



Bucks County Association of Township Officials

BUCKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials was held via Zoom on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 12:02 p.m.

MEMBERS: Joseph DiGirolamo, Bensalem Township
Maggie Rash, Buckingham Township
*Barbara Lyons, Doylestown Township
Ken Lichtenstein, Plumstead Township
David Nyman, East Rockhill Township
*Kathy Babb, Haycock Township
Ruth Schemm, Warrington Township
*William Jones, New Britain Township
Dick Weaver, Newtown Township
Diana Nolan, Upper Makefield Township (departed 12:40)
Judith Algeo, Warwick Township
Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown Township
Terry Clemons, Clemons Richter & Reiss, P.C.
Vince Deon, Northampton Township
Fred Gaines, Warrington Township
Jim Miller, West Rockhill Township
Stacey Mulholland, Executive Director

*NOT PRESENT

1. Call to Order: President Maggie Rash called the Executive Board Zoom meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes –March 10, 2021.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer’s Report – March 2021:

Mr. Weaver presented the financial statements for March 2021 and noted the organization’s good financial standing.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Pogonowski to accept the February financials. Mr. Nyman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. President’s Report

A. Alternate Tax Collection Proposal- It was noted the Bucks County Commissioners were considering a proposal to delay the deadline for property tax collection. Ms. Rash confirmed the date will remain standard at June 30, 2021 along with early and late dates.

B. Ms. Rash reminded the board of the upcoming Earth Day Zoom at Noon on Ready for 100 and noted Jim Baldassari of Doylestown EAC/RF100 and Commissioner Harvie will be presenting in addition to our colleague Jim Miller.

5. Executive Director’s Report - Ms. Mulholland will be working on the golf outing scheduled for September 17, 2021. More information will be available at the next meeting. Save the date

6. Solicitor’s Report- A brief discussion regarding the proposed PA Constitutional amendments on the ballot for the 2018 Primary Election.

7. Legislative Update-

A. Sterling Act update- It was noted that PA State Representatives Frank Farry and Wendi Thomas drafted a letter to Mayor Kenny seeking reimbursement for suburban commuters who worked from home during the Pandemic. Although the letter was not directly related to the Sterling Act, legislation has been reintroduced this session to address the wage tax and earned income tax disparity with the City of Philadelphia.

1. Mr. Nyman requested board members reach to their state representatives and senators to sign on to the Sterling Act Legislation.

B. Legislative Committee- Mayor DiGirolamo informed the Board that Tom Courduff would not be returning to the Committee however he was pleased to share Barb Lyons and Dave Nyman have volunteered to remain on the committee. Jon Forest has not committed but Ms. Rash offered to follow up with him.

8. Other Business- The board had previously discussed the need to update members on existing committees and consider forming new committees to address the present needs of the organization. As per the bylaws the standing committees are: Nominating, Auditing, and Resolutions. Following robust discussion, the board agreed by consensus to add the following committees: Bylaws, Strategic Plan, EMS, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health. The EMS Committee will address the concerns of the former Municipal Cooperative. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Committee will include issues of concern from the former Opioid Committee, incorporate the ever-changing landscape of drugs and addiction, and address the mental health component which often accompanies addiction.

Solicitor Clemons reminded the board of his recommendation that resolutions be drafted establishing committees outside of the Bylaws.

Committee Membership- *see addendum*

9. Adjournment- With no further business, a Mayor DiGirolamo/Nyman motion carried to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 1:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Mulholland
Executive Director

Addendum to Minutes of April 14, 2021

Current Committees

Auditing Committee: Warren Keyser, Newtown
Bill Clark, Lower Makefield
Gerry Crandley, Upper Southampton

Awards Committee: Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown
Judith Algeo, Warwick
Maggie Rash, Buckingham

Legislative Committee: Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo
Barbara Lyons, Doylestown
Dave Nyman, East Rockhill
*2 open positions

Membership Education: Maggie Rash, Buckingham
Ann Calderio, Buckingham
Jen Herring, Doylestown
* 2 open positions

Nominating Committee: Jane Magne, Wrightstown
Ed Kisselback, Bensalem
*1 open position

Resolutions Committee: Dave Nyman, East Rockhill
Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown
* 1 open position

New Committees

Bylaws Committee: Fred Gains, Warrington
Vince Deon, Northampton
Maggie Rash, Buckingham
Dave Nyman, East Rockhill
Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown Township
Terry Clemons, Solicitor

Emergency Services Committee: Ruth Schemm, Warrington
Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown
Ken Lichtenstein, Plumstead
Adam Selisker, Northampton
*1 more position?

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Committee:
Fred Gaines, Warrington
*2 or 4 more positions

Strategic Plan Committee: Ruth Schemm, Warrington
Jim Miller, West Rockhill
Fred Gaines, Warrington