

**BUCKS COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 30, 2013**

Warwick Township  
1733 Township Greene  
Jamison, PA 18929

**CALL TO ORDER**

Robert Pellegrino, Northampton Township, Vice-Chairman convened the meeting of the Bucks County Tax Collection (TCC) at 4:10 PM and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Carolyn McCreary, Plumstead Township, Secretary called the membership roll. There was a quorum to conduct the Committee business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Walker, who identified himself as a member of the Newtown Borough Council, asked what the Committee intended to do to address the problem that had been discovered with Newtown Borough receiving earned income tax payments in the prior year that were meant for Newtown Township. He stated he was not satisfied with the answers he has received and requested a meeting between the TCC Solicitor and the Borough Solicitor. Mr. Pellegrino stated it was his understanding that the PSD codes provided by one particular payroll service were not correct resulting in the overpayment to Newtown Borough, and this had now been corrected. Mr. Lazzaro agreed to meet with Mr. Walker and address his concerns for more detailed information.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the January 29, 2013 minutes. On vote to approve the minutes, the motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER REPORT**

In Ms. Bradley's absence Mr. Pellegrino reviewed the expenditures for the period totaling \$3,000.00 with the YTD expenditures totaling \$12,132.46. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report and ratify the paid invoices for the month of May. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. There is \$8,694.05 remaining in the account.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

### ***Update on Litigation Regarding Philadelphia "Super Credit"***

Solicitor Geoff Beauchamp advised the Committee that the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has not challenged the TCC's appeal to the State Supreme Court. He also noted that the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) had not filed an amicus brief and the deadline for doing so had passed. Mr. Beauchamp stated the next step is for the Court to request oral arguments and he will continue to keep the Committee updated.

## OLD BUSINESS

Joe Lazzaro, Esq. of Keystone Collections Group reported that collections will continue to flow more quickly with Keystone being the sole collector and filers becoming more familiar with the process. He stated the highest wait time for filers calling Keystone's office with questions 3 minutes. He noted that final return processing was outpacing last year's due to improvements in scanning technology and data extraction. He advised that electronic filing of taxpayer's annual returns was up dramatically from the prior year (41%), as is the employer's filing of quarterly returns.

Mr. Lazzaro noted that the Riegelsville Annex is being moved into the Palisades School District.

NEW BUSINESS (None)

PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

There being no further business, Vice-Chairman Pellegrino adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Carolyn-McCreary, Secretary