



## **Borough of Ben Avon**

### **Council Meeting**

#### **Minutes**

**May 17, 2022**

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, May 17, 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: Mayor Melanie Hughes-Holcomb, Solicitor Weston Pesillo, Ohio Township Police Sargent Beck, JPC Representative Mary Smith Catherine Houska, and Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

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

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Henry Wagner, Eagle Scout Project

Mr. Wagner shared his plans for the final stages of his Eagle Scout project and asked the Council's and community support in a group work day improving the trail at Avon Park.

Patrick Martin & Michael Stahly, Wilson Engineering

Mr. Martin and Mr. Stahly reviewed the recent energy audit which was distributed to Council members for their review. In addition, they answered questions and made recommendations based on their findings.

#### **BOROUGH REPORTS**

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hughes Holcomb reported receiving several more calls about the fence on Breeding and Church Avenues. Code Enforcement is aware of the concerns and are following with the property owners. She also stated the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled on Monday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. There has been no interest in organizing a car for Council members. The parade will stop at the memorial in Ben Avon before proceeding to the ball fields for the ceremony.

Mr. Wagner asked Mayor Holcomb is she received a response from Ben Avon Heights council who requested a meeting. Mr. Opiery stated that the meeting may be concerning the sewer agreement.

Ohio Township Police Report – See Attachment “A”

Sargent Beck reported 61 calls for the month of April which included traffic citations and ambulance assists. There was nothing unusual to report. Mr. Wagner did note the electronic traffic speed sign placed on Dickson was noticed by residents and speeds have decreased.

Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company Report – See Attachment “B”

Solicitor’s Report

Solicitor Pesillo reported on his attendance at the recent zoning hearing for the front-yard satellite dish at 7008 Church Avenue. The Zoning Hearing Board granted an ordinance variance on their request. The Borough has until May 25<sup>th</sup> to appeal this decision. He stated there was a subsequent Right-To-Know Request received in the Borough office requesting the identification of those submitting the original complaints. The Borough solicitors replied with a denial on their request.

Agenda Addition

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Ms. Bett; **Motion Carried** to add an agenda item, ***Zoning Hearing Appeal***, for tonight’s meeting.

Zoning Hearing Appeal

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the Solicitor proceeding with an appeal of the Zoning Hearing Board decision on behalf of the Borough.

Joint Planning Commission – See attachment “C”

Ms. Smith reported the JPC is preparing to recirculate the edited ordinances back to the municipalities for a final review. She also stated that the Solicitor for the JPC will rotate between Boroughs, however in recent years that has not been the case as Ben Avon has chosen to pass. Avalon has taken steps to put their Solicitor in place beginning in July.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

April 19, 2022, Council Meeting

**Motion:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **Second:** Ms. Bett; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022, council meeting as presented.

May 3, 2022, Work Session Meeting

**Motion:** Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2022, council work session.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### Revenue & Expense Report

Mr. Opiery reported nothing of note in the financial report and revenue is on track.

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner.; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the financial statement for April.

### Accounts Payable

**Motion:** Mr. Opiery; **Second:** Mr. Kuehner; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve Accounts Payable in the amount of \$36,762.91.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Administration Report

Ms. Bett reported several council members were having issues with their Microsoft mailboxes messaging that they were full. She reached out to Mike Connolly to find a solution or offer recommendations.

Ms. Bett also reported the new cleaning company will begin in June, and the Borough insurance provider is working on a new quote for cyber insurance. She met recently with Mr. Kuehner to discuss the new fee schedule, and Mr. Kuehner is working to secure a new phone contract with Comcast.

Ms. Roggenkamp asked about the legal aspects of email retention, and Mr. Pesillo stated he would research and respond to her inquiry.

### Public Affairs & Communications.

Ms. Bett reported she recently was working to update the calendar of events for the second half of the year.

### Public Safety – See Attachment “D”

Mr. Wagner reviewed the monthly report from Harshman and thanked Ms. Patsch for keeping on top of the ongoing complaints and inspections. Mr. Kuehner asked for one of his neighbors on Monitor Avenue with the upcoming summer holidays what are the laws governing the use of fireworks. Sargent Beck responded they cannot be ignited within 150 ft. of an occupied structure.

### Public Works

Mr. Flaugh, Gateway Engineers, reported on the road paving bids opened April 28 at the Borough Hall. There were three applications submitted, however, one of the documents was missing a page. That bid was disqualified, and from the two remaining Mele and Mele was the low bid at 345,647.50.

Mr. Flaugh also noted there were two bids opened on May 5 for the Brighton Road retaining wall project. Bioni Drilling was the lowest bid at \$213,546.00.

Mr. Opipery stated that both projects have been budgeted in the Capital Reserve account for 2022. The scanning of the Borough sewers is taking place now. Mr. Kuehner asked if some of the Federal grant money can be used to offset the sewer work expenses. Mr. Opipery replied they could indeed be used for that purpose. Once the dates of the projects are firm, information will be made available.

**Motion:** Mr. Opipery; **Second:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to award the road construction project to Mele & Mele & Sons for \$345,647.50.

**Motion:** Mr. Opipery; **Second:** Ms. Roggenkamp; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to award the Brighton Road retention wall project to Bioni Drilling in the amount of \$213,546.00.

Mr. Opipery also reported that Mr. Regrut was able to secure a street sweeper to rent for three days last week. Mr. Wagner noted that the sweeper was a piece of equipment that the Borough should consider purchasing in the future.

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

Mr. Wagner reported the COG (Councils of Governments) was adding a second glass recycling location on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Avalon Fire Department. He stated the Waste Management tour is scheduled on June 1, and the COG will have a summer intern this year who may be reaching out to the Borough Secretary in the next month.

#### Sustainability

Ms. Roggenkamp reported a committee meeting held the previous night which included several residents. She stated the energy assessment was complete and sent out to Councilmembers via the Borough Office. She would provide information at the next work session along with recommendations from those providing the survey. Ms. Roggenkamp asked that solar energy to be considered going forward and she would investigate renewable energy sources for the Borough buildings. She will forward information from the Allegheny County Solar Co-op for publication on social media and the website.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Hollow Oak/Vinegar Hollow

Mr. Wagner reported the mayor had been engaged with Hollow Oak Land Trust working with the owner of the parcel known as Vinegar Hollow and asked for a letter of support for a grant appeal. The group would buy the property, manage it, and keep it open for public use.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### Centennial Building Committee

Mr. Wagner reported the Building Committee will meet next week. At that time, they will review the drawings of the replacement windows and roof. He also reported new drawings will soon be available for review on the elevator for the Borough Hall.

Mr. Wagner also reported recent communications with Verizon about placing communications structures in the Borough on the roof of the Borough building or the fire hall building.

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

**Motion:** Mr. Thornton; **Second:** Ms. Bett; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss pending potential litigation.

**Motion:** Mr. Pipery; **Second:** Ms. Washington; **Motion Carried** by voice vote to return to regular session at 8:11 p.m.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

**Motion:** Mr. Pipery.; **Second:** Ms. Washington.; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Terrie Patsch*

Borough Secretary

ATTACHMENT A

CHIEF OF POLICE  
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## OHIO TOWNSHIP

POLICE DEPARTMENT

*Established 1803*

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

### BEN AVON PATROLS FOR April 2022



BA-1 134  
BA-2 144  
BA-3 132  
BA-4 137

TOTAL 547

5/11/2022

**Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes**  
**OHIO TOWNSHIP POLICE**  
**4/01/2022 THROUGH 4/30/2022**  
**For Municipality: 05**

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<u>CODE</u>	<u>APR COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
0501 - ALARM - RESIDENCE	1	5
0503 - ALARM - BUSINESS	1	3
0614 - THEFT-\$200 & OVER-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0615)	0	1
0624 - THEFT-\$50 TO \$200-FROM AUTO (EXCPT 0625)	0	1
0644 - THEFT-ATTEMPTED-FROM AUTO (EXCEPT 0645)	0	3
1100 - FRAUD	2	2
1430 - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF - PUBLIC BUILDINGS	0	1
1841 NARCOTICS-USE-MORPHINE, HEROIN, CODIENEC	0	1
2020 - OFFENSES AGAINST FAMILY-CHILD ABUSE	0	1
2112 - DRIVE UNDER INFLUENCE-ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED	1	2
2300 - PUBLIC DRUNKENESS	0	1
2400 - DISORDERLY CONDUCT	0	1
2450 - HARASSMENT	0	2
2626 - FALSE FIRE ALARM	0	2
2633 - DUMPING	1	1
2640 - ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS	1	8
2647 - PFA-PROTECTIVE ORDERS	0	1
2720 - DOG LAW (1ST OFF. & STATE CIT)	1	1
3100 - MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	0	1
3400 - MENTAL HEALTH	1	5
3502 - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES	0	2
3600 - DISTURBANCES-DOMESTIC	1	5
3820 - DISABLED VEHICLE	3	6
3840 - FIRES (INCLUDING ALARMS-FOUNDED/UNFOUNDED)	0	3
3850 - HAZARDOUS CONDITION/NOT SNOW RELATED	1	2
3855 - ROAD DEPARTMENT CALL OUT	0	16
3860 - LOCKOUTS (VEHICLE/BLDG)	1	5
3870 - MEDICAL EMERGENCY/ ASSIST AMBULANCE	8	22
3880 - OPEN DOORS/WINDOWS - DISCOVERED	3	12
3885 - POST NO PARKING SIGNS	1	2
3900 - TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS	1	13
4010 - TRAFFIC OFFENSES	0	1
4012 - GAS LEAKS & EXPLOSIONS	0	4
4016 - PEDESTRIAN CONTACTS	0	1
4020 - SUSPICIOUS AUTO	1	4
4022 - SUSPICIOUS PERSON	0	2
4024 - WATER LEAKS,MAINS,ETC.	0	4
4026 - WIRES AND POLES DOWN	2	3
4027 - TREES DOWN	0	4
4091 - CIVIL DISPUTES	0	2
5004 - LOST & FOUND - FOUND ARTICLES	0	1
5006 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ANIMAL	3	3
5008 - LOST & FOUND - LOST ARTICLES	0	1
5504 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - DOG BITES	0	1
5510 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - INJURED/SICK	0	3
5590 - ANIMAL COMPLAINTS - REPORTS	0	1
6004 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING PROPERTY DAMA	0	1
6006 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING INJURY	0	1
6008 - TRAFFIC ACCIDENT INVOLVING NONINJURY	0	4
6312 - TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT - WARNINGS	0	2
6602 - TRAFFIC RELATED-IMPOUNDED VEHICLE	1	1

5/11/2022

**Call Service Report Grouped by Urcodes**  
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<u>CODE</u>	<u>APR COUNT</u>	<u>YTD COUNT</u>
6603 - TRAFFIC RELATED -ABANDONED VEHICLE	0	1
6610 - TRAFFIC RELATED - MOTORIST AID	0	3
6614 - TRAFFIC RELATED - CARELESS DRIVER	3	9
7010 - POLICE NOTIFICATIONS/INFO	0	2
7016 - FOLLOW UP INFORMATION	2	3
7090 - PUBLIC SERVICES-REPORTS	0	1
7094 - FOOT PATROL	1	5
7504 - ASSIST OTHER AGENCIES - OTHER POLICE	3	5
9002 - ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES	0	1
9008 - ADMINISTRATIVE - CLERICAL	0	2
911 - 911-HANG UP	0	2
CITT - TRAFFIC CITATION	12	30
CITW - WARNING	5	14
CKWE - WELFARE CHECK	0	7
WARR - WARRANT	0	1
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## Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company



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Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 04/01/2022 | End Date: 04/30/2022

Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
04/01/2022	2022-86	220022505	10 Oxford RD	Dispatched and canceled fire alarm accidental set off while changing the battery Ben Avon Heights	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/04/2022	2022-87	220023155	179 North	Car rollover no inj. Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/04/2022	2022-88	220023245	8324 O.R.B	Fire alarm due to burnt food in a toaster oven Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/07/2022	2022-89	220024055	571 Forest Ave	Dispatched to stand by at station then got moved to 108 station. For a house that was collapsing. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/08/2022	2022-90	220024195	8235 O.R.B.	Fire alarm due to bad smoke head told them to get the alarm serviced. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/12/2022	2022-91	220025177	704 Orchard Ave	Dispatched And canceled. PD on scene no need for fire contractor sent the alarm off by sanding Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/13/2022	2022-92	220025350	602 Bascom Ave	House fire went for man power ROSS.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/13/2022	2022-93	220025359	135 Dixon Ave	Dispatched for police car leaking fluids on the road way Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/14/2022	2022-94	220025771	349 School Street	Tree down on wires blocked the road Glenfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/17/2022	2022-95	220026479	462 Forest Ave	grease fire on stove dispatched and cancelled by 108 C2 Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/17/2022	2022-96	220026498	171 Dickson Ave	Fire alarm due to burnt food in the oven Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/18/2022	2022-97	220026762	32 Sheridan Ave	Poss. Fire inside the apartment Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/20/2022	2022-98	220027084	179 north	Dispatched and Cancelled for a accident on 79 nothing found OT	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/21/2022	2022-99	220027541	518 Locust St	Dispatch & Cancelled Grease fire inside the stove 258C3 on scene fire is out holding to 258 Sewickley	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/23/2022	2022-100	220027988	8228 O.R.B	Single car accident into a pole. wires across 65 helped with traffic and clean up Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/23/2022	2022-101	22002832	8228 O.R.B	Traffic control to help DLC on 65 Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/23/2022	2022-102	220028126	649 California Ave	Natural Gas smell inside the house Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/25/2022	2022-103	220028502	712 Ridge Ave	Dispatched & Cancelled for natural gas inside the apartment 103 on scene holding to 103 and 108 Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
04/27/2022	2022-104	220028996	350 Spruce Run RD	Tree into the house 103 on scene holding to them and 108 Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/27/2022	2022-105	220029085	517 Sangree RD	smoke inside the church went for RIT team nothing found Berkley Hills	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/29/2022	2022-106	220029583	201 California Ave	Brush fire PD on scene fire is out no need the for fire Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/29/2022	2022-107	220029592	180 Camp Horne RD	Motorcycle into a back of a car. The male from the bike was taken to AGH Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
04/30/2022	2022-108	220029815	935 ORB	Person hit by a car in the parking lot holding to EMS no need for fire Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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## Joint Planning Commission

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### JPC REGULAR MEETING

7 PM Monday, March 28, 2022, Avalon Borough 640 California Avenue, Avalon PA 15202  
(Zoom for those who have contacted the chair in advance and cannot attend in person)

#### Leadership and Representatives

Avalon: Michael Kurela, David Haslett, Brigitte Jackson  
Bellevue: Catherine Tulley (Vice Chair 2021), Justin Greenawalt, Dameon Holmes  
Ben Avon: Catherine Houska (Chair 2021), Christen Cieslak (Secretary 2021), Mary Smith  
Solicitor: Kerry Fraas

Minutes: Called to order 6:58 PM

#### 1) Roll call

- a) Representatives
  - i) Present: Greenawalt, Kurela, Jackson, Haslett, Holmes (Zoom), Houska (Zoom), Cieslak, Smith, Tulley (Zoom) (Quorum achieved)
  - ii) Absent: none
- b) Solicitor: Fraas - Present
- c) Visitors: Justin Martin, Avalon resident

#### 2) Public Questions and Comments: none

#### 3) Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- a) Agenda: Chris made motion to approve. 8 Approve, 1 Abstain, No objections
- b) Minutes: Chris made motion to approve February 28, 2022 minutes. 7 approve, 2 Abstain, No objections

#### 4) Communications and invoices: no discussion

#### 5) Officer's Reports

- a) Chairman's Report - C. Houska
  - i) Introduced Bellevue's new representative Justin Greenawalt, Architectural Historian for Michael Baker, 7 year resident (term begins March 2022)
- b) Vice Chairman's Report - C. Tulley,
  - i) Asked the boroughs if they could host a JPC website and all declined.
- c) Secretary's Report - C. Cieslak
  - i) Annual report: Distributed to all boroughs.
- d) Solicitor's Report – K. Fraas: no update
- e) Borough Updates
  - i) Avalon: no update
  - ii) Bellevue: Cell tower ordinance is in process which is specifically for 5G towers. The existing cell tower section of the joint ordinance is outdated and not relevant for these towers. Greenawalt and Houska agreed to review the current text after Dameon obtains a copy.
  - iii) Ben Avon: no update

#### 6) Old Business

- a) Updating Joint Zoning Ordinance - eCode 360 quote from Michael Peter – Tulley is working to arrange a meeting with JPC/boroughs/eCode representatives to have an in-depth discussion

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about the two options. Mondays or Thursdays from noon to 1 PM seemed to have the greatest availability.

- b) Fence ordinances - Cieslak and Smith reviewed the revised document and obtained feedback during the meeting. Fraas will review variance versus special exception. There was discussion about whether this should be residential or for all uses. Houska pointed out that there are other requirements throughout the document and we have to avoid conflict. She will email the existing ordinances to everyone. Kurela offered to mark up latest draft with comments.

7) **New Business - None**

8) **Adjournment:** 8:08 PM. All present approved.

**MEETING CALENDAR:**

7pm at Avalon or Ben Avon Municipal Building as noted below

Future dates 2022:

Avalon Borough Hall: April 25, May 23, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 26, October 24

Ben Avon Borough Hall: November 14, December 12

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

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

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May 13, 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:

###### **6718 Brighton Road – Tree**

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

###### **7119 Church Avenue – Fence**

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

##### 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.

**05.13.22** A variance hearing was held on 04.20.22. The property owner received a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board for placement of the satellite dish. Item to be closed.

##### Engineering & Surveying

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##### Codes & Zoning

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Permits@HarshmanLLC.com

Tallied new complaints investigated are as follows:

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

#### **MAGISTERIAL HEARINGS**

**No hearings this month.**

#### **RENTAL INSPECTIONS**

##### **PASS**

1. None

##### **FAIL**

1. None

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


##### **Building Permits**

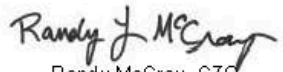
1. No new Building Permits

##### **Zoning Permits**

1. Zoning review for Building Permits.
2. 6913 Merton Road – Deck Replacement

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 – May 2022**

**Flagger Safety Training** - On May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. the QVCOG in partnership with Municipal Risk Management (MRM) will be conducting a Flagger Safety Course. The event will take place at the Avalon Borough Public Works Garage - 629 New Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15202. The training consists of a classroom PowerPoint presentation (approx. 2 hours) which will be facilitated by Mr. Tyler Lukart of MRM. Below are a few examples of what the training will consist of:

- Flagging Attire
- Duties/Responsibilities
- Situational Awareness
- Positioning
- Work Zone Components
- Equipment

Following the training, attendees will be issued a 20-point quiz that each participant must take. Upon completion and reception of a "passing" score, certification will last for 3 years. Communities which are members of MRM's Workers Comp Trust can attend and receive certification free of charge. For those interested in attending, but that do not work for a MRM municipality, the cost is \$45 per participant. Please RSVP for this event via email by May 19<sup>th</sup> and indicate the number of attendees from your municipality (first and last name) as well as if you are an MRM Workers Comp Trust member community.

**Second Glass Recycling Center Set to Open** - The QVCOG will be adding an additional Glass Recycling site for our fifteen member communities. Beginning Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> users will be invited to use the additional site located in Avalon Borough (629 New Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15202). The Rules and Regulations remain the same as for the glass dumpster within Sewickley Borough's Riverfront Park. For more information please visit [qvcog.org](http://qvcog.org).

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

**SHACOG Estimated Salt Purchase Requirement Survey** - In an email dated May 2, 2022 the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) sent out a survey for the 2022 Rock Salt Bid. This survey is to be completed online and is accessible through the Purchasing Alliance portal at [www.shacog.com](http://www.shacog.com). Please note that the QVCOG is a member of the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance. All QVCOG member communities are included within this consortium. The deadline to complete the survey is June 1, 2022. Municipalities that do not complete the survey cannot participate within the new salt purchasing agreement.

**WM Facility Tour** - Due to weather and flooding, the Waste Management Material Recovery Facility (MRF) tour originally scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The address for the Greenstar Recycling Facility is 4100 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225.

**Municipal Intern Program** - The QVCOG is proud to announce that Ms. Anna Richard of W & J College will be serving as our Municipal Intern for the summer. Over the course of the 12-week program she will be conducting an analysis of the QVCOG's programs and services as compared to our contemporary organizations in the region and abroad. During the project Anna will be conducting site visits to member communities and will be in attendance at our Managers and Secretaries and Board of Delegates meetings.

**Police Chiefs Meeting** – After a directive from the Board of Delegates at its April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting, the QVCOG will be facilitating a discussion with the region's Police Chiefs to review the most recent Mutual Aid Agreement which was approved in 2009. The meeting will take place at the Kilbuck Township municipal building on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

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