

Northampton County TCC
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2022

A special meeting of the Northampton TCC was held on March 24, 2022, in the Bethlehem Township Municipal Building. TCC Vice Chairman Jennifer Smethers called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call

To begin the meeting, the following delegates/alternate delegates (A) totaling 32 (90.12% of the weighted average vote) were present:

Bangor	Stephen Reider
Bangor School District	Donna Storrs (A)
Bath	Bradford Flynn
Bethlehem City	Mark Sivak
Bethlehem School District	Stacy Gober
Bethlehem Township	Andrew Freda
Bushkill	Belinda Roberts
Chapman	John DeFassio
East Bangor	Bonnie Due
Easton	Mark Lysynecky (A)
Easton School District	Julie Gerbino (A)
Forks	William Donovan
Fountain Hill	Cordula Voges
Hanover	Elizabeth Ritter (A)
Hellertown	David Bonenberger (A)
Lehigh	Lori Lambert
Lower Mt. Bethel	Jennifer Smethers
Lower Nazareth	Lori Stauffer
Lower Saucon	David Bonenberger (A)
Moore	Nicholas Steiner
Nazareth School District	Stuart Whiteleather
Northampton School District	Matthew Sawarynski
Palmer	Jim Farley (A)
Plainfield	Tom Petrucci
Portland	Carol Hummel
Roseto	Cathy Martino
Saucon Valley School District	David Bonenberger (A)
Tatamy	Mark Saginorio
Upper Nazareth	Lisa Klem
Washington	Gail Putvinski
Williams	Mikal Sabatine
Wilson School District	Stephania Arnold

Also present were Administrative Director David Woglom, Solicitor Michael Gaul, and Tax Officers Rose Harr and David Kratzenberg of Keystone Collections.

By consensus, the TCC went into Executive Session to discuss the contract for tax officer services with Keystone Collections, and to discuss legal issues with the Solicitor. The session lasted approximately 30 minutes.

After reconvening the public meeting, Solicitor Gaul presented draft TCC Resolution 2022-01, Resolution Approving a Fourth Addendum to Tax Collection Agreement and Confirming the Appointment of the Tax Officer Through the Extended Term of the Tax Collection Agreement, and reviewed (1) certain revisions to the draft Resolution to (i) correct erroneous year references, and (ii) delete the reference to the Lehigh TCC rate, and (2) certain revisions to the proposed Fourth Addendum to the Keystone Collections Tax Collection Agreement to (i) correct erroneous year references, (ii) delete the text of proposed subparagraph 4(i) in Section 3 TCC Option to Reduce Term, which refers to the Lehigh TCC rate, and (iii) make other minor consistency changes.

The revised proposed Resolution 2022-01 is attached to these minutes and incorporated herein by reference.

On a motion by Mr. Bonenberger, seconded by Mr. Farley, the delegates unanimously adopted the revised proposed Resolution 2022-01, including revised proposed Fourth Addendum to Tax Collection Agreement, which, inter alia, sets the terms and rates for Keystone Collections to continue to collect earned income taxes for the Northampton TCC through the year 2027 and sets the commission rate at 1.25% for the years 2022 through 2025, and at 1.22% for the years 2026-2027.

With no further business before the TCC, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on October 13, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Woglom, Secretary