



COLLIER TOWNSHIP

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COLLIER TOWNSHIP RECEIVES STANDARD & POOR'S AA- BOND RATING

Collier Township, PA – The Collier Township Board of Commissioners proudly announced at their Meeting that the Township has received from Standard & Poor's (S&P) an "AA-" bond rating and a determination of a "stable outlook" report in regards to the Township's series 2012A and 2012B general obligation bonds.

According to Township Manager Salvatore Sirabella, "the Township's full-faith-and-credit general obligation pledge secures the bonds. The Township will use the series A bond proceeds to refund its 2003 general obligation bonds and series B proceeds to fund the development of Collier Township Park."

The 2012 series A and B bonds total approximately \$5,805,000.00 of debt that is due, and expire in August of 2031. The high bond rating was made possible by four main principles according to Standard & Poor's:

- Small community with direct access to the diverse employment base within the Pittsburgh metropolitan statistical area;
- Good-to-Strong income and wealth
- Strong finances, including, what they considered, very strong reserves, and
- Moderate debt with limited additional capital needs beyond this bond issuance.

Standard and Poor's praised the Collier Township Board of Commissioners and the Township's Administration for their exemplary financial practices that have netted general fund surpluses over the past four years, maintaining a 20% reserve policy, administration of a five-year capital improvement plan, and for managing and sustaining two 100% funded pension plans.

"S&P's AA- rating and stable outlook is a great attribute for the Township and our citizens. Through our diverse property tax base and strong finances, the citizenry will benefit through affordable long-term debt that will enable many capital improvements," stated Robert Schuler, President of the Board of Commissioners.

S&P Credit Ratings range from AAA (Highest Rating- Extremely strong capacity to meet financial commitments.) to D (Payment default on financial commitments.) AA series is the second to highest rating, defined as the creditor has a very strong capacity to meet financial commitments.



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COLLIER TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS ADOPT CHANGES FOR REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTION

The position of Treasurer is currently vacant due to the passing of Judith Astfalk.

The Board of Commissioners has adopted changes in the township tax collection process.

Section 530 of the First Class Township Code provides that the Board of Commissioners may fill the vacancy of the position of Treasurer by appointing a successor who is a registered voter in the township within 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

The Commissioners plan to appoint a Treasurer from interested individuals and then to have the Township and the newly-appointed Treasurer, along with the bond company, deputize a collection company.

The tax collection company will compute and mail real estate tax statements for each taxable assessment certified by Allegheny County. The tax collection company shall be authorized to receive and collect taxes. The tax collection company will provide all services by agreement and contract.

Under this proposal, there would be no compensation for the appointed Treasurer. It is anticipated that the consolidation of the tax collection function will increase efficiency, create a seamless operation and produce a net saving to the taxpayers of over \$50,000 annually.

The Township Official Notice, the proposed ordinance can be found on the township website: www.colliertownship.net

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Collier Township to Install Solar Rooftop

Scalo Solar Solutions Awarded Municipal Renewable Energy Project

Collier Township, located in Allegheny County, announces that Scalo Solar Solutions has been awarded the contract to develop a rooftop solar installation at its administrative campus located at 2418 Hilltop Road.

The photovoltaic solar system, which will be installed on the Collier Township Public Works Building roof, will have 110 modules that capture the energy from the sun and generate electricity to be used by the facility. The electricity produced by the system will significantly reduce utility costs for Collier while decreasing the township's carbon footprint.

The system which was designed and installed by the Pittsburgh based solar developer, Scalo Solar Solutions, is estimated to reduce carbon dioxide gas emissions by over 1 million pounds. This is equivalent to the greenhouse gas emissions created by: 59 homes, 93 passenger cars, 53,139 gallons of gasoline, or 1,102 barrels of oil.

"Collier Township is committed to taking a leadership role in sustainability in our community," said Bob Schuler, President, Board of Commissioners. He adds, "It's Collier's goal that our 'green' efforts will encourage our residents and businesses to adopt similar environmentally-friendly initiatives."

"Collier Township is a pioneer among municipalities in Pennsylvania for having the creativity to include renewable solar energy as a part of their sustainability initiative," said Jack Scalo, CEO/President of Scalo Solar Solutions and a Collier Township resident. He adds, "I am very excited that we are able to partner with them on this project, which will result in a 'win-win' for both Collier Township and the environment."

The 22 kW photovoltaic system is estimated to generate a net-savings of approximately \$75,000 for the Township of Collier. The photovoltaic system to be installed at Collier will be a "grid-tied" system. "Grid-tied" systems allow for excess solar energy created by the solar modules to be sold back to the power company. This eliminates the need for batteries and will allow Collier to have electricity from the grid at night or when the sun isn't shining.

The project is scheduled to begin in November and be completed by December 31, 2012.



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Collier Commissioners Approve New Residential Solid Waste Removal Contract, Recycling Expanded and Improved

Collier Township, PA - The Collier Township Board of Commissioners have recently approved a five year contract with Allied Waste Services of Pittsburgh for the collection of household solid waste and curbside recycling starting January 2013.

As part of the 2013 contract, all Collier residences will be provided with a new 32-gallon recycling tub. This new single stream recycling program will enhance current collection procedures by allowing residents to place glass, metal cans, plastic, paper, boxboard and cardboard recyclables into one standard bin. Previously residents were limited to only glass, metal cans and plastic and had to dispose of it in their own bags.

“It is anticipated that by providing our residences with a larger recycling container, that we will see a potential increase of 25% in recyclables collected, simply put: more storage capacity equals more recycling” stated Bob Schuler, President of the Board of Commissioners.

The recycling day will continue to be every other week and the same day as refuse collection; household trash collection will not be affected by this new contract. Residents will be prohibited from using their own recycling bins or carts, as the new 32-gallon tubs supplied through Allied Waste are the only authorized container to be used.

According to Township Manager Sal Sirabella, “Residences can expect delivery of the new recycling tubs tentatively the week of December 17th, and a sample of the new tub may be viewed in the lobby of the Township Building.” He also stresses that maintenance of the tub will be the responsibility of Allied Waste through the term of the contract.

Questions regarding the new recycling program can be directed to Allied Waste / Republic Services at 412-429-2600 or emailed to: ColliertwpPA@republicservices.com

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MEDIA RELEASE

On 12/09/2012, Collier PD responded to Trader Jacks Flea Market after a 911 call reported a male selling pirated motion picture DVD's.

Collier Police made contact with the male from Pittsburgh and subsequently seized hundreds of DVD copies of motion pictures which had been unlawfully produced or copied. Collier PD also seized \$180.00 cash proceeds from the illegal sales. Kevin Walker from Pittsburgh and a male juvenile will be charged by summons.

While completing the investigation of the DVD's, Collier Police were alerted to the next vendor having abandoned his space, leaving behind all of this product and a vehicle. Collier Police determined the Asian male vendor had fled when police arrived, and flea market visitors were crowding around the table of name brand perfumes and cologne. Police secured that product for safekeeping and at that time discovered that the cologne and perfumes were counterfeit knock-offs of the name brand products, unlawfully making use of copyright or trademarks.

While searching for the Asian male, Collier Police discovered a vendor inside the flea market who was selling large quantities of counterfeit knock-off merchandise. Collier Police seized more than one thousand items, many of which included many children's toys, clothing, pillows, and dinnerware. NFL, MLB and various other commercial apparel products were among the items seized also. 2 vehicles and over \$1500.00 dollars cash were seized as well.

Zhongming DAI from North Versailles and **Liangle SUN from New York** were arrested and the pair was charged with the felony of trademark counterfeiting. Mr. DAI was also charged with additional charge of resisting arrest. A second Asian male from Ohio fled the scene and we are actively working to confirm his identity.

The US Dept. of Homeland Security, and the PA State Police are assisting the Collier Twp. Police in the investigation. Additional arrests are expected for the Asian male who fled the scene.