

FALL 2009 CONVENTION  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

EAST NORRITON TOWNSHIP–PRESIDENTIAL CATERERS  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

REGISTRATION AND GREETINGS:

The 2009 Fall Convention of the Montgomery County Association of Township Officials (MCATO) was called to order by President Scott Sibley at 8:20 a.m. on Friday September 25, 2009 following a breakfast sponsored by Pennoni at Presidential Caterers , East Norriton, Pa. Mr. Sibley asked the attendees to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then expressed thanks to Gus Mandraccia of Presidential Caterers, Shirley Jording and Carole Culbreth.

He then introduced the host Township, Lower Providence. The township Supervisors and attendees were recognized. Mr. Sibley also thanked all the vendors who were participating and asked all in attendance to view their exhibits at the break. He also recognized the various sponsors, Pennoni for the breakfast, CMX for the morning break and Verizon for the lunch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-SPRING CONVENTION

The next item of business was the approval of the February 20, 2009 convention minutes. The motion to approve was made by Dan Kerr with the second by Kandy Heckman and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURERS REPORT

The Association's Treasurer, Helmuth Baerwald presented the report for the period of December 31, 2008 to August 31, 2009. The opening cash balance was \$58,897.83 and the ending balance was \$52,643.99. Joe Dunbar made the motion to approve the report as presented and Ron Wagenmann made the second and the report was approved.

SPEAKERS/PRESENTATIONS

Larry Comunale, program manager, introduced the first topic of discussion for the day. This was on "Budgeting in Turbulent Times" The manager's perspective was presented by a panel composed of Don Delamater of East Norriton , Joe Dunbar of Lower Providence, Dan Kerr of Limerick, and Ron Wagenmann of Upper Merion. Larry Comunale was the moderator. Dan Kerr discussed the declining revenues. Joe Dunbar brought up the issue of wages and salaries. Don Delamater discussed the pension issues while Ron Waterman covered some of the pitfalls encountered in these tough economic times.

E-MAILS AND THE RIGHT TO KNOW LAW; SEE YOU IN COURT

Joseph M. Bagley of Wisler Pearlstine discussed some of the issues in several cases that were under appeal to Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas. One was argued just last week and there was no decision from the court as of yet.

#### A MODEL ELECTRONICS RECORD POLICY

Geoff Beauchamp the General Counsel for DVIT, DVWCT, DVHIT presented a handout that he had made up. This was a model policy for the retention of electronic records, including e mails that the trust had made up for consideration.

#### TAKE THE SHOCK OUT OF THE COMING BIG ELECTRIC RATE INCREASES

Sue Ryan of PECO indicated that the projected rate increase of 20% to 30% may be less than that amount. This is because of deregulation and they have to purchase on the open market. This transition runs through the end of 2010. PECO no longer generates electric they have to go on the open market. Price increase will be determined by market costs. They believe that it will be closer to 10% to 15%. One purchase in June came in at 9%. There are 3 more to go and they will know more about the projected increase in late summer. She then answered several questions from the convention.

The convention then took the morning break.

#### PSATS LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Carol L. Kilko, Director of Training Services made the presentation. She then introduced the new Executive Director David Sanko and also Kenneth L. Grimes the President of PSATS

#### THE LATEST UNFUNDED MANDATE; PROPOSED STORM WATER REGULATIONS

The final item on the morning agenda was made by Doug Blazey of Elliott Greenleaf/ The morning session was completed and the convention took a break so that everyone could see the Exhibits and then have the Luncheon.

The afternoon session commenced at 1:30 p.m. The various federal, commonwealth and county officials in attendance were introduced. MCATO Dues for Members and Associate Members were presented by Mr Sibley to be one cent for each resident of a municipality with a minimum dues of \$75 if population is less than 7500. The Convention approved these dues. MCATO Sponsored Resolutions adopted by PSATS were also a subject for discussion. The date for the Spring 2010 convention was set for Friday February 26, 2010.

With no further business to conduct the convention was officially adjourned at 2:05 p.m.