

**BUCKS COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 1st, 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 4:03 PM and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Becki Marencik, Warwick Township, Secretary called the membership roll. There was a quorum to conduct the Committee business. The total percentage of attendance was 60.19.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Caroline Brinker, seconded by Stephanie Mason to approve the minutes from the April 28th meeting. Motion passed.

Motion made by Caroline Brinker, seconded by Stephanie Mason to approve the minutes from the August 31st meeting. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Bradley reviewed the Treasurer's report noting the fund balance is currently \$48,578.37. There is no need for a tax assessment in 2023.

Motion was made by Caroline Brinker, seconded by John Ramey to approve the proposed 2023 budget. Motion passed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No new information to report.

The new contract for services was submitted to Ms. Bradley for a retainer of \$1,000 for 2023. Motion made by Stephanie Mason, seconded by Caroline Brinker to approve the annual contract. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Lazzaro, Esq. of Keystone Collections Group stated that the 4th quarter continues to grow with EIT up 11.6% from same time last year. In 2021, revenue was \$188,986,375 and in 2022, revenue is \$210,884,661. This is a \$21.9 million increase and still have 2 more months to go. Keystone continues to analyze reports from DCED to compare to other counties in PA. There are some counties that are increasing but not at the rate of Bucks County.

The outlook for the U.S. economy looks weaker than expected with a 1% expansion. The GOP is expected to increase 0.7% in 2023 and 1.8% in 2024.

Keystone is focusing on technologies, delinquents, and compliances. For example, whistleblower income has been determined to be taxable that Keystone found for a municipality and settled. When EIT delinquents are found and paid, typically those tax payers remain current on future taxes. Keystone represents 19 counties in PA. The contract expires in 2024, not 2023 as previously noted in minutes so Joe will be presenting a new contract early this year.

Falls Township and Langhorne Borough have both advertised for EIT.

PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

There being no further business, Chairman Pellegrino adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:37 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday, January 26, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becki Marencik, Secretary