

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, November 7, 2019

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 12:15 p.m. at Doylestown Country Club, on November 7, 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:

Colette Hering, BCWSA
John Davis, Doylestown Borough
Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough
Andrea Susten, Doylestown Township
Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township
Angela Benner, Dublin Borough
Laurie Hagey, Dublin Borough
Tim Hartman, Falls Twp. Authority
Brian Shaprio, Middletown Township
Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Middletown Township
Scott Mitchell, Middletown Township
Scott Sadowsky, Middletown Township
Susan Federsel, New Britain Township
Michael Walsh, New Britain Township
Christina Szabo, New Hope Borough
E.J. Lee, New Hope Borough
Judy Musto, Newtown Borough
Robert Pellegrino, Northampton Township
Bill Wert, Northampton Township
Mike Solomon, Northampton Township

Paul Stepanoff, Richland Township
Tracey Virnelson, Richland Township
Mark Fournier, Telford Borough
David Nyman, Upper Makefield Township
Judy Caporiccio, Upper Makefield Township
Barbara O’Niell, Upper Southampton Municipal Authority
Herb Schoell Jr., Upper Southampton Municipal Authority
Joseph Golden, Upper Southampton Township
Ann Alker, Upper Southampton Township
Barbara Zielinski, Warminster Municipal Authority
Tim Hagey, Warminster Municipal Authority
Gregg Schuster, Warminster Township
Amanda Zimmerman, Warminster Township
Barry Luber, Warrington Township
Christian Jones, Warrington Township
Ashley Casey, Warwick Township
Becki Wilhelm, Warwick Township
Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township

Sponsors:

Mike Italia, Barry Isett & Associates
Steve Noll, TMA
Ashley Sulon, TMA
David Jones, Boucher & James Engineering
Bob Solarz, Delaware Valley Trust
Michael Davisson, Girard Pension Services
Thomas Panzer, High Swartz
Tom Hough, Hough Associates
Ryan Ingham, Hough Associates
Alan Herr, HPT Systems
Meg Toner, HPT Systems
David Woglam, Lafayette Manor
Dan Reavy, McMahon Associates
Ted Duran, PECO
Jamie Schlesinger, PFM
Phil Wursta, Traffic Planning & Design
David Ohman, Univest
Rod Hawthorne, Univest

3. Presentations:

Commissioner Robert Loughery: Ms. Benner introduced Commissioner Robert Loughery. Commissioner Loughery provided county updates and details on the following areas:

- Opioid Crisis: There has been a decrease in fatalities since 2019. Explained about the Bucks County Drug Stroke Force Prevention
- Challenges/Opportunities for Bucks County: Affordable housing, workforce development, Veterans Housing Program, Senior housing
- Infrastructure within Bucks County: Tackle the county bridges in a more aggressive way, trail programs, studies of the Neshaminy Creek trails, and active recreation.
- 2020 Budget

4. Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Upon motion by Stephanie Mason, seconded by Mark Fournier, the Treasurer's Report for October 2019 was unanimously approved.

6. Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Michael Walsh, seconded by Barry Lubber, the October 5, 2019 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

7. Other Business:

ICMA Scholarship Presentation by E.J. Lee, New Hope Borough Manager. Ms. Lee presented to the Consortium what she was able to learn and experience while attending the ICMA Conference in Nashville, TN this past October. She provided details of sessions and speakers that she learned from and felt were most valuable. Ms. Lee expressed gratitude to the Consortium for allowing her this experience.

Ms. Benner stated that there has been a blanket Right to Know request that was sent to most municipalities in Bucks County seeking records/documentation of all cited "Code"/Ordinance violations. Ms. Benner stated that Ms. Casey, Consortium Coordinator will send out an email looking to hear from the municipalities that received this request.

8. Upcoming Events:

Ms. Benner made an announcement that the 2020 Membership/Sponsors Invoices will be sent out on Monday, December 2, 2019. All payments are due by January 6, 2019.

Ms. Benner made an announcement that the Bucks/Montco Consortia of Communities Joint Holiday Party will be held on Friday, December 6, 2019, from 1-4 pm at the Talamore County Club, 723 Talamore Drive, Ambler, PA 19002.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 AM on February 6, 2010, at Warwick Township.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Casey
Consortium Coordinator