

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 6, 2023

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 9:30 a.m. at the Northampton Valley Country Club, on April 6, 2023, and called to order by Consortium President Barry Luber.

President's Opening Remarks:

Barry Luber had the following open remarks:

- o Phillie Phanatic Trip scheduled for Thursday, July 20th. Tickets are still available contact Ashley Casey, Consortium Coordinator.
- o Update on the forming of a Consortium to monitor the sale of municipal utilities.

Roll Call, Introductions and Community Updates:

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

Randee Elton, Bristol Township
Jessica Ireland, Bristol Township
Shawn Curran, Chalfont Borough
Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough
John Davis, Doylestown Borough
Stacy Crandell, Doylestown Township
Colleen Pursell, Dublin Borough
Tim Hartman, Falls Township Authority
John Ryba, Falls Township Authority
Megan Parmer, Falls Township Authority
Steve Bradshaw, Langhorne Borough
Dave Kratzer, Lower Makefield Township
Devan Ambron, Milford Township
Ashley Casey, Middletown Township
Devan Ambron, Milford Township
Matt West, New Britain Township
John Bates, New Britain Township
Michal Lewis, Newton Township
Katherine McGovern, Newton Township
Adam Selisker, Northampton Township
Bob Pellegrino, Northampton Township
Bill Wert, Northampton Township
Adam Selisker, Northampton Township
Kris Barndt, Quakertown Borough
Chris Garges, Solebury Township
Rich Pursell, Springfield Township
Herb Schoell, Upper Southampton Municipal Authority
Don Williams, Upper Southampton Township
Mark Sarson, Upper Southampton Township

John Boyle, Warminster Heights
John Ramey, Warminster Township
Lisa Howdyshell, Warminster Township
Timothy Hagey, Warminster Township Municipal Authority
Barry Luber, Warrington Township
Kyle Seckinger, Warwick Township
Stacy Mulholland, Wrightstown Township
Paula Johnson, Yardley Borough
Patty Sargent, Yardley Borough

Sponsors:

Mike Italia, Barry Isett & Associates
Kathy Markloff, Barry Isett & Associates
Caitlin Mest, Barry Isett & Associates
Bob Solarz, Delaware Valley Insurance Trust
Beth Kaufman, Equitable Advisors
Chuck Raudenbush, Hough & Associates
Christopher Tomlinson, CBIZ InR
Rick Battaglia, Penn Community Bank
Michelle Brennan, Penn Community Bank
Dan O'Brien, RBC Capital Markets
Steve Noll, TMA Bucks
Rod Hawthorne, Univest
David Ohman, Univest
Jennifer Smith, Waste Management

Sponsors Spotlight:

- Univest
- Penn Community Bank

Presentation:

The following participated in the legislative update panel:

- State Senator Frank Farry (District 6)
- Representative Joe Hogan (District 142)
- Representative Kristin Marcell (District 178)
- Representative Kathleen "K.C." Tomlinson (District 18)
- Representative Perry Warren's Legislative Assistant, Matt Rego (District 31)
- Representative Brian Munroe's Staff Member, Amanda Soloway (District 144)

The following topics were discussed amongst the panelist and the membership:

- Senator Farry provided a Senate Update and a brief update/ discussion of the Sterling Act.

- Representative K.C. Tomlinson discussed the proposed Porch Pirate Bill & Patient Safety Act.
- Representative Kristin Marcell thanked the group for always communicating the needs of the municipalities to the Representatives. She also noted that she is working with Representative Tomlinson on the proposed Porch Pirate Bill & Patient Safety Act.
- Representative Brian Munroe's Staff Member Amanda Soloway discussed the existing water issued within Warminster Township and how residents are being provided water.
- Representative Perry Warren's Legislative Assistant, Matt Rego discussed park protection, pedestrian safety and the increasing of signage and lighting.
- Representative Joe Hogan explained that many of the current House Bills are being worked on together by the constituents. He also discussed the Sterling Act and the House Bill being introduced to increase a County wide blight program.

Mr. Luber then opened the discussion to questions from the membership.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Upon motion by John Ramey, seconded by Shawn Curran, the Treasurer's Report for March 2023, was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Caroline Brinker, seconded by Becki Marencik the March 2, 2023, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

Mr. Luber announced that the next meeting will be Thursday, May 4, 2023, at Warrington Township and there will be a panel discussion on how to mix volunteer/paid firefighters, recruitment, and retention.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Casey
Consortium Coordinator