

WORK SESSION

Special Meeting

March 30, 2015

Attendees: Arlene Harms, Acting Council President; Beverly Wolfe, Vice President; Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Barbara Heffelfinger, Anne Marie Kinsey, Borough Council; Bob Winkler, Mayor; and Mike Savona, Solicitor. Sean Weckerly and Kali Sodano were absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Arlene Harms with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jayson Lawson, Attorney for Keystone Collections Group attended in place of Joe Lazarro, who is the Bucks County Representative for the Tax Collection Committee. Before enacting an Earned Income Tax ordinance there are requirements that need to be met. It needs to be advertised a certain number of times in subsequent weeks in a newspaper of general circulation. The DCED in Harrisburg needs to be notified by December 1st for it to be on the official register for the 2016 tax year.

Some borough residents may already pay earned income tax to other municipalities that have an EIT. In October and November, Keystone would start the notification process to resident's employers both within the borough and out of the borough that we are implementing this tax effective 2016. Also, we need to build a taxpayer database. They have a listing of borough residents that are currently paying non-resident EIT to other municipalities. We will have to provide them with Use and Occupancy information, landlord tenant information and real estate owner information.

In 2014, \$68,780 was paid in earned income tax by 434 borough residents. If we enact a 1% EIT, the borough will receive 97% of \$68,780.00. If we enact a .5% EIT, the borough will receive 67% of \$68,780.00.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer