

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, March 7, 2019

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 9:00 a.m. at the New Britain Township, on March 7, 2019 and called to order by Consortium President Sandra Zadell.

2. Roll Call, Introductions and Community Updates:

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

Tom Scott, Bristol Township
Dana Cozza, Buckingham Township
Colette Hering, BCWSA
Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough
Andrea Susten, Doylestown Township
Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township
Angela Benner, Dublin Borough
Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Middletown Township
Scott Sadowsky, Middletown Township
Eileen Bradley, New Britain Township
Michael Walsh, New Britain Township
Bob Pellegrino, Northampton Township
Bill Wert, Northampton Township
Carolyn McCreary, Plumstead Township
Kathy Wetzel, Richlandtown Borough
Mark Fournier, Telford Borough
Andy Warren, Tullytown Borough
John Boyle, Warminster Heights
Barry Lubber, Warrington Township
Ashley Casey, Warwick Township
Becki Wilhelm, Warwick Township
Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township
Greg Lippincott, West Rockhill Township

Sponsors:

Bob Solarz, Delaware Valley Trust
Steve Noll, TMA Bucks
David Ohman, Univest
Rod Hawthorne, Univest
Michael Davisson, Univest
Chuck Raudenbush, Waste Management

3. Community Updates:

Members welcomed to provide community updates.

4. Presentations:

Panel: Dana Cozza, Buckingham Township Manager, Barry Lubber, Warrington Township Manager, Carolyn McCreary, Plumstead Township Manager, Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township Manager

Moderator: Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township Manager

Panel questions/discussions:

1. Introductions / State length of time serving as Township Manager
 - Generally, how has the relationship with your Board changed over time?
2. For those that were Assistant Township Managers or Department Heads prior to, how had your relationship changed after the promotion? Were you shielded from your Board?
3. For those who have worked at multiple townships, what were your primary relationship differences between townships? What strategies were successful at certain townships and what were not?
4. Discuss the relationship complexities of a politically split Board.
5. Describe any events which caused a good relationship to turn bad.
6. Describe any events which caused a bad relationship to turn good.
7. How do you establish professional boundaries? IE responding to phone calls/texts/emails after-hours or responding to outside invitations
 - Describe a situation where a Board Member attempted to breach the professional/personal boundary

5. Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Upon motion by Stephanie Mason, seconded by Greg Lippincott, the Treasurer's Report for February 2019 was unanimously approved.

6. Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Eileen Bradley, seconded by Stephanie Mason, the February 7, 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

7. Other Business:

Bob Solarz, Executive Director of Delaware Valley of the Delaware Valley Trusts made an announcement and provided information regarding the Phyllis Lieberman Women's Trailblazer Scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship is to promote the advancement of women in local municipal government. Mr. Solarz provide flyers regarding the scholarship. Application deadline is Friday, March 29th.

8. Upcoming Events:

Mrs. Zadell made an announcement of the following upcoming dates & registration deadlines:

- Student Networking Event: Friday, March 29th 3-5 p.m. (*Miller's Ale House, Willow Grove*)
- 2019 Member/Sponsorship Dues: Reminder all payments should be sent to Doylestown Borough.
- Salary Survey – Email all responses directly to Scott Sadowsky.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on April 4, 2019, at Northampton Valley Country Club.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Casey
Consortium Coordinator