

December 21, 2009, LUARCC Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM. On the conference call were: John H. Fisher, III, Chair; Robert F. Casey; Gary Passanante; Steven M. Cozza. Edwin Carman (for Acting Commissioner Richman) attended in person. Absent: Treasurer David Rousseau, Marvin Reed.

Sunshine Notice was read.

The minutes of the November 16, 2009 meeting were approved.

Before voting on the 2010 dates, the Chairman made it clear that dates need to be flexible in order for the Commission to pick up the pace. The Executive Director was asked to send out target dates for additional meetings other than the monthly meetings being voted on. These dates can always be cancelled/rescheduled.

The following dates for meetings of the Commission during 2010 were approved:

January 27, 2010
February 17, 2010
March 17, 2010
April 22, 2010
May 19, 2010
June 24, 2010
July 21, 2010
August 26, 2010
September 23, 2010
October 20, 2010
November 15, 2010
December 15, 2010

Commission members spent most of the meeting discussing police and how to obtain data for "specials". One of the members is going to reach out to the Police Training section to see if there is a requirement to report when the police hire a special. However, it is unclear if they report hours weekly and if they report terminations. It is also not feasible to get this information from the municipal budgets. More thought needs to be given to how this information can possibly be obtained.

The Executive Director is working on the Legislation "to do" list. When it is completed, the Executive Director will send it to the Commission members. The members would also like this list in the appendix of the LUARCC Annual Report.

There is a tentative meeting scheduled with Woolwich/Swedsboro (merger working) and also with Medford/Medford Lakes (merger not working) to discuss particulars.

There was also a discussion on the status of the WRI and the MOU. A mandate was given to all agencies that no agreements should be signed at this time. So, the MOU has been on hold. We will continue to try to push this through the process in order to move forward on the initiatives that have been proposed by the Commission. At this point the Commission is painfully behind due to unforeseen obstacles and restrictions that have recently been imposed. It was suggested that we reach out Diane Legreide in the Governor's Office and also Charlene Holzbaur at OMB for a waiver.

As mentioned at the last meeting, the School of Public Affairs and Administration at Rutgers - Newark is sending out a survey to the voters of Wantage Township asking why they rejected the consolidation with Sussex. John Fry was in the audience and said that this survey may be going out this week. Mr. Fry indicated that the questions were general in nature and was not specific to an advocacy position.

Meeting was adjourned.