

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, June 3, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at Doylestown Township on June 3, 2010 and called to order by Ms. Teoli at 9:40 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	
Vivian Bell, Warrington Township	Frank Celona, Lower Southampton Township
Herb Schoell, Upper Southampton W&S Authority	Andrea Coaxum, Perkasio Borough
Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township	Ted Taylor, Lower Southampton Township
Bob Pellegrino, Northampton Township	Ann Klepfer, East Rockhill Township
Dana Cozza, Buckingham Township	John Davis, Doylestown Borough

Approval of Minutes – May 6, 2010:

Mr. Czajkowski made a motion, seconded by Carolyn McCreary, to approve the May 6, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Vivian Bell presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2010. Mr. Czajkowski made a motion, seconded by Bob Pellegrino, to approve the report.

Presentation:

Ms. Teoli introduced Pam Learned from Word Work. Ms. Learned spoke about the new communications strategies for local government, including blogs, Facebook, Twitter. She also stressed the importance of e-mail, your municipalities website, newsletter, surveys (electronic and print), and newspapers.

She spoke briefly about using the new social media sites to connect with members of your municipality.

Verizon representatives Rob Perrong, Eric Krug, Josh Dillon, and Dan Reavy presented during the second half of the meeting. They spoke about the 25% discount that local governments receive through CoStar, the "Push to Talk" feature, and military-spec phones.

Mr. Reavy spoke about getting fiber into most municipalities, which brings a whole new world of products to the consumer's doorstep. Fios for government is being tested in Hatfield Township.

Meanwhile, residents can visit the Verizon web site and sign up to be notified when Fios is available in their area.

Community Updates:

Anne Klepfer with East Rockhill Township told the group that her municipality had just begun accepting credit cards for payments made in person or over the phone. The company they are using does not charge the Township; the person is charged 2.45% of the transaction (\$1.50 minimum). In 60 days, her municipality will also be accepting credit card payments through their web site.

Other Business:

Melissa Safer with Chalfont Borough announced that she is still looking for an RFP for architectural services to do an addition or renovation project.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea L. Coaxum
Consortium Coordinator