

**BUCKS COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 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 4:09 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 50.39% to conduct the Committee business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (None)**

**REORGANIZATION**

Mr. Pellegrino noted that the Committee needed to reorganize, and that the Nominations Committee recommended the following slate of Officers for 2024:

**Officers**

Chair – Robert Pellegrino, Northampton Township

Vice Chair – Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Middletown Township

Secretary – Becki Marencik, Warwick Township

Treasurer – Eileen Bradley, Sellersville Borough

**Management Committee**

Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown Township

Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township

Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough

Angela Benner, Plumstead Township

John Ramey, Warminster Township

**Nominations Committee**

vacant

Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township

Jill Pistory, Buckingham Township

**Tax Appeals Board**

Thomas E. Stinnett, Riegelsville Borough  
Lorraine Leslie, Hilltown Township  
Jason Harris, Council Rock School District  
Patricia Roeder, Milford Township (Alternate)  
vacant (Alternate)

**Open Records Officer**

Becki Marencik, Warwick Township

**Solicitor**

Geoffrey L. Beauchamp, Esq., DVMMA

**Auditor**

Bee Bergvall & Co.

**Depository**

Penn Community Bank

**Insurance Broker**

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Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township, made a motion to appoint the entire slate of Officers as presented apart from the vacancies. Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough, seconded the motion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township, nominated Stacey Mulholland, Wrightstown Township, as Nominations Committee Member and John Ramey, Warminster Township, as Tax Appeals Board Member. Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough, seconded the motion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township, made a motion to accept the 2024 meeting dates of April 25, August 27, and December 4, 2024 and January 30, 2025 for the following year. Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough, seconded the motion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township, and seconded by Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough, to approve the minutes from November 28, 2023. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

## TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Bradley reviewed the Treasurer's report noting the fund balance is currently \$36,006.66 with the solicitor paid for the year.

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

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Joe Lazzaro, Esq. and Geoff Beauchamp, Esq. are exploring drafting legislation for a state funded credit for the shortfall between local EIT and the Philadelphia credit. The potential funding may come from gaming revenues in Pennsylvania.

## OLD BUSINESS (none)

## NEW BUSINESS

Joe Lazzaro, Esq. of Keystone Collections Group presented his report and stated that EIT revenue is up 10.2% from the prior year. The 2022 year to date EIT through December 2021 was \$252,694,246 and the 2023 year to date EIT through December 2022 was \$278,486,659. This is an increase of over \$25 million in 2023.

The Bucks County Tax Collectors Annual Aggregate Report was filed this week, ahead of the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. Keystone has recovered \$16.975 million additional delinquent EIT revenue. Over the past 2 years, they have added over \$30.7 million to Bucks County Tax Collection.

The Bucks County business and employer packets were sent out on 12/11/23. The individual residents' tax return forms for tax year 2023 were mailed to residents on 1/23/24.

Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Middletown Township, asked about the potential EIT relief for volunteer firefighters through Keystone. Mr. Lazzaro explained that the municipality would need to pass a Resolution and share it with Keystone. By December 1<sup>st</sup>, the fire chief would give Keystone a list of members that qualified and then Keystone submits for the refunds.

John Ramey, Warminster Township, asked what year Keystone is up to collecting. Currently, the PA Department of Revenue is less than two years behind in releasing information to Keystone, meaning 2021. Keystone uses the PA 1040 form from the state to match delinquent incomes.

## PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

There being no further business, Chairman Pellegrino adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:45 p.m.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Becki Marencik, Secretary