

## Minutes of the Schuylkill Tax Collection Committee Meeting December 16, 2014

The Schuylkill Tax Collection Committee (STCC) held a meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, in Courtroom 1 of the Schuylkill County Courthouse, 401 North Second Street, Pottsville, PA 17901.

Larry Padora, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. It was verified that a quorum was present.

Officers Present: Larry Padora (Chairman), Leo Schwartz (Vice-Chairman), Gail Stehr (Secretary), Kim Umphrey (Treasurer)

Others Present: Paul Datte (Solicitor), Patti McNamara (Berkheimer), Ashley Levine (Berkheimer), Lisa Younger (Berkheimer)

### Members Present:

Blue Mountain SD	Auburn Boro	Cressona Boro	Deer Lake Boro
East Brunswick Twp.	New Ringgold Boro	North Manheim Twp.	Orwigsburg Boro
Wayne Twp.	West Brunswick Twp.	Mahanoy Area SD	Minersville Area SD
Branch Twp.	Cass Twp.	North Schuylkill SD	Conyngham Twp.
Ringtown Boro	Pine Grove Area SD	Washington Twp.	Pottsville Area SD
Mechanicsville Boro	Mt. Carbon Boro	Norwegian Twp.	Pottsville City
Blythe Twp.	New Castle Twp.	St. Clair Boro	Schuylkill Haven Area SD
Schuylkill Haven Boro	South Manheim Twp.	Shenandoah Boro	Schuylkill Twp.
<b>Port Clinton Boro</b>	West Penn Twp.	Tri-Valley SD	Hegins Twp.
Upper Mahantongo Twp.			

### Members Absent:

Delano Twp.	Gilberton Boro	Mahanoy City Boro	Mahanoy Twp.
Rush Twp.	Ryan Twp.	Foster Twp.	Minersville Boro
Reilly Twp.	Ashland Boro	Butler Twp.	Frackville Boro
Girardville Boro	Gordon Boro	Union Twp.	Frailey Twp.
Pine Grove Boro	Pine Grove Twp.	Tremont Boro	Tremont Twp.
Palo Alto Boro	Port Carbon Boro	Saint Clair Area SD	East Norwegian Twp.
Middleport Boro	New Philadelphia Boro	Landingville Boro	Shenandoah Valley SD
West Mahanoy Twp.	Tamaqua Area SD	Rush Twp.	Tamaqua Boro
Walker Twp.	Barry Twp.	Eldred Twp.	Hublely Twp.

### I. Delegate/Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

### II. Treasurer's Report

Kim Umphrey (Schuylkill Haven Area SD) reviewed the Treasurer's Report dated December 16, 2014, showing an ending balance of \$145,058.58. There was no change other than interest.

Linda Tarlecki (Conyngham Twp.) made the motion, which was seconded by Julian Milewski (Ringtown Boro) to approve the Treasurer's Report dated December 16, 2014. Motion passed unanimously. (Copy of report on file.)

### **III. Old Business**

#### **A. Berkheimer Update**

Patti McNamara (Berkheimer) introduced Ashley Levine (sales rep for this area) and Lisa Younger (marketing person). Ashley has been working with Jim Bush since he will be gradually retiring and she will be coming around to see the people. Ms. McNamara noted there is a "Did You Know?" segment on the dashboard. Berkheimer is still monitoring to see where everyone should be. The Schuylkill TCC is in good shape and things are going well. Berkheimer will be sending out information regarding the technology. She noted she would also leave some literature regarding Berkheimer Tax Technology. Ms. McNamara feels the TCC and Berkheimer are communicating together.

### **IV. New Business**

#### **A. Approval of Extended Contract with Berkheimer**

Larry Padora (New Ringgold Boro) stated that Berkheimer has decided not to raise their rates and they are offering a three or five year contract. He feels it would be best to sign a five year contract with the rates the same. There will still be a 120 day clause, so it does not make a difference of which contract to sign. Julian Milewski and Solicitor Datte both agreed they feel it would be better to go with the five year contract.

Mike Lonergan (Orwigsburg Boro) made the motion, which was seconded by Julian Milewski, to approve the five year contract with Berkheimer, which passed unanimously.

#### **B. Temporary Chairperson**

Julian Milewski made the motion to appoint Solicitor Datte as the temporary chairperson. Linda Tarlecki seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Solicitor Datte presided over the meeting.

#### **C. Appointments for 2015**

##### **1. Schuylkill TCC Officers**

Linda Tarlecki made the motion to maintain the same officers from the previous year. Julian Milewski seconded the motion. Julian Milewski made the motion to close the nominations which was seconded by Linda Tarlecki. The motion passed unanimously to retain the officers as follows.

Chairperson – Larry Padora

Vice-Chairperson – Leo Schwartz