

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 9:33 a.m. at Doylestown Township, on September 1, 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:

William Cmorey, Bensalem Township
John Chaykowski, Bensalem Township
Darrell Card, Chalfont Borough
Shawn Curran, Chalfont Borough
Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Township
Stacy Crandell, Doylestown Township
Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township
Ashley Casey, Middletown Township
Nick Valla, Middletown Township
Matt West, New Britain Township
Michael Walsh, New Britain Township
Katherine McGovern, Newtown Township
Robert Bender, North Wales Water & Sewer Authority
Bill Wert, Northampton Township
Stacey Schwengels, Northampton Township
Angela Benner, Plumstead Township
Chris Garges, Solebury Township
John Boyles, Warminster Heights
Barry Luber, Warrington Township
Becki Wilhelm, Warwick Township
Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township
Skye Sorresso, Warwick Township
Stacey Mulhollen, Wrightstown Township

Sponsors:

Mike Italia, Barry Isett & Assoc.

Sponsors Spotlight: None

Human Resources in the Post-COVID Era Panel

Panelist:

Angela Benner, Plumstead Township, Barry Luber, Warrington Township, Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township, and Matt West, New Britain Township.

Questions moderated by Kyle Seckinger. Each panelists provided their input and how the question is or is not handled by their municipalities:

- What strategies have you used for recruitment and retention?
- You have considered increases in benefits? (Parental Leave, Pension & Healthcare)
- Have you extended or modified working from home allowances?
- Have you changed your time off allowances or policy?
- Are you considering any extra salary increases due to inflation?
- Have you changed how and where you post openings?
- Have you changed your employment advertisements to include any benefits enhancements?
- Any other permanent (and positive) changes that originated from COVID?

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Upon motion by Angela Benner, seconded by Matt West, the Treasurer's Report for June through August 2022, was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Caroline Brinker, seconded by Angela Benner, the May 5, 2022, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Nomination of Second Vice President Vacancy:

Upon motion by Angela Benner, seconded by Stephanie Mason, Matt West from New Britain Township was appointed Second Vice President of the Bucks County Consortium.

Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority Sale:

Angela Benner, Plumstead Township, Stacey Mulholland, Wrightstown Township & Bucks County Association of Township Officials (BCATO), Mike Sullivan, Warwick Township Water & Sewer Authority And Robert Bender, North Wales Water & Sewer Authority all spoke in regard to the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority Sale to Aqua Pennsylvania. They collectively discussed how the sale would impact Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority customers and what could be done.

New Business:

Darrell Card surveyed the membership if any municipality has worked with Delaware Valley Health Trust for their cyber renewal.

Stacy Crandell surveyed the membership if any municipality has a single trash hauler.

Bill Wert provided an update on the Verizon Franchise Agreement. He noted that the update is complete but there are still some municipalities are waiting.

Upcoming events:

Right-to-Know Training

Friday, September 23rd starting at 8:00 a.m.

Warrington Township (Hosted by Bucks & Montgomery Counties)

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM by Angela Benner.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Casey

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Consortium Coordinator