

Patty Reazor noted that there are seven municipalities that have outstanding invoices. It was noted that the Secretary, Gail Stehr, is to send a reminder of the past due invoices to those municipalities.

On a motion by Tony Demalis (Shenandoah Valley SD) and seconded by Ann Pascavage, the Treasurer's Report passed by a unanimous vote. (Copy of Treasurer's Report on file.)

III. New Business

A. Recommendation of Tax Collector RFP Committee

Jack Hurst (Blue Mountain SD) thanked the entire RFP Committee for the numerous hours they spent on the RFP and for meeting with the people from the different tax collections.

Leo Schwartz (Pottsville City) stated that the RFP Committee recommends hiring CENTAX as the tax collector for the Schuylkill TCC at the current tax collection rate of 1.345%, 0% for delinquency, and they will absorb postage costs. Larry Padora (New Ringgold Boro) noted that he went with CENTAX as a business person because they have the highest collection rate at the lowest costs. Leo Schwartz also commented that he feels CENTAX is capable of the job or he would not recommend them. Julian Milewski (Ringtown Boro) questioned if the TCC is bound by the lowest bidder, to which Leo Schwartz stated no.

Jim Bush (Berkheimer) stated he did not think an office was necessary in the county, but they would have one if approved as the tax collector. He also noted that Berkheimer collects more EIT than any other collector in the same time period. He asked the committee to check to see if CENTAX has the technology to do the job.

Discussion took place regarding bonding, software issues, reporting of profit margins, etc. Jack Hurst questioned if it would be worth considering changing the September 20 meeting to September 13 to allow the three companies to sharpen their pencils. Wendell Gainer (Washington Twp.) asked if language could be put in regarding a 120 day performance clause. He also suggested that the proposals should remain effective until December 31, 2011.

Leo Schwartz made the motion, which was seconded by Jim Wosochlo (Deer Lake Boro), to go with Jack Hurst's proposal to have the three companies re-submit any amendment by September 7, 2010, including a clause that the TCC could terminate the agreement with 120 days notice, that the Tax Collector would agree to the TCC form of Collection Agreement, and that the proposal would remain effective until December 31, 2011, regardless of whether the Tax Collector was originally selected. They also made the motion to change the September 20 meeting to September 13, at 6:00 p.m. The motions passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Invoices

Linda Tarlecki (Conyngham Twp.) made the motion, which was seconded by Larry Wittig (Tamaqua Area SD) to approve the invoices for Solicitor Datte and Gail