

**BUCKS COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 30th, 2021**

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 4:07 PM at Warwick Township in addition to several members attending through a Zoom link. He led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Becki Wilhelm, Warwick Township, Secretary called the membership roll. There was not a quorum to conduct the Committee business.

PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Because there was not a quorum, the minutes from the April 29th and August 31st meetings will be presented for approval at the next meeting scheduled for January 27, 2022.

TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Bradley reviewed the Treasurer's report noting the fund balance is currently \$39,516.99. She is suggesting a reassessment in May of 2022.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT (None)

OLD BUSINESS (None)

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Lazzaro, Esq. of Keystone Collections Group spoke of the 19 months prior when COVID19 was just hitting the U.S. from China. Keystone had committed to Bucks County to continue to collect the necessary taxes. They have improved the collection process during this time and have built comprehensive reports to assist with data management for each of your communities.

Earned Income Tax revenue from January until October in 2019 was \$1721,103,150 and in 2021 during the same period was \$188,986,375. That's over \$18 million more or a 10.5% increase. There has been an increase of \$17.5 million collected from 2020 to 2021 also.

On the delinquent side, wage attachments have increased for recovery. Typically, \$6 to \$7 million is collected annually in delinquents but so far this year \$8.2 million has been collected. Just as a reminder, there is no commission taken by Keystone from the membership.

The audit reports with the controls report and security of data have been sent out. The financial report was completed for 2020.

The failure to file mailing has been sent out. The State extended from April 15th to November 15th, so they just went out now. Employer packets are being mailed to set up for 2022 if they filed through paper previously. 98% of Bucks County employers are filing online now.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

At the January meeting, there are two vacancies on the management Committee.

There was discussion of hosting a Zoom meeting to complete business of the committee before the next scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

There being no further business, Chairman Pellegrino adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:28 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becki Wilhelm, Secretary