

**BUCKS COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 28th , 2023**

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 Marencik, Warwick Township, Secretary called the membership roll. There was a quorum to conduct Committee business with 69.16% in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough, made a motion to approve the minutes from April 27, 2023 and August 30, 2023. Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township, seconded the motion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT

Ms. Bradley reviewed the Treasurer's report noting that it includes all invoices and interest. The 2024 budget was presented with a proposed \$10,000 assessment for 2024. John Ramey, Warminster Township, made a motion to approve the 2024 budget with the assessment. Caroline Brinker, Doylestown Borough, seconded the motion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-02 was presented for the approval of the assessment. Stephanie Mason, Doylestown Township, made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-02. John Ramey, Warminster Township, seconded the motion. On vote, the motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Beauchamp reported that the litigation concerning the 2011 wage tax was unsuccessful. Daryll Card, Chalfont Borough, asked about the Sterling Act Resolution. It was reported that it

passed through the Senate and is now in the House of Representatives of PA. There has been no movement since then.

OLD BUSINESS

none

NEW BUSINESS

a. Keystone Collections Update

Joe Lazzaro, Esq. of Keystone Collections Group presented his report and stated that the tax revenue is up over 9% year to date over 2022. As a recap, 2022 year up to October was \$210,884,661 and this year during the same time frame, it is \$230,396,592. Since Bucks County has contracted with Keystone in 2012, 2022 was the highest revenue year for EIT. 2023 is on track to be even higher.

Delinquent EIT recovery is over \$14.2 million through October 2023. This is all commission free revenue for the taxing authority. Keystone makes a point to work with residents to get them caught up with their delinquents and set them up for future filings.

A reminder that if your taxing authority has amended any of the EIT or LST for the upcoming 2024 tax year, all updates must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) prior to December 1, 2023. Keystone should also be notified. All changes should take effect on January 1, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT (None)

The next meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday, January 25th at 4pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becki Marencik, Secretary