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TO: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
FROM: TIMOTHY J. TIEPERMAN
SUBJECT: MANAGER'S REPORT

- A. Warrington Day Status: We are now at a juncture point where some important decisions need to be made regarding Warrington Day. The first is whether to move forward with Warrington Day festivities at all given current economic conditions. We've been advised that Doylestown Township has cancelled its annual 3-day Oktoberfest and Warminster has cancelled its Community Days. Horsham is scaling back its annual festival as is Warwick. If the decision is made to move forward with Warrington Day, Staff is recommending that we make every attempt to economize the event's operations without compromising the quality of the venues and the overall entertainment experience. Based on the favorable feedback received from the 275th Anniversary Celebration, Staff believes that Warrington Day could be held successfully and less expensively on Valley Square's Main Street as opposed to IPW Park, while at the same time helping the local business community. Staff has prepared the attached Table I showing some of the pros and cons of the recommended move to Valley Square as well as excerpts from some Park Board members who have offered feedback.
- B. Act 32's Tax Collection District: The General Assembly recently passed Act 32. The Act establishes a Tax Collection District (TCD) within each county-wide region and mandates the formation of a Tax Collection Committee (TCC) that will serve effectively as the District's governing entity. Bucks County will have its own designated district with a TCC to oversee its operations. The TCC must have a representative from each political subdivision within the County to serve as a voting delegate. The Supervisors need to appoint a delegate to serve on this Committee. There is a voluminous amount of literature that has been shared with the Bucks County Consortium, which I will spare you. However, I've attached handouts from a recent power point presentation given by CBSD Business Manager Dave Matyas which covers well the Act 32 mandates and timelines.
- C. 275th Anniversary Post Mortem: Warrington's 275th festivities were well-received and served as a good experiment for future events and activities. The participants, singers speakers and invited guests were impressed by the venue. Grasso Holdings and its employees were very helpful and accommodating regarding promotion, security, electricity and general assistance. We'd like to extend our appreciation to all the local community groups who participated, including the Women's Club, Rotary, Lions, Warrington Football & Soccer, EAC, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Historical Society and of course, Warrington Township. All liked the "Town Square" atmosphere. We hope to plan similar events in the future.

- D. Ad Hoc Recycling Committee Report: The first meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Recycling convened on Tuesday, May 5. We had a good first meeting. Over the next few months, Committee members will be evaluating the effectiveness of the Township's subscription-based refuse/recycling collection system, exploring better alternatives to the current leaf drop off program and investigating ways to improve the Township's recycling participation rates. We will be evaluating how other communities do these programs and come back with recommendation(s) sometime in August.
- E. Bucks County Compressed Natural Gas Initiative: The Bucks County TMA is seeking letters of support from area municipalities as it attempts to obtain grant funding for the construction and establishment of a fueling infrastructure. The support letters are designed to reinforce municipal interest and to demonstrate an aggregate demand for CNG-type vehicles. In speaking with Carl Sames and review the 5 Year Capital Program, I provided Steve Noll with a support letter to help to buffer TMA's grant application. If the grant is successful, funding will be available to participating municipalities to cover the differential between the conventional fuel-based truck and a CNG vehicle.
- F. Route 152/Eureka Village Study: We are working jointly with the Bucks County Planning Commission to secure federal funding for a feasibility study to evaluate the intersection of Route 152 and County Line Road. The Eureka Village Study will study traffic patterns in an attempt to redesign this intersection to mitigate the ever worsening traffic problems around this complex intersection(s). The \$200,000 project is an 80/20 grant program in which the Township would need to ante up a 20% match or \$40,000.
- G. Commercial Assessment Appeals: We are starting to receive notices that some of our larger commercial enterprises will be appealing their real estate assessments. I've asked the Solicitor to work closely with the CBSD legal counsel in challenging these appeals.
- H. Other Business:
- a. Staff Meeting Notations: Attached are the notations from the April 20, 2009 Staff Meeting.

Any supplementary updates to this report as well as materials for the Executive Session will be distributed Tuesday evening.