

**BUCKS COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 30, 2017**

Warwick Township
1733 Township Greene
Jamison, PA 18929

CALL TO ORDER

Robert Pellegrino, Northampton Township, Chairman convened the meeting of the Bucks County Tax Collection (TCC) at 4:00 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 (None)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 30, 2017 and August 29, 2017 meeting minutes. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Bradley reviewed the Treasurer's report noting there were no expenditures for the month. She noted the inclusion of the proposed 2018 budget and the proposed \$10,000 assessment, stating that the assessments would be deducted in April or May when collections of EIT are highest. Ms. Bradley reviewed details of the 2018 weighted vote and assessment with the members. She advised that Hulmeville Borough had recently enacted a 1% EIT at their November 28 public meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2018 budget. On vote, the motion carried unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to adopt Resolution 2017-01 setting the allocation of the \$10,000 assessment for TCC operation expenses for 2018. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Geoffrey Beauchamp, Esq. provided the members with a legislative update concerning the Sterling Act. He stated there was an information meeting in Harrisburg on October 17, and in

his opinion the legislation is not likely to be enacted because of the level of impact to the City of Philadelphia. With regards to ET legislation, Mr. Beauchamp noted that there is no further action relating to any changes on EIT crediting. He also reported that there is no further action relating to real estate consolidation.

OLD BUSINESS (None)

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Lazzaro, Esq. of Keystone Collections Group provided an update on Act 172, provided an update on the collection numbers, advising that collections are slightly better as of October 31 compared to the prior year. Collections are 7.666% higher when factoring in Bensalem, and 3.91% higher when Bensalem is not included in the calculations. He noted that delinquent recoveries are going well with \$6.46 million being paid that should have been paid two years ago based on the PA 40 filings. Late notices have gone out to filers who filed extensions that were due by October 15.

Mr. Lazzaro stated that the SOC report is finalized, noting the AICPA had changed some of the auditing standards, which had to be incorporated. He noted that all of the real estate tax collections were incorporated into the systems security audit. Ms. Bradley stated that as soon as she receives the report it will be posted on the TCC website.

Mr. Pellegrino called the members' attention to the meeting schedule included in the packets with Ms. Bradley stating the meetings are scheduled for the last week of the month in keeping with past practice.

PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

There being no further business, Chairman Pellegrino adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:25 P.M.

The next meeting of the Committee is Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn McCreary, Secretary