

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 6, 2022

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 9:30 a.m. at Doylestown Borough, on October 6, 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:

Shawn Curran, Chalfont Borough
Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough
John Davis, Doylestown Borough
Stacy Crandell, Doylestown Township
Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township
Colleen Pursell, Dublin Borough
Ashley Casey, Middletown Township
Nick Valla, Middletown Township
Christina Bernhardt, Middletown Township
Bob Pellegrino, Northampton Township
Bill Wert, Northampton Township
Andrea Susten, Plumstead Township
Chris Garges, Solebury Township
Cathi Cataldi, Solebury Township
Jason Wager, Springfield Township
John Ramey, Warminster Township
Christian Jones, Warrington Township
Becki Wilhelm, Warwick Township
Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township
Skye Sorresso, Warwick Township

Dan Fagan, Senator Steve Santarsiero's Office

Sponsors:

Beth Kaufman, Equitable Advisors
Brian Lake, Equitable Advisors

Sponsors Spotlight: None

Climate Action Plans Presentation by:

Fred Suffian, Chair of the Warrington Township Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) presented information on the following key points and timelines of the Warrington Township's Energy Transition and Efficiency Action Plan:

- In August 2021, the Warrington Twp. Board of Supervisors (BOS) passed Resolution 21-R-39 which established goals to transition to 100% clean and renewable energy, and to complete this transition in the electricity sector by 2035 and in all energy sectors, including heat and transportation, by 2050.
- In August 2021 the Township was awarded a technical assistance grant to develop a Climate Action/Energy Transition Plan. This assistance was made possible through a grant agreement between ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability and the PA Department of Environmental Protection and was funded by the US Department of Energy State Energy Program.
- Mr. Suffian reviewed the following milestones of Warrington Township's Energy Transition and Efficiency Action Plan:
 - Milestone 1 - Community Wide Inventory GHG Emissions, Municipal Inventory GHG Emissions
 - Milestone 2 - Establish Reduction Target
 - Milestone 3 - Develop Climate Action Plan
 - Milestone 4 - Implement Projects, Policies and Procedures
- Mr. Suffian reviewed Warrington Twp.'s Climate Action Plan Development Schedule

Nick Valla, Assistant Township Manager (Middletown Township) presented detailed information on the following key points of Middletown Twp's Climate Action Plan & Implementation Update:

- What is a Climate Action Plan (CAP)
- Key Issues to Address with a CAP
- Examples of Middletown's Pre-CAP Sustainability Efforts
- Adoption of Middletown's CAP
 - CAP Adoption by Board of Supervisors September 20, 2021, Developed by PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)'s Local Climate Action Program (LCAP) with Environmental Engineering students from Wilkes University, Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) served as steering committee.
- Examples of where Emissions Come From
- Projects Implemented Since Middletown Twp.'s CAP Adoption
 - Partnership with East Stroudsburg University & PA DEP, Weatherization Webinar (12/02/2021), Enacted Alternative Energy Ordinance (12/06/2021), Purchase of first two (2) hybrid Police vehicles (02/02/2022), Transition to sustainable cleaning products (03/2022), Earned Sustainable PA Platinum Certification (06/2022), 9th Community in Pennsylvania, Installed two (2) Level 2 EV charging stations at Styer Orchard (07/2022)
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- CAP Various Projects In Progress at Middletown Twp.
- Mr. Valla shared that Middletown Twp. received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Local Government

- Award for Innovative Planning & Sound Land Use Practices presented by DCED Center for Local Government Services (04/13/2022)
 - Where Middletown Twp. is Heading with the CAP
 - Positive Outcomes - Impact on Development
 - Lessons Learned during the Implementation.
 - What's on the Horizon for Middletown Twp.'s CAP
 - Mr. Valla shared that Middletown Township's CAP was the First CAP in Bucks County, First CAP by a Township in Southeastern Pennsylvania, ~10th CAP by a municipality in Pennsylvania

2023 Membership Fees

Kyle Seckinger announced that Bucks County Consortium Membership and Sponsorship dues are proposed to be increased starting in 2023:

- Municipalities under 10,000 Membership Dues will be \$175.
- Municipalities over 10,000 Membership Dues will be \$250.
- Sponsorship dues will be \$275.

Upon motion by Stephanie Mason, seconded by John Davis, the Bucks County Consortium Membership and Sponsorship dues increase, was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Upon motion by Bob Pellegrino, seconded by John Davis, the Treasurer's Report for September 2022, was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Caroline Brinker, seconded by Stephanie Mason, the September 1, 2022, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business:

None.

Upcoming events:

Bucks County Consortium Luncheon at the Northampton Country Club on Thursday, November 3, 2022

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Casey
Consortium Coordinator

