

**BUCKS COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 28th, 2022**

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 4:05 PM and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Becki Wilhelm, Warwick Township, Secretary called the membership roll. There was a quorum of 56.68% to conduct the Committee business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough, and seconded by John Ramey, Warminster Township, to approve the minutes from January 27, 2022. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Bradley reviewed the Treasurer's report noting the fund balance is currently \$35,214.65 less the invoice for the audit of \$3,500.

A motion was made by Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough, and seconded by John Ramey, Warminster Township, to approve bills in the Treasurer's Report. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The 2023 budget will be presented at the next meeting. The approved assessment will be coming out in May with the \$17,000 allocated throughout membership accordingly.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT (None)

OLD BUSINESS (None)

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Lazzaro, Esq. of Keystone Collections Group stated that the big prediction of 2020-2021 was that the delinquent volume would be reduced but this did not occur. There was an increase of \$24.2 million in 2021 or 11.5%. The first quarter of 2022 was up 11.7% from last year at the same time. Keystone is going to look at Philadelphia filing returns now that all the data should be in. They have requested access to their returns to see W2s from 2021. There is always a 2-year delay on the release of data from delinquents.

Keystone has an automated system to pull audits from other counties to see what their trends of delinquents are compared to Bucks County. Some counties in Pennsylvania have experienced a reduction in delinquent collections where Bucks has not. There are no indications that delinquent collections will be reduced any time soon in Bucks County.

Keystone has attorneys on staff that have found non-conforming employers with Act 192. Keystone works with them to get caught up and correct procedures. As a reminder, delinquents are charged zero commissions for the collecting entities, any additional fees are paid by the taxpayer. Yellow book audits have been completed and should be received shortly.

PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

There being no further business, Chairman Pellegrino adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:26 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Wednesday, August 31st.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becki Wilhelm, Secretary