

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, March 4, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at Newtown Township on March 4, 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:

Carolyn Hanel, Warrington Township	Vivian Bell, Warrington Township
Tim Hager, Warminster Municipal Authority	Joe Czajkowski, Newtown Township
John Buntoe, New Hope Borough	John Boyle, Newtown Township
Carolyn McCreary, Plumstead Township	Katrina Harding, Warwick Township
Linda McNeill, Tincum Township	Stephanie Teoli, Upper Makefield Township
Vivian Bell, Warrington Township	Robert Pellegrino, Northampton Twp.
Dana Cozza, Buckingham Township	Mark D. Fournier, Telford Borough
Joseph Golden, Upper Southampton Township	Andrea Coaxum, Perkasio Borough
Judy Decker, West Rockhill Township	Ron Scheese, Morrisville Borough
John Schmidt, Chalfont- New Britain Township Sewer Authority	Ted Taylor, Lower Southampton Township
Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township	Terry Fedorchak, Lower Makefield Township

Herb Schoell, Upper Southampton Water & Sewer Authority

Also in attendance:

Dave Woglom, Lafayette College Meyner Center
Michal Hartey, Keystone Municipal Services
Richard Manfredi, Bucks County Association of Township Officials
Adam Walker, Constellation Energy
Ted DOrand, PECO
Rick Borgerson, Citizens Bank

Approval of Minutes – March 4, 2010:

Mr. Fournier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Czajkowski, to approve the March 4, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Vivian Bell presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2010. A motion was made by Mr. Czajkowski and seconded by Mr. Pellegrino, to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2010. Motion carried.

Presentation:

Low Cohen with Utility Solutions, Inc. was the first guest speaker. He explained the current condition of the electric market and the projected condition of the market once the last of the rate caps expire. He also explained the relationship of Constellation Energy and Utility Solutions with the PLCM, and how the Electric Procurement Program is offered through their Municipal Utility Alliance (MUA). Mr. Cohen went on to explain how rates are at a multi-year low, and are expected to go up. Municipalities can get one to four year fixed prices from the MUA. To get started, municipalities just need to sign a data release and they will then receive prices.

Mr. Walker from Constellation Energy was the second speaker. He presented information about his company, which is the largest supplier in the United States.

Rick Schuettler with PLCM explained how municipalities can purchase from Constellation Energy without going through the procurement process and would forward the legal counsel on that to all members. He then went on to talk about Senate Bill 1060, which recognizes that it is okay for municipalities to enter into a contract with their manager. It must be voted on or renewed every two years. At this point, there is no way to know when this bill will pass. PLCM will make a model agreement that matches the law for distribution.

Rich Manfredi was the last speaker. He announced many changes in the way that the BCATO is doing business and how it is funded. He explained that his organization represents legislative issues of Township officials, and he would like to start a Managers Committee to get managers more involved in the organization.

Community Updates:

Bob Pellegrino reminded the group about the upcoming TCC meeting.

Other Business:

The group took a tour of the newly renovated Newtown Township Building.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on a motion by Ms. Teoli, seconded by Ms. McCreary. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea L. Coaxum
Consortium Coordinator