

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, November 6, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 11:45 a.m. at the Doylestown Country Club, on November 6, 2014, and called to order by Consortium President Eileen M. Bradley.

Roll Call and Instructions:

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

Eileen M. Bradley, New Britain Township
Angela P. Benner, New Britain Township
Tim Hagey, Warminster Municipal Authority
Kurt Ferguson, Newtown Township
Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Middletown Township
John McMenamin, Lower Southampton Township
Joe Condo, Lower Southampton Township
John Boyle, Yardley Borough
Mark Fournier, Telford Borough
Joseph Golden, Upper Southampton Township
Ann Alker, Upper Southampton Township
Herb Schoell, Upper Southampton Municipal Authority
Bill Wert, Dublin Borough
Jamie Gwynn, Northampton Township
Gail Weniger, Warwick Township
Sandra Zadell, Chalfont Borough
Darrell Card, Chalfont Borough
Robin Trymbiski, New Britain Borough
Linda McNeill, Tinicum Township
Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough
John Davis, Doylestown Borough
Bob Pellegrino, Northampton Township
Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township
Michelle Mockus, Doylestown Township
Carolyn McCreary, Plumstead Township
Tom Scott, Bristol Township
Vivian Bell, Warrington Township
Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township
Bill McCauley, Bristol Township
Scott Swichar, Bristol Township

Sponsors:

Jim Gray, RBC Capital Markets
Brian Bradley, RBC Capital Markets
Jamie Englebert, Beirne Wealth
Chris Englebert, Beirne Wealth
Karen Duenholz, CodeMaster Inspection Services/Boyle Construction
David Jones, Boucher & James, Inc.

Brian Jeter, Comcast
Ryan Ingham, Hough Associates
Tom Hough, Hough Associates
Elizabeth Sibley, Hough Associates

Approval of Minutes – October 2, 2014:

Upon motion by Mark Fournier, seconded by Stephanie Mason, the Minutes of October 2, 2014 were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Vivian Bell reviewed the details of the Treasurer's Reports. Upon motion by Carolyn McCreary, seconded by Stephanie Mason, the Treasurer's Report for October 2014 was approved as presented.

Presentation: County Update

Ms. Bradley introduced Bucks County Commissioner Charles H. Martin.

Commissioner Martin stated that the 2015 Budget is almost completed and projected to be \$400 million and will not reflect any tax increase. The County had reduced their number of employees by 10% and has not seen any drop-off in County services from that reduction. The new Justice Center is 96% complete and are hopeful to move employees into the new building in mid-January. Four of the buildings currently occupied by County employees will be renovated and placed back on the tax roles. Narrowband Radios are on schedule to be in service in Spring 2015. There have been 11 new tower sites established for the radios.

Commissioner Martin reminded everyone that open space allocations need to be used by the end of 2015. Anyone who has remaining funds should reach out to Dave Johnson at the County to discuss use of those funds. Commission Martin stated that the County plans to continue their farmland program.

Since the new transportation bill was established, there has been additional funding acquired by the County to use towards the replacement and repair of County-owned bridges. Commissioner Martin noted that the Gravel Hill Road Bridge is currently in the engineering phase.

The County Health Department was monitoring nine (9) people for Ebola that had traveled from foreign countries. The Department is also working with the District Attorney to provide safe houses for victims of human trafficking.

Commissioner Martin stated that the County hopes to appoint a new Human Resource Director soon. In addition, the County is also in the process of hiring a health care consultant to handle health care reform and the effect it will have on the County.

Discussion:

There was no discussion at this time.

Training Opportunities:

There were no training opportunities at this time.

Community Updates:

There were no community updates at this time.

Other Business:

Ms. Bradley reminded everyone that the Bucks/Montco Joint Holiday Party will be held on December 5 at The Bucks Club in Jamison.

Adjournment:

Upon motion by Sandra Zadell, seconded by Carolyn McCreary, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on February 5, 2015 at Warwick Township.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela P. Benner
Consortium Coordinator

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