

**Saucon Valley Partnership Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2013**

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- A. Call to Order – Thomas Rieger – 7:00 p.m.
- B. Those Present – Tom Rieger, Glenn Kern, Priscilla deLeon, Ed Inghrim, Jack Cahalan, Cathy Kichline, Leslie Huhn, Camille Bartlett. Guests: Chris Christian, Lehigh University; Jim Gatta, Nixle
- C. Council of Governments
1. Adoption of Council of Governments Minutes  
  
Motion made by Ed Inghrim, seconded by Priscilla deLeon, to approve the January 9, 2013, meeting minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.
  2. Treasurer’s Report  
  
Ms. Huhn presented reports for January and February.  
  
Motion made by Ed Inghrim, seconded by Priscilla deLeon, to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion unanimously carried.
  3. Approval to Pay Bills  
  
There were no bills to be paid.
- D. New Business
1. Nixle Emergency Notification System Presentation/Discussion – Jim Gatta reviewed the Nixle Emergency Notification System to the group. The Nixle Connect allows public safety agencies to inform residents via text, web and e-mail of important notifications. The Nixle Connect is free. The Nixle 360 enables public safety agencies to connect and engage residents. Nixle Engage enables public safety agencies to communicate in real time. Nixle for Schools communicates with students, faculty and community by text, voice and email. Lower Saucon Township has recently signed on with Nixle.
  2. Implementation of a Natural Gas Fueling System – Chris Christian reported to the group that Lehigh University has been researching CNG vehicles for its bus fleet. Mr. Christian is also actively seeking grant opportunities for a CNG fueling station. Mr. Christian noted that Lower Saucon Township, Hellertown Borough and the SV school District may use the fueling station in the event future purchases include CNG vehicles.
  3. Upcoming Recycling Events – Northampton County is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Event at Northampton Community College on June 1 and October 12.
- E. Brief Reports and Discussion Items
1. Casino Impacts Funding/County Gaming Authority – Jack and Cathy informed the partnership both communities have made application for 2013 round 1 grants including

police officers, police car, radios for public works, radar sign and a joint application with Dewey EMS for defibrillation monitors.

2. Joint COG Projects (Saucon Rail Trail; Peer Recreation Study Committee) – nothing to report.
  3. Roads and Traffic – nothing to report
  4. Saucon Valley Compost Center – A grinding of the current yard waste will be done in the near future. Opening date is April 12<sup>th</sup>.
  5. Emergency Management – Mr. Brian Evans was introduced as the new Emergency Management coordinator for Lower Saucon Township.
- F. County Report – Camille reported the Meyner Center is finishing up its report regarding the stray dog issue within the County.
- G. Citizen Comments on Non – Agenda Items
- H. Calendar of Events – Priscilla reviewed the upcoming events including History Day.
- I. Adjournment

Motion made by Glenn Kern, seconded by Ed Inghrim, to adjourn the meeting at p.m. Motion was unanimously carried.