

**BUCKS COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 25th, 2024**

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 4:02 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 of 51.71% to conduct the Committee business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe Lazzaro mentioned misinformation in the minutes that Keystone was behind two years in reporting when it should have been reported that the PA Department of Revenue was instead. The correction was made to the draft minutes of January 25, 2024. A motion was made by Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough, and seconded by John Ramey, Warminster Township, to approve the minutes as corrected from January 25, 2024. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Bradley reviewed the Treasurer's report noting the fund balance is currently \$24,320 with one bill paid this month for the audit.

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.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Geoff Beauchamp, Esq. is working on drafting legislation on a super credit for the shortfall between local EIT and the Philadelphia credit. The potential funding may come from gaming revenues in Pennsylvania as the Taxpayers Relief Act does for school districts.

There is a pending challenge to the tort cap with tort liability. The court case found the tort claims that apply to public entities is constitutional.

OLD BUSINESS (none)

NEW BUSINESS

Joe Lazzaro, Esq. of Keystone Collections Group presented his report and stated that April 30th is the filing due date for the first quarter of 2024. Looking at year to date EIT from 2023 and 2024, this year collections are up over \$400,000. EIT collections through the TCC between December 2023 and December 2022 increased 10.2%.

In November, Resolution 2 of 2023 passed authoring Keystone to withhold the reassessment of \$10,000 for operating expenses in 2024. The division was based on 2021 collections and weighted vote, but new communities have joined the TCC since then.

Mr. Lazzaro requests to have the TCC recalculate the division of the reassessment using the numbers from 2023. A motion was made to use the 2023 weighted average for this calculation by Daryl Card, Chalfont Borough, and seconded by Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown Township. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Pellegrino asked Mr. Lazzaro about costs incurred by the Bucks County TCC. Mr. Lazzaro stated that the costs to manage this TCC are minimum compared to other TCCs in the area.

Daryl Card, Chalfont Borough, asked if the TCC could have a proxy vote like the Montgomery County TCC. Mr. Beauchamp suggests changing the by-laws to either remote and/ or in person.

PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

There being no further business, Chairman Pellegrino adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:21 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Tuesday, August 27th at 4pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becki Marencik, Secretary