



## **Borough of Ben Avon**

### **Council Meeting**

#### **Minutes**

**January 18, 2022**

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, January 18, 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**

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

Others Present: Solicitor Weston Pesillo, Ohio Township Police Chief Joe Hanny, Emsworth Fire Chief Jim Kohl, and Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - *There was no public participation*

#### **BOROUGH REPORTS**

Mayor's Report – *there was no report*

Ohio Township Police Report – *See Attachment "A"*

Chief Hanny reported 63 calls in the past month as reflected in the service report with nothing out of the ordinary. Mr. Opiery expressed thanks to OTP on behalf of the Public Works Department for their continued assistance with enforcing the leaf and snow removal ordinances.

Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company Report – *See Attachment "B"*

Chief Kohl reported 5 calls for the month of December. He stated the transition to serve Ben Avon has gone smoothly thus far.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Pesillo reported ongoing negotiations with the Ben Avon Fire Company in vacating the building owned by the Borough. The balance of the Kilbuck contract money from 2021 was refunded, and a release sent to Kilbuck township officials for their signature. Mr. Pesillo also said he was forwarded the tax appeal for a resident and would be happy to represent the Borough if so desired.

### Joint Planning Commission

Ms. Houska asked the Council to review the proposed ordinances sent out several months ago in addition to the county response and to reply with any feedback by February 1. Ms. Houska also requested a digital copy of the lot line revision up for review and the engineer's report be sent to the JPC prior to the upcoming monthly meeting.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### December 14, 2021, Council Meeting

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2021, council meeting as presented.

### January 3, 2022, Reorganization Meeting

**Motion:** Ms. Bett; **Second:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022, reorganization meeting.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### Revenue & Expense Report

Mr. Opiery stated that typically Council would be presented the prior month's financial statements, however, in January there are still pending invoices from the previous fiscal year. In the coming months, once all bills have cleared, the financial statements will be presented for approval. The Tax Rate Ordinance passed in December has set the formula for the tax rate to be set by resolution in February or March prior to the tax bills sent out later in the year.

### Accounts Payable

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$83,489.24. .

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Administration Report

Ms. Bett reported that the Administration Committee will meet next week and lay out their agenda for the upcoming year. At this time, new Council members should have their new email addresses and access to Microsoft 360. She stressed the importance of all councilmembers using the Borough email addresses assigned to them for Borough business. Meetings will be moving over to the Teams platform, and meeting documents will be available on that system. When emailing Councilmembers, she asked that everyone limit the number of recipients to 2 or 3 to adhere to the Sunshine Laws.

### Public Affairs & Communications

Ms. Bett stated updates have been made to the website and reminded new Council members to submit a picture and bio to be uploaded.

### Public Safety – See Attachment “C” & Attachment “D”

Mr. Wagner noted that there were two documents in the packet for the Council's review: the Northwest EMS quarterly report and the monthly report from Harshman. The Code Enforcement

Committee plans to meet monthly with Harshman, and once they are given access to the spreadsheet, will review the Google document for status updates.

#### Public Works

Mr. Wagner noted his thanks to the Public Works Department on behalf of the Council in their efforts of snow removal this season. Mr. Opiery stated the new hire, Shane Scigliano, has done a great job learning the system. He asked that residents be aware of snow removal efforts, and to refrain from blowing or shoveling snow onto the streets. He asked Chief Hanny to remind officers to aid in notifying residents when this happens.

#### Council of Governments - See Attachment "E"

Mr. Wagner reported that he and Ms. Washington met, and the regularly scheduled delegate meeting will be tomorrow evening. One of the topics for discussion is the recent Route 65 Corridor report, which will be presented on January 26 at the Sewickley Library.

#### Sustainability

Ms. Roggenkamp and Mr. Thornton will meet this coming Sunday. She had Climate Action Plan updates that the energy assessment required more information for review. She also remarked that the due date for applying for a summer intern is approaching mid-February. Mr. Wagner suggested that a possible project for the intern may be the Avon Park improvements. He also noted that the Building Project Committee meetings this year may focus on ADA compliance improvements at the Borough Building.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Avon Park Memorial

Mr. Thornton would like Council to consider some sort of memorial in Avon Park for a resident who was murdered in Pittsburgh. Ms. Bett plans to review the park lease, and there would need to be a discussion as to how best to proceed after getting more feedback.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### Resolution 2022-01

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve Resolution 2022-01 the authorization to sign the Alcosan Consent Order.

#### Resolution 2022-02

**Motion:** Ms. Bett; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve Resolution 2022-02 to formally appoint Emsworth Fire Company as the fire service provider for the Borough of Ben Avon.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION - *for pending potential litigation***

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Thornton; **Motion Carried** by voice vote to return to regular voting session at 8:30 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie Patsch  
Borough Secretary

Attachment A

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JOSEPH P. HANNY



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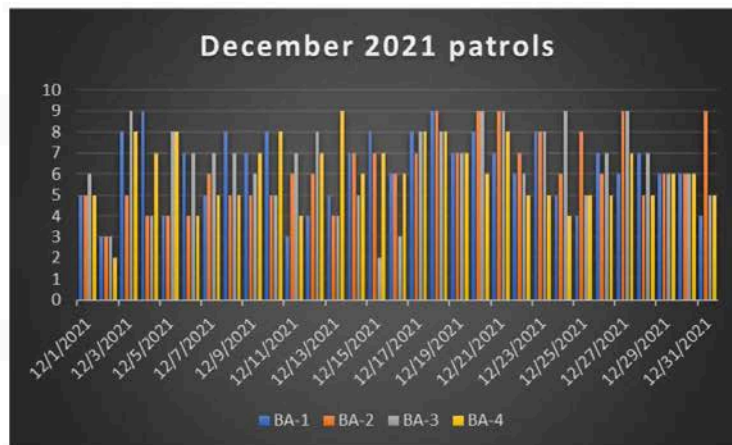
## OHIO TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Established 1803*

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

### Ben Avon Patrols December 2021



BA-1 200  
BA-2 193  
BA-3 210  
BA-4 192

1/6/2022

**Call Service Report Grouped by Uccodes**  
**OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE**  
**12/01/2021 THROUGH 12/31/2021**  
**For Municipality: 05**

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>DEC COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	1	5
0503 - ALARM - BUSINESS	0	3
0590 - BURGLARY - REPORTS	0	1
0619 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-ALL OTHER	0	1
0633 - THEFT-UNDER \$50-RETAIL THEFT	0	1
0637 - THEFT-UNDER \$50 - FROM BUILDINGS	1	1
0810 - SIMPLE PHYSICAL ASSAULT	0	2
1100 - FRAUD	1	13
1150 - FRAUD - CREDIT CARDS, ATM	0	2
1410 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF TO AUTOMOBILES	0	1
1440 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - ALL OTHERS	0	2
1511 - WEAPONS-USE-FIREARMS	0	1
1810 - DRUG VIOLATIONS	1	7
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	0	1
2110 - DRIVE UNDER THE INFLUENCE-LIQUOR/DRUGS	0	1
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	1	4
2122 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-DRUGS-IMPAIRED	0	3
2300 - PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	2	6
2410 - HARASSMENT BY COMMUNICATION	0	3
2440 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT-DISTURBING THE PEACE	0	5
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	3	17
2633 - DUMPING	0	1
2634 - FIRE CODE (ORDINANCE VIO.)	0	2
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATION	5	9
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	1	4
2656 - THREATS	0	1
2660 - TRESPASSING OF REAL PROPERTY	0	1
2800 - TWP ORD-SOLICITING	0	5
2810 - TWP ORD-ABANDONED VEH (INCLUDING STATE)	0	3
2900 - LOST/MISSING PERSONS	0	1
3000 - FOUND/RECOVERED PROPERTY	0	1
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	8
3310 - ATTEMPTED SUICIDES	0	1
3320 - DOA	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	0	5
3500 - SUSPICIOUS PERSONS	0	2
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	0	11
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	0	16
3610 - DISTURBANCES-JUVENILE	0	6
3620 - DISTURBANCES-OTHER (FIGHTS,DISPUTES,ETC)	0	4
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	2	13
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUNDED)	0	4
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	2	8
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	12
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	0	5
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	9	86
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	2	22
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	0	4
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	5	33
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	0	4

1/6/2022

**Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes**  
**OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE**  
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**For Municipality: 05**

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>DEC COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
4020 - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	1	7
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	0	12
4024 - WATER LEAKS, MAINS, ETC.	0	3
4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	0	10
4027 - TREES DOWN	0	10
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	0	5
5002 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ANIMAL	0	3
5004 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	0	2
5006 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ANIMAL	0	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	2	4
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	1	10
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	1	10
6004 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMA	1	1
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	0	2
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	3	14
6010 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT - OTHER ACC. INVEST.	0	1
6090 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS-REPORTS	1	3
6390 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT - REPORTS	1	1
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED-ABANDONED VEHICLE	1	4
6605 - DIRTBIKES/OFF ROAD VEHICLES	0	1
6610 - TRAFFIC RELATED - MOTORIST AID	0	2
6612 - TRAFFIC RELATED - SIGNALS-SIGNS OUT	0	6
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	2	20
6690 - TRAFFIC RELATED SERVICES - REPORTS	0	1
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	5	38
7016 - FOLLOW UP INFORMATION	0	1
7092 - ROUTINE PATROL COMPLETED	0	8
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	1	12
9008 - ADMINISTRATION - CLERICAL	0	5
911 - 911-HANG UP	0	8
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	6	45
CITW - WARNING	0	9
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	1	22
WARR - WARRANT	0	1
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## Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company



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Bas Incident Type

Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 12/01/2021 | End Date: 12/31/2021

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
12/04/2021	2021-254	210087063	939 California Ave	fire alarm due to ceiling falling down and breaking the wires Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/04/2021	2021-255	210087084	18 Center Ave	Cat stuck inside the duck work checked the house and duck work with the camera. Could not find the cat Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/08/2021	2021-256	210088091	208 Dickson Ave	Car into a pole. Vehicle left the scene PD on scene no need for fire to respond Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/09/2021	2021-257	210088181	807 Camp Home RD	Poss. Fire inside the building smoke inside the building, no fire found. Found a bad AC fan that burned up and cased the smoke inside the building. Ohio TWP.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/10/2021	2021-258	210088388	100 S. Jackson Ave	Fire Alarm cancelled Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/11/2021	2021-259	210088691	179 SB	Car Rollover on 179 S	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/11/2021	2021-260	210088891	6824 Ricker CT	Fire alarm no fire or smoke found a bad C.O. Alarm told homeowner to get new one Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/13/2021	2021-261	210089253	751 Semple Ave	Natural gas smell inside the house. 103 C-1 cancelled us Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/13/2021	2021-262	210089276	646 Gandview Ave	fire alarm pull station pulled by someone. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/13/2021	2021-263	210089440	557 Roosevelt RD	car took out a pole and went half way over the hill Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/14/2021	2021-264	210089672	317 S. Birmingham Ave	building collapse helped with searching the building and closing the road Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/14/2021	2021-265	210089690	Forest Ave	Two car accident. helped with traffic control and clean up Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/17/2021	2021-266	210090513	45 Kendall Ave	Car into a structure nothing found Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/17/2021	2021-267	210090467	818 Florence Ave	Fire Alarm 108 on scene burnt food Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/19/2021	2021-268	210090827	269 Center Ave	First responder cancelled dispatched 108 QRS Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/19/2021	2021-269	210090880	345 Ferry St	poss. fire inside the chimney nothing found Sewickley	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/21/2021	2021-270	210091282	97 Lowry St	Fire alarm bad smoke head Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/21/2021	2021-271	210091390	373 South Home Ave	Fire Alarm nothing found Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/22/2021	2021-272	210091669	630 Academy Way	Chimney Fire helped with putting fire out and traffic control Sewickley	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/23/2021	2021-273	210091729	8228 O.R.B.	Fire Alarm due to water line broke in the basement Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
12/24/2021	2021-274	210092112	171 Dickson Ave	Fire Alarm cancelled by alarm company Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/27/2021	2021-275	210092376	841 California Ave	Fire Alarm due to burnt food Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/28/2021	2021-276	210093035	7138 Belle Riviere CT	Fire Alarm due to burnt food cancelled by alarm company Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
12/31/2021	2021-277	210093556	292 N. Balph Ave	Fire Alarm due to burnt food cancelled Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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# NORTHWEST EMS

366 HELEN STREET  
McKEES ROCKS PA 15136  
412-331-2600 DISPATCH  
412-331-3133 FAX

Attachment C



## Ben Avon Borough Report Fourth Quarter 2021

### Total Run Numbers:

- Total Emergency and Non-Emergency 911 Responses: **21**  
Average Response Time (E0-E4): **8 min. 39 sec.**
- Total Emergency 911 Response: **19**  
Average Response Time (E0-E3): **7 min. 32 sec.**
- Total Highest Priority Response: **10**  
Average Response Time (E0-E1): **5 min. 34 sec.**

### Response Times by Category:

- E0 Response: **6**  
Average Response Time: **5 min. 55 sec.**
- E1 Response: **4**  
Average Response Time: **5 min. 12 sec.**
- E0 + E1 Response: **10**  
Average Response Time: **5 min. 34 sec.**
- E2 Response: **6**  
Average Response Time: **8 min. 04 sec.**
- E3 Response: **3**  
Average Response Time: **10 min 56 sec.**
- E4 Response: **2**  
Average Response Time: **13 min. 10 sec.**

### Standbys:

- No mutual aid service requested for Ben Avon during this quarter

Submitted by: Brian O'Connor 412-331-2600 boconnor@northwestems.net

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## Ben Avon Community Report Q4 2021

Date Enroute	Response Code	Time Dispatched	Time Arrived	Response Time	Ref. Address Line 1 and Line 2	Unit	Outcome
10/7/2021	E1	01:51:29	01:55:29	00:04:00	1 LAUREL VLG	1902	Mercy
10/11/2021	E2	13:39:27	13:48:35	00:09:08	122 MONITOR AVE	1902	AGH
10/15/2021	E4	17:08:00	17:23:30	00:15:30	7142 BELLE RIVIERE CT	1902	Sewickley
10/16/2021	E1	10:38:19	10:42:53	00:04:34	443 DICKSON AVE	1902	AGH
10/19/2021	E0	15:40:20	15:48:53	00:08:33	442 DICKSON AVE	1902	AGH
10/19/2021	E2	16:35:13	16:42:17	00:07:04	312 DALZELL AVE	1901	Standby - Fire
10/24/2021	E0	13:21:47	13:25:31	00:03:44	6 MONITOR AVE	1902	AGH
10/29/2021	E3	11:16:30	11:30:54	00:14:24	6808 PROSPECT AVE	1907	AGH
11/3/2021	E2	23:06:45	23:14:05	00:07:20	6827 PROSPECT AVE	1901	AGH
11/4/2021	E1	05:09:40	05:17:00	00:07:20	6827 PROSPECT AVE	1906	Patient Refused Care/Transport
11/13/2021	E1	14:16:56	14:21:50	00:04:54	126 MONITOR AVE	1902	AGH
11/22/2021	E0	16:58:01	17:06:00	00:07:59	7302 CHURCH AVE	191	Patient Refused Care/Transport
11/26/2021	E0	17:49:12	17:54:35	00:05:23	OHIO RIVER BLVD/IRWIN AVE	1901	Sewickley
12/9/2021	E2	16:12:25	16:21:38	00:09:13	450 DICKSON AVE	1902	Passavant
12/13/2021	E2	06:23:56	06:33:01	00:09:05	450 DICKSON AVE	1907	Passavant
12/14/2021	E2	16:14:05	16:20:42	00:06:37	FOREST AVE/CHURCH AVE	1901	Patient Refused Care/Transport
12/14/2021	E0	19:24:18	19:26:22	00:02:04	241 BREADING AVE	1902	Passavant
12/16/2021	E4	18:58:18	19:09:08	00:10:50	6908 MERTON RD	1901	Patient Refused Care/Transport
12/21/2021	E0	06:16:55	06:24:44	00:07:49	450 DICKSON AVE	1906	Passavant
12/28/2021	E3	07:17:13	07:31:26	00:14:13	422 WALNUT RD	1903	Refused
12/29/2021	E3	18:04:45	18:08:55	00:04:10	CHURCH AVE/HILANDS AVE	1903	AGH

Totals	Priority	Average	Combined Averages
6	E0	00:05:55	
4	E1	00:05:12	00:05:34
6	E2	00:08:04	00:06:38
3	E3	00:10:56	00:09:30
2	E4	00:13:10	00:12:03



January 14, 2022

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 this month.**

##### **ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS/CITATIONS:**

###### **446 Dickson Avenue – Trees**

Property was inspected for tree overgrowth. A Notice of Violation was sent on 12.10.21 allowing for 10 days remediation.

**01.14.22** Property owner contacted Code Enforcement regarding remediation.

###### **7119 Church Avenue – Work without Permit**

Property was inspected due to the appearance of work without a permit. A Notice of Violation was received on 12.06.21 allowing for 10 days remediation. Property owner contacted Code Enforcement on 12.09.21 to discuss remediation.

**01.14.22** Monitoring work on the property for compliance.

###### **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.

**01.14.22** Property owner submitted a draft variance application.

##### **Engineering & Surveying**

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Washington, PA 15301  
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##### **Codes & Zoning**

2455 Park Ave  
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Permits@HarshmanLLC.com

Tallied new complaints investigated are as follows:

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

#### **MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS**

None

#### **RENTAL INSPECTIONS**

#### **PASS**

1. None

#### **FAIL**

1. None

#### **BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS**


#### **Building Permits:**

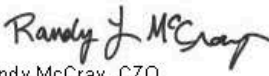
1. No new Building Permits

#### **Zoning Permits:**

1. Zoning review for Building Permits.
2. 112 Monitor Avenue – No Impact Home Business

Please contact our office at any time with questions.

  
Jarrod D'Amico, BCO  
Director of Codes and Zoning

  
Randy McCray, CZO  
Code & Zoning Technician

cc: File 19.159



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**Executive Director's Report – January 2022**

**2022 Managers & Secretaries Meetings** – In effort to increase attendance and participation, the QVCOG Managers and Secretaries Meetings will be returning to a “permanent” meeting location in 2022 ([Emsworth Borough Building, 171 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202](#)). Meetings will occur on the fourth Wednesday (unless otherwise noted) of the month at **10:00 a.m.** In order to ensure universal access meetings will continue to be simulcast over Zoom, [though in-person attendance for these meetings is strongly encouraged](#).

**Route 65 Study – Final Analysis & Recommendations** – On 1-26-2022 members of the Remaking Cities Institute & Michael Baker International will be presenting the final report for the Route 65 Study. The presentation will include a comprehensive summary of the report as well as a list of recommendations moving forward. All are welcome to attend and participate in the event which will be held at the Sewickley Public Library (500 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143) beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be simulcast over Zoom for those unable to attend in-person. A condensed version of the presentation will be provided to the QVCOG Board of Directors at their January 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

**Recycling Performance Grant** - The QVCOG recently submitted a joint application for an Act 101 Section 904 Recycling Performance Grant through the PA DEP for 14 of its member communities for the 2020 cycle. As noted in previous reports, the COG has used PRC for prior applications to aggregate its recycling data. By bringing this initiative in-house the COG will save \$5,000 in administrative fees. The reported data year over year (2019 vs. 2020) saw a slight increase for residential recyclable tonnage (+0.10%). In contrast, reported commercial tonnage increased by 68.3% for the 2020 application. The grant award is anticipated to be announced by the Spring of 2022. Participating members will receive their award based on their respective residential tonnage collected within 2020. The remainder of the grant (based on commercial tonnage) will be allocated towards the QVCOG's shared recycling fund.

**2022 Contact Info** – Municipal Managers/Secretaries have been provided with a spreadsheet which will be used to update the COG's elected officials contact information. Member communities are asked to relay the completed chart after their respective reorganization meetings. Member communities appointing a new QVCOG Delegate(s) are asked to contact Executive Director Connors as soon as possible.

**Website Reboot** – In effort to provide the most pertinent and useful information for interested parties the QVCOG has “rebooted” its webpage to establish a one-stop shop that highlights existing programming and educational opportunities available for member communities.

**LGA Municipal Intern Program** – Beginning January 10th applications will be accepted for the 2022 Local Government Academy Municipal Intern Program. Applications are due 2-15-2022. Interested parties may review past projects and program criteria by visiting [localgovernmentacademy.org](http://localgovernmentacademy.org). Executive Director Connors has experience as both an intern and supervisor within this Program and would be happy to assist any member community with their project proposal. In effort to better connect with member communities and organizations within the region, the QVCOG is seeking selection as a host site during this cycle. The proposed Intern will engage with QVCOG member communities, nearby COGs, and other local institutions to benchmark existing organizational structures and programming to generate a strategic plan to best serve its 15 member communities.

**Glass Recycling** – The QVCOG is seeking a volunteer municipality to serve as its first host site for a shared 20-yard glass recycling receptacle. The prospective host community can offer its residents convenient access to recycle their glass and will serve as a flag bearer leading our region towards the ever-growing goal of sustainability. The host community will be asked to periodically monitor the dumpster to ensure that the stated rules are being followed and must notify the QVCOG when the vessel needs serviced. Communities interested in hosting this resource are asked to highlight a viable location (central access, lighting, and periodic supervision required) within a letter of interest to the QVCOG no later than February 1, 2022.