M. Smith reported that during the August council meeting, one council member (Kara Roggenkamp) asked JPC for input on shade tree, anti-idling and electric vehicle charging stations. Another council member (Ken Opipery) clarified that JPC reviews land use issues, zoning issues. C. Houska reminded all that Councils need to clarify in writing what they are requesting from JPC. She and Kerry will work on formalizing that process.

Old Business

- Wall and fence ordinance draft review C. Cieslak led the JPC through a line by line reading of the wall and fence ordinance draft version from March 2021. Notes were taken within the document and will be researched and reviewed at future meetings. Aim is to resolve all comments this year and move to next step towards Borough presentation, public comment and approval.
- 7. New Business: no discussion
- Adjournment: C. Cieslak, L. Chaney seconded. 9:10 pm 8.

MEETING CALENDAR:

7pm on Zoom

Future dates: Sept 27, October 25, November 15, December 13

September 27 Zoom Meeting - Log on details

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89344412046?pwd=NURkeDlCdHlGS0JSdUtSeFBSTFZiQT09

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October 18, 2021

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

Subject: Monthly Code Enforcement, Zoning, and Building Permit Report.

Dear Council,

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

NEW INVESTIGATIONS:

No new investigations.

ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS/CITATIONS:

7008 Church Avenue - Satellite Dish in Front Yard

Property was inspected for a satellite dish in the front yard. A Notice of violation was received on 05.15.21 requesting proof of approval. Property owner has been in contact with Code Enforcement to discuss history of property and location of satellite dish. Documents were provided to Code Enforcement to review. Property owner has had ongoing communication with Code Enforcement.

10.18.21

Property owner has continued to communicate with Code Enforcement. If no action will be taken, a Citation will be filed.

Tallied new complaints investigated are as follows:

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

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ATTACHMENT E

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Executive Director's Report - October 2021

Annual Dinner - The QVCOG Annual Dinner will occur on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at the Edgeworth Club (511 East Drive, Edgeworth, PA 15143). The QVCOG would like to thank Mr. Kevin Flannery for sponsoring the event. The keynote speakers for the event will be Senator Devlin Robinson (PA-37) & Representative Anita Kulik (PA-45). Two raffles will occur with generated proceeds going towards 412 Food Rescue. Additional information concerning the event including registration details can be found at qvcog.org or by emailing pconners@qvcog.org.

QVCOG Police Chiefs Training – On October 7th the Allegheny County Police Department conducted a presentation for QVCOG Police Chiefs and departmental representatives concerning critical incident response and procedures. The event occurred at the Bellevue Borough Building. The event was a success with nearly every QVCOG municipality being represented. It is anticipated that quarterly meetings for QVCOG Police Chiefs will occur moving forward.

Gaming Economic Development Fund Grant Application - The Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) application period is now open and will run through October 22, 2021. This Grant allows municipalities and councils of government (COGs) to carry out important economic development projects for current and future use. Administered by the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC), these grants provide financial assistance to entities to facilitate economic development projects within Allegheny County. This Grant stream has no income requirement and all QCVOG member communities can apply! Eligible projects can be found below.

- A. Economic Development Projects: Projects that promote local economic activity and create and/or retain jobs;
- B. Infrastructure Development Projects: Projects that improve or create infrastructure;
- C. Job Training: Workforce development projects;
- D. Community Improvement Projects: Projects that improve or create civic, cultural, or recreational activities or facilities;
- E. Public Safety Projects: Projects that promote the safety of affected communities;
- F. Public Interest Projects: Projects that improve the quality of life in the affected communities; and
- G. Projects with a \$150,000.00 project budget or greater.

Traveling Glass Dumpster (Avalon Borough) – From October 30th through November 5th Avalon Borough has partnered in sponsoring a traveling glass dumpster provided by the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC). The dumpster will be located at Avalon's Public Works Garage (between Frederick Street & New Brighton Road Avalon, PA 15202).

2022-26 Waste & Recycling Contract – The new Waste & Recycling Contract is set to commence on January 1, 2022. For those municipalities participating within the aforementioned contract, a Resolution outlining the desired service package and a executed Agreement with Waste Management are due by the end of this month. Should you have any questions concerning the Contract or required approval documents please reach out to Executive Director Conners ASAP.

COG-Wide GIS Zoning Map – An accessible GIS map is available for all QVCOG member municipalities. This <u>free</u> resource provides a "one stop shop" for residents, staff, and business owners to identify designated zoning classifications for any parcel within any participating community. Additionally, users can access the zoning regulations (if available), County Parcel info, Google Street View, and more! To date, 8 municipalities have contributed their zoning information. In effort to build upon this tool please speak with your municipal Staff to ensure all available Zoning Info has been provided to the COG. More info can be found at qvcog.org/cog-wide-gis.

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