

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, October 3, 2019

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 9:35 a.m. at Middletown Township, on October 3, 2019, and called to order by Consortium President Angela Benner.

2. Roll Call, Introductions and Community Updates:

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

William Cmorey, Bensalem Township
Tom Scott, Bristol Township
Andrea Susten, Doylestown Township
Angela Benner, Dublin Borough
Mega Bhandary, Middletown Township
Nick Valla, Middletown Township
Scott Sadowsky, Middletown Township
Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Middletown Township
Michael Walsh, New Britain Township
Judy Musto, Newtown Borough
Bob Pellegrino, Northampton Township
Paul Stepanoff, Richland Township
Mark Fournier, Telford Borough
Joseph Golden, Upper Southampton Township
Tim Hagey, Warminster Municipal Authority
George Pfeiffer, Warminster Municipal Authority
Christian Jones, Warrington Township
Ashley Casey, Warwick Township
Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township

Sponsors:

Mary Stove, CKS Engineers
Chris Englebert, Englebert Financial
Aaron Nelson, Hough Associates
Rod Hawthorne, Univest
Dan Fagan, Senator Santarsiero office
Chuck Raudenbush, Waste Management

3. Presentations:

As we all know, the MS4 requirements put on municipalities are expensive unfunded mandates that will continue to cost municipalities in upcoming years. This presentation focused on the practical and real life experiences of one Pennsylvania municipality that has addressed this issue by implementing a stormwater authority.

to learn from a former Bucks County Manager about how Derry Township (Dauphin County) has successfully implemented a stormwater authority.

Stephanie Teoli Kuhls introduced Christopher Christman, Derry Township Manager, a former Bucks County Manager about how Derry Township (Dauphin County) has successfully implemented a stormwater authority.

Authority Executive Director, Wayne Schutz, Stormwater Program Manager, Michael Callahan and Solicitor E. Lee Stinnett, II, Esq., Salzmann Hughes, P.C. lead an interactive discussion on their experiences. They shared with the membership how the program was received by the residents, how the fees were assessed and collected, how they deal with non-profit

organization, and provided an overall presentation to help our members understand how this program works, to see if this is something that a municipality might want to consider for their town, or might want to work with neighboring municipalities in a regional program.

The team touched on the following topics: History of Derry Municipal Authority (DTMA), Derry Township Storm Water Partnership, Benefits of DTMA Stormwater Management, Startup Goals, Community Stakeholders/Educate, In fractured Review/Identified needs, Program Level of Service, Implementing a Stormwater Program Fee, Development of Impervious area estimates, Project Budget and Fee Calculation, provided a DTMA Stormwater Program Financial Summary, examples of aging infrastructures, watershed issues, and continual maintenance, upgrades and assessments.

Concluding remarks:

- Critically evaluate the makeup of your community along with the strengths and weaknesses of the municipality and authority.
- Get input from others – Can't stress importance of SAC enough!
- Don't be afraid to tackle challenges.
- Embrace the challenges.

For more information visit: <http://www.DTMA.com>

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4. Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Upon motion by Bill Wert, seconded by Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, the Treasurer's Report for September 2019 was unanimously approved.

6. Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Bob Pelligrino, seconded by Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, the September 5, 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

7. Other Business:

Verizon Update: Mr. Wert informed the members that Dan Cohen would like to present at an upcoming Consortium meeting and provide an update to the group. Mr. Wert noted he would confirm.

8. Upcoming Events:

Bucks County Consortium Luncheon: Ms. Benner made an announcement that this year, the Bucks County Consortium Luncheon will be held on Thursday, November 7th at the Doylestown Country Club, 20 Country Lane, Doylestown, PA 18901. Ms. Benner noted that the luncheon registration form will be sent out in the next couple days. She stated that all checks can be made out to the Bucks County Consortium and are to be mailed to Doylestown Borough, Attn: Caroline Brinker, 57 W. Court Street Doylestown, PA 18901. Registration deadline is Monday, October 28TH.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for 11:45 AM on November 7, 2019, at the Doylestown Country Club.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Casey
Consortium Coordinator