

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, February 3, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 9:21 a.m. at Warwick Township, on February 3, 2022, and called to order by Consortium President Kyle Seckinger.

Roll Call, Introductions and Community Updates:

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

John Davis, Doylestown Borough
Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough
Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township
Aaron Walizer, Doylestown Township
Kurt Ferguson, Lower Makefield Township
Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Middletown Township
Mega Bhandary, Middletown Township
Nick Valla, Middletown Township
Amanda Zimmerman, New Britain Borough
Bill Wert, Northampton Township
Bob Pellegrino, Northampton Township
Rebecca Deemer, Perkasie Borough
Andrea Susten, Plumstead Township
Eileen Bradley, Sellersville Borough
Mark Fournier, Telford Borough
John Boyle, Warminster Heights
John Ramey, Warminster Township
Barry Luber, Warrington Township
Becki Wilhelm, Warwick Township
Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township
Skye Sorresso, Warwick Township
Lauri Henderson, Warwick Water and Sewer Authority
Mike Sullivan, Warwick Water and Sewer Authority

Sponsors:

Bob Solarz, Delaware Valley Insurance Trusts
Aaron Nelson, Hough Associates
Steve Wiesner, Wiesner Consulting

Dan Fagan, Senator Steve Santarsiero's Office
Stephen Seufert, Commissioner Harvie's Office

Sponsors Spotlight:

- Bob Solarz, Delaware Valley Insurance Trusts
- Steve Wiesner, Wiesner Consulting

Newly Elected Officials Orientation Panel

Panel:

- Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Middletown Township Manager
- Eileen Bradley, Sellersville Borough Manager
- Kurt Ferguson, Lower Makefield Township Manager
- Moderator: Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township Manager

The panel presented on the basics of orientations for newly elected officials, including:

- The Importance of Orientations
- How to Plan and Prepare an Orientation
- Initial Meetings with the Manager
- Department Head Meetings

Mr. Seckinger led panel discussion on the following:

- Establishing Manager/Council Relationships
- Handling a Politically Polarized Council
- Training Services for Newly Elected Officials
- Managing the Expectations of a New Official

The panel responded to a series of questions from the membership.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Upon motion by Stephanie Mason, seconded by Mark Fournier, the Treasurer's Report for January 2022, was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Stephanie Mason, seconded by Caroline Brinker, the October 7, 2021, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Upcoming events:

Mr. Seckinger reminded everyone to review the new ARPA funding guidelines released by the Department of Treasury on January 6, 2022.

He announced the following upcoming meetings:

- Consortium Meeting
 - Thursday, March 3rd (New Britain Township)

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 AM by Stephanie Mason.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kyle W. Seckinger
Consortium President