

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order (Reorganization Meeting):

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at Plumstead Township on February 4, 2010 and called to order by Mr. Tieperman at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call and Introductions:

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

Timothy J. Tieperman, Warrington Twp.	Eileen Bradley, New Britain Township
John Granger, Solebury Township	Joe Czajkowski, Newtown Township
Carolyn McCreary, Plumstead Township	Stephanie Teoli, Upper Makefield Township
Vivian Bell, Warrington Township	Robert Pellegrino, Northampton Twp.
Dana Cozza, Buckingham Township	Mark D. Fournier, Telford Borough
Ann Klepfer, East Rockhill Township	Andrea Coaxum, Perkasio Borough
Bob Bender, North Wales Water Authority	Joe Geib, Richlandtown Borough
Joseph Golden, Upper Southampton Township	Bill Wert, Hilltown Township
Katrina Harding, Warwick Township	Terry Fedorchak, Lower Makefield Township
Herb Schoell, Upper Southampton Water & Sewer Authority	Ron Scheese, Morrisville Borough

Also in attendance:

Chuck Barrett, TD Bank
Jack Moody, Spiezle Architects Group
Larry Uher, Spiezle Architectural Group
Elisabeth Sibley, Hough Associates
Tom Hough, Hough Associates
Ryan Ingham, Hough Associates
Ted Dorand, PECO

Election of New Officers:

The nominating committee put forth the following nominations for 2010- 2011 Consortium officers:

President - Stephanie Teoli, Upper Makefield Township
1st Vice President – Carolyn McCreary, Plumstead Township
2nd Vice President – Gail Weniger, Warwick Township

Treasurer – Vivian Bell, Warrington Township

A motion was made by Mr. Czajkowski and seconded by Mr. Pellegrino. Motion carried.

Call to Order (Regular Meeting):

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by Mr. Tieperman.

Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2009:

Mr. Czajkowski made a motion, seconded by Ms. McCreary, to approve the October 1, 2009 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report and Payment of Bills:

Vivian Bell presented the Treasurer’s Report for the months of December 2009 and January 2010. A motion was made by Ms. Cozza and seconded by Mr. Granger, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for January 2010. Motion carried.

Presentation:

Ted Dorand gave a presentation on Act 129 and the energy efficient programs that will be coming up in the near future. Act 129 has passed and the PUC has been charged with implementing conservation programs. The point of the act is to drive down energy consumption. Failure to achieve usage and demand savings will result in very high penalties. PECO filed a plan with the PUC that consists of 18 programs. Rebates for the installation of energy efficient lighting and equipment are part of the proposed plan. Audits with cost reimbursement for installation of recommended measures are another component. All rebates will be retroactive to July 1, 2009, so save any purchase documentation.

Chris Campbell with TD Bank gave a presentation on financing renewable energy projects. Three funding options exist: cash, issue and bond, or lease/finance. Municipalities can match the term of the lease with the life expectancy of the piece of equipment as a simple, flexible, and competitive option.

Community Updates:

Mark Fournier, manager of Telford Borough, said that his municipality has seen a 10% savings in electric since joining the Municipal Utility Alliance to try and save money on power purchases. He will keep the Consortium updated on his continued savings.

Bob Pellegrino, Manager with Northampton Township, said that since installing LED traffic lights, his municipality’s traffic light electric bill has been reduced from \$1,200 to \$400. He asked other members if they had any issues with snow covering the lights. Apparently, some towns in the Midwest had to clean snow off the lights because the

energy efficient bulbs did not produce enough heat to melt the snow. Other members commented that they did not have any issue with snow covering the lights, and said that the problem seems to be mainly in the Midwest because of the severity of the storms.

Consortium members asked Tom Hough, of Hough Associates, to give an update on the Act 101, Section 904 Recycling Performance Grants. Mr. Hough stated that half of the grant audits had been completed and mentioned that the DEP had been looking at compliance with leaf and yard waste programs. The DEP had also been looking to see if municipalities had burning ordinances.

Joe Czajkowski, Manager from Newtown Township, thanked Tim Tieperman for his two years of service as President of the Consortium.

Other Business:

None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea L. Coaxum
Consortium Coordinator