

Mercer County Tax Collection Committee
Bylaws Subcommittee
Minutes 10/15/2009

John Zohoranacky, Mercer Borough primary delegate, appointed chairperson by general consensus. No other subcommittee officers appointed / elected at this time. This should be addressed at the next subcommittee meeting. Interim secretary is John Zohoranacky.

Due to geographical distances and the number of subcommittee members, Facebook was discussed and agreed upon to use in creating a private (invitation only) group for use in posting comments and distributing documentation to expedite information sharing between meetings. This will be used in lieu of standard interoffice mail and standard email exchanges. John Zohoranacky volunteered the use of his personal web site (www.mercerpa.net/bylaws) to be used in posting documentation that Facebook doesn't facilitate. All such documentation needs to be emailed to him for posting. Each subcommittee member is asked to furnish the official email address for the entity they represent so that each entity is aware of any information being circulated in case the primary delegate is incapacitated or otherwise out of contact.

[EDITORIAL NOTE by John Zohoranacky: Be advised that ALL posting on the Discussion Board, along with all other documentation, may be considered public information as is commonly acknowledged for email by government officials. As with email correspondence, this information is NOT considered violation of Right To Know / Sunshine laws (as it represents asynchronous review and response as is done with email) and is at no time used for voting or other official actions.]

There was discussion of various instruments for beginning the creation of the bylaws. The PASBO (Pennsylvania Association of School Board Officials) sample bylaws document will be used as the primary starting point. Other sample bylaws will be provided as found. The initial starting versions for the Bylaws subcommittee can be found at: www.mercerpa.net/bylaws/bylaws_001.pdf. Note that a Word (.doc) version also exists.

A sign-up sheet of the Bylaws Subcommittee was passed around to collect email addresses. It was remarked upon at the end of the meeting that each person's information should include the entity (municipality or school district) being represented.

A time and location for the next subcommittee meeting was established for 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 29, 2009 at the Mercer Borough offices. The Mercer Borough offices are located on North Pitt Street – 2 buildings south of the Mercer Post Office.

While addressing the bylaws issues, it was remarked that the weighted voting issue be addressed last as it would probably be the most contentious. However, other issues (such as Cost Allocations and Quorum issues) could be delayed until the voting apportionments are agreed upon. This could also affect decisions by the Finance and Administration subcommittees. One recommendation for offline consideration by members is the possibility of having different quorums / majority levels for different types of business. An example given was that voting for officers should be by head count.

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