

Council Meeting Minutes March 19, 2024

The Borough of Ben Avon Council met in a regular voting session on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, and at 7101 Church Avenue for the purpose of transacting General Business. Council President Richard Wagner opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

<u>Council Members Present:</u> Jennifer Bett, Russell Kuehner, Ken Opipery, Kara Roggenkamp, Jim Thornton, Richard Wagner, Tavia Washington

Others Present: Mayor Melanie Holcomb-Hughes, Chief Joe Hanny, Chief Jim Kohl, Solicitor Weston Pesillo, Borough Secretary Terrie Patsch

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – there was no public participation.

BOROUGH REPORTS

Mayor's Report

Mayor Holcomb plans to participate in the Greenspace Committee on the Vinegar Hollow project. She also participated with ACCAN (Allegheny County Clean Air Now) in a letter writing to the Allegheny County Health Department concerning the Neville Island permitting process. Following their review, she hopes to see some improvement.

Ohio Township Police Report – See Attachment A

Chief Hanny reported fifty-one calls in the Borough last month including a dog bite report, debris on the roadway, citations, traffic tickets.

Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company Report – See Attachment B

Chief Kohl reported thirty-eight calls last month, with four calls in the Borough including car accidents and two fire alarms.

<u>Solicitor's Report</u> – *No report this month.*

Joint Planning Commission

Ms. Smith stated they are working on a to-do list for the year. Bruce Hall has been transitioning into his role replacing Christen Cieslak, and Bob Shelton will represent the Borough beginning next month as Catherine Houska resigns her position on the Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 20, 2024, Council Meeting

<u>Motion:</u> Ms. Bett; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Thornton; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2024, meeting as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Statement of Revenue & Expense

Mr. Opipery presented the following statements of Revenue & Expense for the Council:

Revenue & Expense, December 2023

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Kuehner; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve the final financial statement as presented for the month of December 2023.

Revenue & Expense, January 2024

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Thornton; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve the financial statement as presented for the month of January 2024.

Revenue & Expense, February 2024

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Kuehner; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve the financial statement as presented for the month of February 2024.

Accounts Payable Report

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Opipery; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Kuehner; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to approve the payment of the bills on the attached accounts payable list in the amount of \$132,347.26.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee

Ms. Bett stated she is researching options to replace the speaker used during the Council meetings, upgrading to an improved speaker and a wall-hung monitor for visitors to see the documents being reveiwed. In addition, the Committee is in the process of reviewing and updating the forms for the rental of Avon Park Pavilion and the upstairs hall in the Borough building.

Public Affairs/Communication

Ms. Bett reported the Committee will be preparing the Spring edition of the Borough Bulletin for publication.

<u>Public Safety</u> – *See Attachment C*

Mr. Wagner stated that the monthly report in their packet reflects updates, and a meeting was recently held with Harshman regarding ongoing problem properties. Additionally, there is a zoning variance hearing scheduled April 4 for a request by the Borough to move the fire escape in relation to the elevator project at the Borough Hall.

Public Works

Mr. Opipery reported the Public Works crew has been working on a recent sinkhole which opened on Ridge Avenue as a result of a storm water sewer issue. He stated that there was a twelve-foot deep break in the line. There will be invoices coming into the Borough for tree removal, pipe replacement and a new catch basin. Soli was called in on the emergency in addition to a tree company to remove a tree. The pipe was replaced, encased in concrete, and a new catch basin installed. The Public Works crew spread gravel and cleaned up the area. He acknowledged the great response from the Public Works to address the issue and ensure the safety of the area involved.

Mr. Opipery also stated that the road assessment for the 2024 projects will be completed soon and recommendations for repairs should be made to the Council in April. He asked that the Council also keep in mind that the large truck should be considered for replacement this year.

Gateway will be making suggestions soon for a project to fulfill the required MS-4 regulations as part of the permitting process. Ms. Roggenkamp also met with Gateway about the project and stated that Vinegar Hollow appears to be the targeted area for improvement. She stated her concerns that imbalanced enforcement will cost the Borough a considerable sum of money.

<u>Community of Governments</u> - See Attachment D

Ms. Washington noted that the COG is sponsoring a Waste Management Recycling Center Tour on June 4th at 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested in the event should send an email to Patrick Connors at their earliest convenience.

Sustainability

Ms. Roggenkamp stated that following a recent site visit, the vendors are working on the next steps for the solar panel project and waiting for information from Duquesne Light. She also noted Duquesne Light is offering free technical assistance to help with the installation of EV charging stations and electric fleets. They will be in Ben Avon on April 12 at 10 a.m. to look at potential sites for paid public charging stations.

Special Projects

<u>Centennial Building Committee</u> – there was no report.

NEW BUSINESS – there was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS

Municipal Signage

Mr. Wagner stated that they continue to review the sign options and placement locations throughout the Borough, and once final decisions have been made will present the information to Council.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – executive session to discuss contracts.

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Thornton; <u>Second:</u> Ms. Bett; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

<u>Motion:</u> Mr. Thornton; <u>Second:</u> Mr. Kuehner; <u>Motion Carried</u> by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting to Regular Session at 7:58 p.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Contract

Motion: Mr. Opipery: Ms. Roggenkamp; **Motion Carried** by unanimous voice vote to approve the Public Works contract retroactive to January 2024 and through December 2027.

MOTION TO ADJOU	RN	
Motion: Mr. The adjourn the meet	ornton; Second: Ms. Bett; Motion Car ng at 7:59 p.m.	ried by unanimous voice vote to
Respectfully submitted,		
<i>Terrie Patsch</i> Borough Secretary		

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CALL SERVICE REPORT GROUPED BY DESCRIPTION INCIDENTS REPORTED BETWEEN 02/01/2024 AND 02/29/2024 BEN AVON

DESCRIPTION	FEBRUARY CALLS	YTD CALLS
9-1-1 Hang Up	0	1
Abandoned Vehicle	1	1
Accident/Non-Reportable	1	2
Animal Complaint - Dog Bite Report	1	1
Assist Other Agency	1	2
Burglar Alarm-Residence	0	1
Civil Dispute	1	3
Civil Dispute - Child Custody	0	1
County Ordinance - Violation	1	1
Criminal Mischief to Automobiles	1	1
Disabled Vehicle	4	6
Disorderly Conduct	0	1
DPW Request	0	4
Driving Under the Influence	0	1
EMS Call	7	14
Fire Alarm-Residence	2	2
Fire Call	0	1
Fraud- Credit Cards/ATM	0	1
Harassment	1	1
Hazardous Conditions	0	1
Juvenile Disturbance	2	2
Local Ordinance Violations- All Other	0	1
Local Ordinance Violations- Dumping	1	1
Local Ordinance Violations- Fireworks Complaint	0	2
Local Parking Ticket	3	5
Lost/Found Animal	1	1
Ordinance Complaint	1	1
Parking Complaint	0	4
Police Info	4	7
Recklessly Endangering Another Person	0	1
Road Closed/Opened	0	1
Road Hazard	1	5
Suspicious Incident	1	2
Suspicious Persons	0	2
Traffic Citation	9	21
Traffic Complaint	2	2
Traffic Stop	0	1
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CALL SERVICE REPORT GROUPED BY DESCRIPTION INCIDENTS REPORTED BETWEEN 02/01/2024 AND 02/29/2024 BEN AVON

DESCRIPTION 3	FEBRUARY CALLS	YTD CALLS
Trespassing of Real Property	1	1
Utility Complaint	0	2
Vehicle Lockout	1	2
Warning	1	4
Warrant Service	0	1
Water Condition	0	1
Welfare Check	1	1
Wire Down-Non-Dangerous	1	2
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Emsworth Volunteer Fire Company

Emsworth PA

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Basic Incident Info for Incident Type

Incident Type(s): All Incident Types | Start Date: 02/01/2024 | End Date: 02/29/2024



Incident Date	Incident #	Dispatch Run Number	Address	Narrative	Station	Zone
02/01/2024	2024-36	F240009767	470 Lincoln AVE	E148 dispatched for a multi vehicle accident with injuries. E108 on scene holding to 108 for debris clean up. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/01/2024	2024-37	F240009834	128 Kendall AVE	E148 dispatched for a vehicle rollover with entrapment. E108 on scene one vehicle on its side with one still inside attempting to get out. holding to 108. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/02/2024	2024-38	F240010181	2 Kingsford DR	E148 Dispatched for a CO alarm activation and a smell of gas outside. 148L2 on scene 2 story residential Evac complete. Engine tasked with investigation of divisions 1 and 2. found 2 out of date detectors, with 0 readings in the residence.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/03/2024	2024-39	F240010321	6824 Ricker CT	E148 dispatched for a residential fire alarm activation, while 148CHF was in route Allegheny County 911 received proper code from a key holder on scene station no emergency. 148CHF placed all units back in service. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/04/2024	2024-43	F240010671	661 Lincoln AVE	E148 Dispatched for a two vehicle accident with containment. E108 on scene no injuries minor containment. Held to 108 balance returned. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/03/2024	2024-44	240010520	N. Starr	Vehicle fire Helped with putting the fire out and clean up. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/05/2024	2024-45	240010880	300 union Ave	Fire Alarm. caller called back with proper code. Dispatched and cancelled. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/04/2024	2024-46	240010562	13 thornridge rd	EMS Assist. Helped EMS with patient care and helped with lifting patient. Kilbuck	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/04/2024	2024-47	240010543	20 Walnut St	EMS Called us to help with lifting the patient. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/06/2024	2024-48	240011104	21 S. Harrison Ave	Natural gas smell inside the apartment. checked all 3 apartments with meters nothing found. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/06/2024	2024-49	F240011124	300 Union AVE	E148 dispatched for a fire alarm activation at New Hope Assisted living. E108 on scene ongoing alarm issue, no hazards. Companies placed in service. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/06/2024	2024-50	F240011238	4306 Ohio River BLVD	Accident 108 on scene no need for fire. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/06/2024	2024-51	f240011330	5 Ann ST	E148 Dispatched for a report of an abandoned house on fire, E275 on scene with an illegal burn pit. Assignment held to 275 to advise residents of the burn ordinance. Units placed in service. McKees Rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/10/2024	2024-52	F240012331	250 Jefferson DR	E148 Dispatched for a reported kitchen on fire in the Ohio view towers. 275CHF on scene smoke showing. E275 with a good knock on the fire. assignment held to E275,R245 and E251. Balance placed in service. Stowe	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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02/10/2024	2024-53	F240012453	346 Plummer AVE	R148 Dispatched to Assist Police with a wire down in the roadway. 148L2 on scene no immediate hazard, waiting for DLC. Scene turned over to DLC, units clear. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/10/2024	2024-54	F24001247	502 Oakwood AVE	Handle on the Battery powered Hurst cutter bent. Still in useable condition.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/11/2024	2024-55	F240012679	4215 Ohio River BLVD	R148 dispatched for a 2 vehicle accident unknown injuries. 250AST on scene 2 occupants trapped. R148 arrives seconds after E108 and begins stabilizing the vehicle and removing the side. occupants transported to UPMC Mercy. Bellevue.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/11/2024	2024-56	F240012789	Ohio River BLVD	R148 Dispatched for a Vehicle into a structure with entrapment. R148 responded immediately upon dispatch. 148 Chief arrived to find 1 vehicle into a concrete ramp with 1 occupant confined. R148 arrived on scene, deployed a safety line and dry chem extinguisher, stabilized and performed a door pop to free the confined occupant. The patient was turned over to Northwest EMS and transported. The assignment was held to 148 and 108 for containment and debris clean up.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/11/2024	2024-57	240012768	312 Olivia st	Possible commercial fire. 277 on scene with nothing showing. Holding to 277 and 275. Dispatched and cancelled. Mckees Rocks	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/12/2024	2024-58	240012816	1417 Broadway ave	possible house fire. 275 on scene nothing showing talked to the homeowner. Alarm went off due to burnt food. Dispatched and cancelled. Stowe	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/16/2024	2024-59	f240014251	545 Beaver ST	E148 Dispatched for a possible commercial fire. 258CHF on scene burnt outlet with a power outage. E148 tasked with investigation of division 2. E148 reported no findings to command and was released. Sewickley	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/17/2024	2024-60	F240014454	680 I-79 HWY	R148 Dispatched for a single vehicle accident. Per 220AST old incident no need for fire. OHIO	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/17/2024	2024-61	F240014618	4306 Ohio River BLVD	R148 Dispatched for a vehicle accident with possible entrapment. E108 on scene with 1 patient confined. R148 mitigated hazards and assisted EMS with patient removal. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/18/2024	2024-62	f240014809	6629 Ohio RIver BLVD	R148 Dispatched for a single vehicle accident. 148CHF on scene car lost its wheel with a private tow on scene no need for fire department services. Ben Avon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/19/2024	2024-63	F240014941	111 Kilbuck ST	R148 Alerted for a pedestrian hit by a vehicle, 148L1 on scene with a pickup truck that hit the guide rail facing the wrong way on the exit ramp.148L1 and Pd controlled the occupants head bleed and awaited EMS. R258 closed the ramp behind the accident. R148 Closed the ramp from 79.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/19/2024	2024-64	F240015052	841 California AVE	E148 Alerted for a smell of gas in an apartment. E108 and 103CHF on scene no odor, complainant left stove on no measurable readings in the structure holding to units on scene. Avalon	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/20/2024	2024-65	F240015123	450 Jefferson AVE	E148 dispatched for a CO alarm with symptoms. E108 on scene with no readings in the apartment holding the assignment to E108, balance to return. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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02/20/2024	2024-66	F240015467	1126 1/2 Race ST	E148 dispatched mutual aid for the report of a house on fire. 275CHF on scene working fire division 2 extending into the delta and bravo exposures. E148 arrived and assigned the second due engine, deploying a attack line to the delta exposure to check for extension. E148 found no extension into the delta exposure and was sent to staging by 275CHF. STOWE	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/20/2024	2024-67	F240015516	841 California AVE	E148 Dispatched for a commercial fire alarm. E108 on scene burnt food need ventilation. E148 vented the building. units returned to service shortly after.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/22/2024	2024-68	F240015932	424 Kilbuck ST	E148 and first alarm mutual aid companies were dispatched for the report of smoke from a house called in by a passer by. Upon arrival, 220DEP reported smoke from a chimney and attempted to make contact with the residence. 220DEP then held the assignment to the unit of the road (E148, E275, TK220, TK258). E148 arrived and confirmed the deputy's report and reported the smoke to be due to a wood burner in the rear of the residence. E148 placed the balance of the assignment in service and reported the call as "good intent". Glernfield	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/23/2024	2024-69	F240016267	200 Dickson AVE	E148 Alerted for a fire alarm activation called in by the alarm company. 148CHF arrived on scene and made contact with the homeowner, at the same time ACES reported the alarm company made contact with the homeowner and reported a false alarm. all 148 and mutual aid companies were returned to service.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/23/2024	2024-70	F240016351	255 Grant AVE	R148 dispatched to a single vehicle into 3 parked cars. E108 on scene minor accident holding to 108.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/27/2024	2024-72	f240017370	8439 Ohio River BLVD	E148 was dispatched for a report of smoke in the area of the dismont stretch of Ohio River BLVD, 148AST and 148L1 arrived to find a contained fire pit and advised the property owner to extinguish the fire. all units clear and returned to service.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/28/2024	2024-73	F240017918	Toms Run RD	Direct call to L1 from 7503 for a tree down in the roadway. R148 responded and removed the tree from the roadway.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/28/2024	2024-74	F240017929	300 Spruce run RD	R148 was alerted for a tree down on an occupied vehicle. R148 arrived to find a large tree across the road on top of 2 vehicles. R148 determined live power lines and communication lines down and relayed to ACES (Allegheny county emergency services) to notify the proper companies. R148 also determined both vehicles to be unoccupied. R148 remained on scene to wait for DLC (Duquesne light company)	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/28/2024	2024-75		2 Penn Center DR	148 was dispatched for reported smoke in the building in the township of Robinson. 148 Engine responded with 3 and 2 and the assignment was held to the units on scene. 148 Engine returned to service. Robinson.	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/27/2024	2024-80	240017385	195 Allegheny Ave	Natural gas leak outside the house for people digging, waited for the gas company to come and helped with traffic. Emsworth	148 - Emsworth VFC	
02/25/2024	2024-81	240016894	N. Balph ave	2 car Accident 108 on scene holding to 108. Dispatched and cancelled. Bellevue	148 - Emsworth VFC	

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Attachment C



harshman CE GROUP, LLC

March 8, 2024

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:

7219 Perrysville Ave - Roof and Rubbish

02/05/24 - Inspected property after complaints about the roof.

02/07/24 - Wrote and filed a certified and non-certified notice of violation for the property owner.

03/08/24 - The letter written to the current occupant of the property was returned to the sender. The letter written to the property owner is in transit.

7215 Church Ave - Structure

02/29/24 - Property was inspected after complaints of the wall on the front of the building. A certified and noncertified notice of violation was also issued to both the tenants of the building and the property owner. The notice gave ten (10) days for corrective me asures.

03/04/24 - The notice of violation was delivered to the tenants.

03/08/24 - The notice of violation for the property owner is available for pickup.

7230 Brighton Road - Weeds

02/29/24 - Property was inspected after complaints of weeds on the sidewalk. A certified and non-certified notice of violation was sent to the property owner on the same date.

03/04/24 - The notice was delivered to the property owner. The notice gives ten (10) days for corrective measures.

ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS/CITATIONS:

Mc Curdy PI (Parcel I D 213-D-118) - Overgrown Grass

05-16-23 - The property was inspected for overgrown grass.

05-18-23 - A notice of violation was sent allowing for 10 days of remediation. The notice has not yet been delivered or returned to code enforcement.

05-24-23 - Property was posted.

07-10-23 - Citations were filed. Awaiting plea. No update since 07-10-23.

02-05-24 - Discussed at meeting. Jarrod researching additional options for remediation.

03-08-24 - Researching additional options for remediation.

225 Park Ave - Prop Maintenance

01-27-23 - A notice of violation was written requesting an interior inspection per IPMC section 104.3 of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code (adopted by borough on 03-17-10).

02-09-23 - Apartments 3 and 4 were inspected, as permitted by the tenants.

07-11-23 - Code Enforcement was sent an application for an administrative search warrant, which is in process.

07-18-23 - Conducted an interior inspection of the general areas and unit 6 following a search warrant. A notice of violation will follow.

07-21-23 - The notice was sent. The violations remain and no contact

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has been made since the delivery of the NOV on July 24, 2023.

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Citations are being filed.

09-27-23 - The new hearing is scheduled for 1/10/24. The hearing was continued.

01-26-24 - Received email from Borough - Tenant complaining of no heat- contacted tenant, was given phone number for Michael, property manager. Called Michael - He disclosed that the boiler had been broken for "weeks" and they had provided space heaters to tenants. A boiler was scheduled to be installed the following day. No permits had been issued. Called Riva Ridge - Spoke with Alex (Female). She gave name of Owner in Oregon. Nick Cirigliano, who we were previously told was responsible party, no longer with company. Withdraw citations filed against Nick, Reissue against Riva Ridge subpoenaing Owner, Nick, Alex, and Michael to appear.

03-06-24 - Court hearing for 225 Park Ave. Continued for 30 days.

7501 Church Ave - Noise

01/08/24 - The notice was sent certified and noncertified to the property owners.

01/29/24 - The property was reinspected. There were no bells being rung during the noon ringing. Contacted the church office and was informed that the ringing was done until another test could be conducted.

03/06/24 - No response from the property management regarding a rescheduled test.

RENTAL INSPECTIONS

- 1. 105 Monitor Ave Fail
- 2. 107 Monitor Ave Fail

BUILDING & ZONING PERMITS

BUILDING PERMITS

N/A

ZONING PERMITS

- 1. 218 Park Ave Parking Pad Denied
- 2. 7315 Brighton Rd Fence Denied
- 3. 6537 Ohio River Blvd Fence Approved

Please contact our office at any time with questions.

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ATTACHMENT D

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Executive Director's Report - March 2024

Hard To Recycle Event Details Finalized – In partnership with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) the QVCOG has financially supported the return of a "Hard to Recycle" event to the region. The event has been scheduled for Saturday, July 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event is set to take place at Leetsdale's Buncher Industrial Park, Building No. 15 (687 Avenue A, Leetsdale, PA 15056). Hard to Recycle events provide responsible and convenient disposal for items that are not eligible for curbside recycling. At these events, individuals have been able to recycle items such as e-waste, cell phones, polystyrene, Freon-containing appliances, tires and more. These events require all participants to register in advance. Additional details of the event, including disposal fees and registration details can be found at <a href="https://goc.org/document-recycle-event-recyc

WM Recycling Center Tour – WM has spent the past year making significant renovations to their single-stream recycling facility on Neville Island (4100 Grand Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15225). This facility will now be one of the most technologically advanced material recovery facilities in Pennsylvania, allowing WM to increase recycling capacity, and increase the capture rate of most acceptable materials. Staff and elected officials from QVCOG member communities are invited to tour the upgraded facility on June 4th at 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested in attending the event should send an email to Executive Director Conners at their earliest convenience.

2024 Dues Invoices – Membership dues invoices for the 2024 calendar year were sent out via email the week of March 4th. Dues rates have remained frozen at the rate established by the QVCOG Board of Delegates beginning in 2022.

LGA Municipal Intern Program Awards – Two QVCOG member communities were selected as host sites for the Local Government Academy's (LGA) 2024 Municipal Intern Program (MIP). Those who were selected are expected to attend the Municipal Intern Fair which will take place on Wednesday, March 20th from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the University of Pittsburgh's William Pitt Union Lower Lounge - 3959 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. The aforementioned communities and projects can be found below:

Kilbuck Township - Dixmont Cemetery Revitalization and Website Modernization Internship

Leetsdale Borough - Community Revitalization Internship

Important Dates

March 20, 2024 – QVCOG Board of Delegates Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Sewickley Public Library March 27, 2024 – QVCOG Managers and Secretaries Committee Meeting – 10:00 a.m. Aleppo Township Building

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