

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, April 5, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at Newtown Township on April 5, 2012 and called to order by Ms. McCreary at 9:45 a.m.

Roll Call and Introductions:

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

John Boyle, Yardley Borough	Rick Schnaedler, Hilltown Township
Carolyn McCreary, Plumstead Township	Eileen M. Bradley, New Britain Township
Gail Weniger, Warwick Township	Vivian Bell, Warrington Township
Rick Pasqualini, Newtown Township	Bob Pellegrino, Northampton Township
Herb Schoell, Upper Southampton Municipal Authority	Ted Taylor, Lower Southampton Township
Tim Hagey, Warminster Municipal Authority	

Sponsors:

Rick Lee, DVIT
Ted Dorand, PECO
Brian Jeter, Comcast

Approval of Minutes – March 1, 2012:

The meeting minutes from the March 1, 2012 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Ms. Bell reviewed the details of February and March. Ms. McCreary reminded the members that they sought this information before making a decision about contributing towards the APMM conference.

Presentation:

Congressman Michael Fitzpatrick, who represents the 8th District, was the guest speaker at the meeting. He spoke about the budget deficit, noting that local governments must adopt a balanced budget by law each year. He also spoke about the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and its impact on the projected budget deficit. Congressman closed his remarks by taking questions from the members and sponsors.

Community Updates:

Ms. Bradley informed those present that the quarterly Tax Collection Committee (TCC) meetings were being moved to 4:00 p.m. in order to guarantee better attendance.

Other Business:

Consortium members authorized a \$1,000 contribution for APMM in support of the Managers' Annual Conference, which is being held in Lancaster from May 22 through May 24.

Ms. McCreary informed the members that an ICMA ½ day training session was being worked on and she encouraged all present to attend, noting that the value of the information being presented. In response to a question she stated that the topic would be Leadership That Makes a Difference, which is brand new or Authentic Leadership in the Public Sector.

She also advised the Board that the website would be updated shortly, and announced that Kyle Seckinger, with Warwick Township had graciously offered to help with the overhaul.

Ms. McCreary informed the members that Andrea Coaxum had identified municipalities who are not currently members and prepared a detailed letter inviting them to join. Ms. McCreary stated she signed and mailed the letters to the respective managers with one replying and seeking to join the group.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea L. Coaxum
Consortium Coordinator