

BUCKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 12:00p.m.

MEMBERS: *Joseph DiGirolamo, Bensalem Township
Maggie Rash, Buckingham Township
*Barbara Lyons, Doylestown Township
Kathy Gentner, Durham Township
David Nyman, East Rockhill Township
*Kathy Babb, Haycock Township
Tom Courduff, Milford Township
William Jones, New Britain Township
Dick Weaver, Newtown Township
*David Long, Springfield Township
Diana Nolan, Upper Makefield Township
Dan McPhillips, Warminster Township
*Judith Algeo, Warwick Township
Don Duval, West Rockhill Township
Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown Township
*Terry Clemons, Clemons Richter & Reiss, P.C.
Amy Schreiber, Executive Director

*NOT PRESENT

1. Call to Order: Mr. McPhillips called the meeting to order at 12:15p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes – May 8, 2019

MOTION: A motion was made by Diana Nolan, seconded by Maggie Rash to Amend two changes to the May 8th Minutes

1. Opioid Committee to reflect that the Executive Board directed the Opioid Committee to meet Bob Solarz with Delaware Valley

Trust and Attorney Josh Snyder to discuss announced “over prescribed” Pharma litigation. And,

2. Fall Reception will be held at the Doylestown Country Club.

MOTION: A motion was made by Don Duval, seconded by Maggie Rash and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of May 8, 2019.

3. Treasurer’s Report – May 2019:

Mr. Weaver presented the financial statements for May 2019. The total Liabilities & Equity is \$93,433.20 and the Net Income for the month is \$15,628.17. And added that Dunlap continues to be a great help. Ms. Rash asked if our budget is reflecting last years balance and Mr. Weaver answered “yes”.

MOTION: A motion was made by Bill Jones, seconded by Dan McPhillips to approve the May 2019 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.

4. Executive Director Report

Amy Schreiber discussed the upcoming Fall Meeting which will be held on September 26th at Doylestown Country Club, 5:30 Networking and 6:00 to 8:00 Dinner and Speakers. Reservations have been made and Mr. McPhillips locked down two speakers for the evening; Evan Stone, Executive Director Bucks County Planning Committee and Michael Gallagher, Deputy Director of the County of Bucks Information Technology Department. In discussing the Agenda for the evening it was decided by the Executive Board that we would like Mr. Stone’s topic to be the powerpoint of the County “mapping” initiative and Mr. Gallagher to speak on the topic of personal IT security, “phishing” and keeping safe from “hacking” attempts. In discussion of the Intern Scholarship and the Richard Derstine Youth Awards the Executive Board gave background and direction of the evening’s presentation and the process of mining applicants. Ms. Schreiber shared that she has a meeting with the old webmaster this week (6/13/2019) that while still on contract make some very needed immediate update changes to the

website and that Mr. Gallagher has the BCATO computer installing needed software that should be completed shortly.

5. Committee Report

Legislative Committee

Ms. Schreiber reported that the Legislative Committee will be holding their Annual Legislative Dinner in August and are waiting on some dates from the Mayor's office. Ms. Dolan asked if the Executive Board could be invited to attend this year's dinner and all agreed that it was reasonable for the Executive Board to be included to attend. Mr. Deon updated the Board on his direct legislative advocacy regarding the Sterling Act and reported that Representative Thomas and Representative Farry are willing to hold a House Member roundtable concerning the importance of reforming this Act and mining as many members as possible to co-sign reform legislation. Mr. McPhillips reported that he and Ms. Rash are still going around Bucks County in education efforts concerning the Sterling Act.

Opioid Committee

Ms. Nolan reported that in the meeting with Bob Solarz, Delaware Valley Trust and Attorney Josh Snyder (leads on the over prescribed litigation that the Executive Board directed the committee to hold.) it was explained that not as many people as thought were to have been treated with opioid over prescribed related issues. Treatment Codes will be used to determine the monies spent on over prescribed medications and those figures will determine the threshold of eligibility to file a claim. Ms. Nolan shared that the committee will know more once this data is collected. Also the committee will gather the names of providers other municipalities subscribe to since not all municipalities use the same ones and pass that information along to Mr. Snyder. Ms. Nolan went on to further explain that the bottom line is, if monies are awarded to the provider members (the municipalities) they would get the funds as allocated by the trust.

6. Update of Sterling Act

Mr. Nyman shared that he has a list compiled of all State Representatives of the surrounding 4 counties and that he and Mr.

McPhillips attended a meeting with Chester County's Association president and were told we are now able to get 2017 data for the Sterling Act efforts. Mr. Nyman also shared that in a personal meeting with Representative Thomas and Representative Farry he was told that they are developing language and have drafted wording for a bill to reform the Sterling Act and it seems to be the same language as former Representative Petri's bill.

7. HB 1364

Mr. Nyman touched on HB 1364 "An Act providing for the cleanup of hazardous waste sites". He explained that this is a very long and complicated bill because, the main chemicals that have been found in contaminated drinking water is not just military based use or other industries that use "spray foam" but these chemical have also found to be used in common household items such as pots and pans coated with Teflon which makes it much harder to identify the main polluting contributor; and in talking with Congressman Brian Fitzpatrick's office a bill of this type will be needed to be handled on a federal level.

8. August Meeting

To be held at the home of Terry Clemons – Date and time to be determined at the July meeting. (Mr. Clemons was unable to be in attendance).

9. Other Business

Mr. McPhillips shared that Barb Lyons was finding it difficult to attend Executive Board meetings and spoke to him about her concern. The Executive Board discussed that the By Laws are written that the decision of how many meetings a member is able to miss was at the discretion of the President. It was then decided that Ms. Lyons was to remain a member of the Executive Board.

10. Adjournment:

Being there was no further business, a motion was made by Don Duval and Seconded by Dan McPhillips to adjourn the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Schreiber
Executive Director