

Minutes of the Schuylkill Tax Collection Committee Meeting June 28, 2011

The Schuylkill Tax Collection Committee (STCC) held a meeting on Tuesday, June 28, 2011, in Courtroom 1 of the Schuylkill County Courthouse, 401 North Second Street, Pottsville, PA 17901.

Larry Padora, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 (Co-Chairman), Gail Stehr (Secretary)

Others Present: Paul Datte (Solicitor), Amanda Brozana (Republican Herald)

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.	Mahanoy Area SD	Delano Twp.	Gilberton Boro
Minersville Area SD	Branch Twp.	Cass Twp.	Foster Twp.
Conyngnam Twp.	Frackville Boro	Ringtown Boro	Pine Grove Area SD
Pine Grove Boro	Tremont Boro	Washington Twp.	Mechanicsville Boro
Mt. Carbon Boro	Norwegian Twp.	Port Carbon Boro	Pottsville City
Blythe Twp.	New Castle Twp.	St. Clair Boro	Schuylkill Haven Area SD
Tamaqua Area SD	Tamaqua Boro	Tri-Valley SD	Barry Twp.
Hegins Twp.	Hubley Twp.	Upper Mahantongo Twp.	

Members Absent:

West Brunswick Twp.	Mahanoy City Boro	Mahanoy Twp.	Rush Twp.
Ryan Twp.	Minersville Boro	Reilly Twp.	North Schuylkill SD
Ashland Boro	Butler Twp.	Girardville Boro	Gordon Boro
Union Twp.	Frailey Twp.	Pine Grove Twp.	Tremont Twp.
Pottsville Area SD	Pala Alto Boro	Saint Clair Area SD	East Norwegian Twp.
Middleport Boro	New Philadelphia Boro	Landingville Boro	Port Clinton Boro
Schuylkill Haven Boro	South Manheim Twp.	Shenandoah Valley SD	Shenandoah Boro
West Mahanoy Twp.	Rush Twp.	Schuylkill Twp.	Walker Twp.
West Penn Twp.	Eldred Twp.		

I. Delegate/Public Comment on Agenda Items - None

II. Approval of Minutes from March 22, 2011

Julian Milewski (Ringtown Boro) made the motion, which was seconded by Jim Wosochlo (Deer Lake Boro), to approve the minutes from March 22, 2011. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

III. Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2011, and Invoice for Solicitor Datte

Linda Tarlecki (Conyngham Twp.) made the motion, which was seconded by Jim Wosochlo, to approve the Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2011, and to approve paying the invoice to Solicitor Datte. The motion passed unanimously. (Copy of Treasurer's Report on file.)

IV. Old Business

A. Transition Process

Leo Schwartz (Pottsville City) said he had received an up-to-date list from Centax regarding those have and have not sent in their information for the EIT collection. The information from Centax had been sent directly to the townships/boros/school districts; not the delegates. Gail Stehr did send reminders to the delegates, and will send out another one. Linda Tarlecki commented that Conyngham Twp. did not receive the information.

Larry Padora (New Ringgold Boro) stated that Solicitor Datte has been in contact with Centax and that they are keeping up their end. Solicitor Datte emphasized that those who have not yet responded to Centax, need to do so as soon as possible. Cheryl Messina (Port Carbon Boro) commented that Centax shows they received some information but not all of it. However, all the information was sent in one packet.

It was questioned what information all needs to be sent in to Centax. Leo Schwartz noted that the contract can be ignored. Solicitor Datte confirmed this by noting that Centax operates under the Schuylkill TCC agreement.

Jack Hurst (Mahanoy Area SD) questioned as far as employer notices, how do they know when to send them out? Leo Schwartz stated he just realized that information was not sent out. Jack Hurst noted he feels that is critical; it's key to making the transition smooth. Leo Schwartz responded that he will get back to him regarding this. Leo Schwartz also stated he will find the timeline and send out that information. Larry Padora also noted that Centax is looking for office space now to have employees available to answer questions.

V. New Business

A. EIT Ordinance Conformity

Solicitor Datte noted that there is a draft copy of the EIT Ordinance in the delegate's packet. He encourages the delegates to take this information back to their municipality/district and share it with their solicitor. This provision is in with the new requirements. There is a one page cover sheet along with the ordinance. He is not suggesting that everyone's ordinance needs to be revised in order to be in conformity.

It was questioned if anyone had a copy of the Bill of Rights? Larry Padora responded that this will be discussed with the solicitor.

B. Transition Resolution

Laine Mack (Tremont Boro) made the motion, which was seconded by Mike Van Allen (Gilberton Boro) to adopt the Transition Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

(Copy of Resolution on file.)

C. Alternate Delegates

Both Larry Padora and Leo Schwartz stressed the importance of having a quorum at the meetings. There were only two delegates over the number needed for a quorum. They asked the delegates in attendance to let others know they should get alternates to back them up if they can not attend the meetings.

VI. Delegate/Public Comment - None

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is schedule for Tuesday, September 27, 2011.

VIII. Adjournment

Mike Van Allen made the motion, which was seconded by Linda Tarlecki, to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Gail Stehr, TCC Secretary