

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, March 4, 2004

Meeting Minutes

A roundtable meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at Warwick Township on March 4, 2004. The following individuals were present:

Chuck Barrett, Commerce Bank
Eileen Bradley, Wrightstown Township
Bob Bordeaux, KMS
Rich Breitenstein, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Richard Brittingham, Richland Township
John Cornelius, Perkasio Borough
John V. Cornell, East Rockhill Township
Dana Cozza, Buckingham Township
Bob Cracknell, KMS
John Davis, Doylestown Borough
Frank Farry, Middletown Township
Pete Gray, Falls Township
Katrina Harding, Warwick Township
Rick Lee, Delaware Valley Insurance Trust
Anna Linn, Delaware Valley Insurance Trust
Bill McCauley, Bensalem Township
Daniel P. Olpere, Local Government Management Services
Bob Pellegrino, Newtown Township
Ed Pfeiffer, Warwick Township
Amy Riddle, Boucher & James
Jim Roth, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Richard Sabol, Upper Southampton Township
Lois B. Saurman, Newtown Borough
John Schmidt, Chalfont-New Britain Township Sewer Authority
Tom Scott, Warwick Township
Stephen Sechriest, Richland Township
Dale O. Smith, Premier Bank
Ketan Thaker, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
Bruce Townsend, Northampton Township
Jeff Vey, Milford Township
Linda Wieand, Tinicum Township
Paul Williams, Dublin Borough

Preliminary Remarks

Frank Farry called the meeting to order, announced the morning's agenda, and thanked Warwick Township for hosting the March meeting of the Bucks County Consortium.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by John Cornelius, and seconded by Paul Williams, to approve the *Minutes of 5 February 2004*. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Bruce Townsend, and seconded by Paul Williams, to approve the Treasurer's Report for November, December, January, and February, and to approve an invoice submitted by Warrington Township in the amount of \$59.00. The invoice covered the costs of mailing membership invoices for 2004. Itemized costs are as follows: postage for mailing dues invoices (40 @ \$.37), self-inking stamp for depositing checks, and postage for mailing sponsoring member letters (60 @ \$.37). Motion carried.

Membership

Bob Pellegrino introduced Linda Wieand of Tincum Township, and notified members that Tincum Township has submitted a resolution "approving membership in the Bucks County Consortium of Communities." Bob Pellegrino made a motion, seconded by Jeff Vey, to accept the membership request of Tincum Township. Motion carried. Ballots dealing with Tincum Township's membership will be given to members at the next meeting.

Presentation: "Statewide Building Code"

Rich O'Brien, Keystone Municipal Services, presented. He stated that municipalities must decide between April 9 and July 8, 2004, whether to "opt-in" and administer and enforce the Uniform Construction Code or "opt out" and choose not to administer the code. The decision must be made at an advertised public meeting. Then notification of the decision must be given to the state Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) within 30 days by filing the notification form that L&I recently mailed to municipalities.

In addition Mr. O'Brien stated the following: municipalities should have received a model ordinance, additional information is available on the L&I website, what personnel registrations must be made with L&I, and differences in commercial and non-commercial requirements. Also, he provided information on the following: grandfathering provisions, inspector examinations, boards of appeal, ADA reviews, inspection fees, authority inspections, departmental director status, inspector wages, number and variety of needed certifications, square footage minimums, etc.

Presentation: "NPDES Reporting Requirements"

Rich Breitenstein of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and Amy Riddle of Boucher & James presented. Included in their presentation were: information on the MS4 program, phase 1 requirements, stormwater impacts, permitting, extensions, cost, public education methods, storm sewer mapping, DEP website information, etc. In addition they identified and discussed six minimum control measures (MCM) to prevent and reduce

stormwater impacts on water quality within a municipality. These include: public education and outreach, public participation and involvement, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site runoff control, post-construction stormwater management in new development and redevelopment, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping for municipal operations and maintenance.

Traffic Painting

Frank Farry reported on the history of traffic paint bidding, and questioned whether or not the program should be continued. John Davis reported that historically there has not been a significant difference in non-bid and bid prices, nor has there been a lot of bid competition. Bob Pellegrino added that many members contract painting.

Wage & Salary Survey

John Cornelius stated that Perkasio Borough will again take the lead in the annual wage & Salary survey, and described the type of information that is collected. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Other Business

Members discussed recent changes to non-uniform pension funds, and the role of PMRS.

Frank Farry reported on recent personnel events in Middletown Township.

Adjourn

Frank Farry thanked the guest speakers, and the meeting adjourned without motion.

Respectfully submitted,
