

BUCKS COUNTY CONSORTIUM MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 5, 2026

Call to Order:

A meeting of the Bucks County Consortium was held at 9:20 a.m. at Warwick Township on March 5, 2026, and called to order by Consortium 1st Vice President, Nick Valla.

Roll Call, Introductions and Community Updates:

The following Bucks County communities were represented at the meeting:

Megan Abbott, Bristol Township
Karyn Hyland, Doylestown Borough
Calvin Trovinger, Haycock Township
RF Shoup, Haycock Township
Mega Bhandary, Lower Makefield Township
Kellie Frain, Lower Makefield Township
Nick Valla, Middletown Township
Larry Kremsky, North Wales Water Authority
Bill Wert, Northampton Township
Ashley Casey, Northampton Township
Greg Hucklebridge, Northampton Township
Paul Lizzi, Northampton Township
Gregg Schuster, Upper Makefield Township
John Ramey, Warminster Township
Mike Walsh, Warminster Township
Tim Hagey, Warminster Township
Greg Lippincott, West Rockhill Township
Stacy Crandell, Wrightstown Township

Sponsors:

Mike Italia, Barry Issett & Associates
Karen Duerholz, Boyle Construction
Jeff Calhoun, Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority
Beth Kaufman, Equitable Advisors
John Gault, Millennium Strategies
Thomas Droege, Ridge Support Technologies
Chris Hoffert, Stiefel Financial
Morgan Cooper, Univest Financial Corporation
Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, WK2 Consulting

Presentations:

PECO Electrical Replacement Projects: Notice & Restoration Presentation provided by Ted Dorand, External Affairs Manager for PECO Energy

Mr. Dorand provided a presentation on PECO's ongoing electrical replacement and infrastructure improvement projects. He discussed several initiatives aimed at improving reliability and customer service, including underground cable replacement, aerial pole replacement, and routine tree trimming to maintain safe clearance from power lines.

He noted that PECO is also continuing updates to both its gas and electric systems as part of broader infrastructure improvements designed to enhance service for customers.

He explained that PECO maintains yearly contact with municipalities to discuss upcoming projects and typically provides 12–18 months' notice regarding planned work in order to improve communication and coordination with local governments. He also noted that PECO works closely with PennDOT when projects involve state roadways or right-of-way areas to ensure proper coordination.

Mr. Dorand emphasized PECO's ongoing efforts to improve communication with communities about infrastructure work being completed in local areas.

He also discussed PECO's initiative to move gas meters from inside homes to exterior locations whenever possible, which allows easier access for maintenance and repairs and improves safety. During the presentation,

Mr. Dorand introduced Rob Heiskell, who recently joined the External Affairs Department and will be working alongside him to help manage PECO projects throughout Bucks County.

He also provided his contact information:

Robert.Heiskell@exeloncorp.com

Senior Program Manager, PECO Government & External Affairs

Contact # 267-533-0256

Stormwater Utility Setup and Benefits

Presentation by Tyler Erb, Capital Management Analyst, Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.

Tyler Erb of Herbert, Rowland & Grubic (HRG) presented an overview of stormwater utilities and their role in addressing municipal stormwater challenges, including aging infrastructure, flooding, and regulatory requirements. He explained that a stormwater utility provides a dedicated revenue source for stormwater management, allowing municipalities to fund infrastructure improvements and compliance efforts while freeing general fund revenues for other priorities. He also noted that this funding approach does not count toward municipal borrowing limits and can improve opportunities for grants and subsidized loans.

The presentation highlighted that stormwater fees are often considered more equitable than property taxes because they are typically based on impervious surface area, meaning properties that contribute more runoff pay a larger share. Implementation of a stormwater utility would involve developing an

impervious area database, establishing a budget and rate structure, creating credit policies, conducting public outreach, and implementing billing. Credits may be available for properties that reduce stormwater runoff or improve water quality.

Mr. Erb concluded that a properly structured stormwater fee can provide stable funding, distribute costs more fairly, and support long-term stormwater management efforts.

Mr. Dorand and Mr. Erb answered several questions from the membership.

Mr. Valla thanked Mr. Dorand and Mr. Erb for their presentations and for taking the time to speak with and address questions from the membership.

Treasurer's Report and Payment of Bills:

Upon motion by Bill Wert, seconded by Kyle Seckinger, the Treasurer's Report for March 2026 was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon motion by Bill Wert, seconded by John Ramey, February 5, 2026, meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Morton Salt Update:

Mr. Valla informed the membership that many municipalities should have received their salt deliveries by this time. He also discussed the process for returning salt to PennDOT if a municipality previously borrowed from the state supply.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Casey
Consortium Coordinator