

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, May 6, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at Chalfont Borough on May 6, 2010 and called to order by Ms. Teoli at 9:35 a.m.

Roll Call and Introductions:

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

Melissa Shafer, Chalfont Borough	Gail Weniger, Warwick Township
Tim Hagey, Warminster Municipal Authority	Joe Czajkowski, Newtown Township
Carolyn McCreary, Plumstead Township	Stephanie Teoli, Upper Makefield Township
Linda McNeill, Tinicum Township	Dan Olpere, Perkasio Borough
Eileen Bradley, New Britain Township	Andrea Coaxum, Perkasio Borough
Joseph Golden, Upper Southampton Township	Jeff Vey, Milford Township
Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township	
Bob Pellegrino, Northampton Township	Ann Klepfer, East Rockhill Township
Joe Geib, Richlandtown Borough	Bill Wert, Hilltown Township
Tim Tieperman, Warrington Township	John Davis, Doylestown Borough
Robin Trymbiski, New Britain Borough	

Also in attendance:

Ryan Ingram, Hough Associates
Brian Jeter, Comcast
Anna Linn, DVHIT
Rick Lee, DVIT

Approval of Minutes – April 1, 2010:

Mr. Czajkowski made a motion, seconded by Bob Pellegrino, to approve the April 1, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Tim Tieperman presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2010.

Presentation:

Ms. Teoli introduced Senator Chuck McIlhinney (10th Senatorial District), Representative Bernie O'Neill (29th Legislative District), and Representative Scott Petri (178th Legislative District).

House Bill 2431, Municipal Managers contracts, and Senate Bill 797 were the main topics of discussion.

Rep. O'Neill and Petri both believe that House Bill 2431 will not pass. The origin of the bill is

Lancaster, where they are having forced zoning.

Concerning the Manager's contract legislation, Ms. Teoli commented that most managers have a problem with the language because of the term requirement. Rep. O'Neill said that he voted in favor of it, but said that it will probably get a lot of amendments. Rep. Petri believes in protecting workers rights.

Senate Bill 797 was also discussed. Senator McIlhinney has had discussions with insurance providers and they want to get it done. Ms. Teoli expressed her concern over the financial impact of this legislation. Rep. Petri said that the bill only requires that the firefighter be in the position for 4 years to qualify for the benefits and stated that there must be a "burden of proof". Rep. O'Neill said that he felt it was similar to when "Heart and Lung" benefits were being proposed. Rep. Petri said that it was pushed by professional firefighters. Ms. Weniger asked if there would be baseline physical requirements. Rep. Petri confirmed that it would be a requirement.

Senator McIlhinney stated that he had heard that a lot of home builders were pushing to get rid of the provision requiring sprinkler systems to be installed in new residential homes. The Senator is in favor of the provision and wants the enforcement to go through.

Rep. O'Neill commented on rolling assessments, saying that he was in favor of reassessing at the sale of a house. There was a brief discussion on several ways that the county could handle reassessment.

Rep. Petri is pushing for local government to have more control over signs and billboards.

There was discussion on Act 111.

Bob Pellegrino commented on the work being done by the TCC and stated that he was in favor of a weighted vote instead of one vote per municipality.

Community Updates:

None.

Other Business:

Members of the Consortium thanked Bob Pellegrino for sending out the MUA information.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea L. Coaxum
Consortium Coordinator