



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 Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS:

*Joseph DiGirolamo, Bensalem Township
Maggie Rash, Buckingham Township
Barbara Lyons, Doylestown Township
Ken Lichtenstein, Plumstead
David Nyman, East Rockhill Township
*Kathy Babb, Haycock Township
William Jones, New Britain Township
Dick Weaver, Newtown Township
Ruth Schemm, Warrington
*Judith Algeo, Warwick Township
Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown Township
Terry Clemons, Clemons Richter & Reiss, P.C.
Vince Deon, Northampton Township
*Fred Gaines, Warrington Township
Tom Cino, Upper Makefield Township
*Jim Hopkins, Springfield Township
Stacey Mulholland, Executive Director

***NOT PRESENT**

1. Call to Order: President Maggie Rash called the Executive Board Zoom meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes – of June 15, 2022.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of June 15, 2022; Motion carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report – June 2022:

Mr. Weaver presented the June financials for review. Mr. Weaver forecasted additional revenue of approximately \$5,500 from sponsorships.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash, seconded by Mr. Nyman to approve the June 2022 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.

4. President's Report

A. In-person August meeting/picnic- Ms. Rash offered to host this year's picnic at her home on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. Rain date is August 18, 2022. The board expressed appreciation for her hospitality.

B. Consideration for schedule for the meeting, day, Zoom/in-person-
Following discussion:

MOTION: A motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Jones to move the Executive Board meeting to the second Wednesday of each month beginning in January 2023. The Board will revisit quarterly in-person meetings in January 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Executive Directors Report

A. Fall Event- Ms. Mulholland reported that Phillips Donovan and Barb Lyons will be joining our sponsor list for the Fall Event.

B. Tax Exempt Status- Solicitor Kushto, Esq. has provided essential documents for Julie Davis, CPA to move ahead. Ms. Mulholland also needs to provide Julie with additional information. The path for state sales tax exemption is moving ahead.

C. September/October Guest Presenter- Ms. Mulholland informed the Board that following a discussion with BACTO website designer, Bill Schwartz of Catapult Web Design, it might be a good idea to have Mr. Schwartz present on new web features that may be beneficial to township websites. The Board agreed and Ms. Mulholland was directed

to follow up with Mr. Schwartz and invite him to present at an upcoming Executive Board meeting.

D. **EMS Memo-** Ms. Mulholland noted the EMS memo included in the meeting packet that notes discussions from the June Task Force meeting.

6. Solicitors Report- Solicitor Kushto, Esq. reviewed the draft resolution in opposition to the BCWSA proposed sale to Aqua Pennsylvania.

7. Legislative Business- Mr. Nyman reported on the police pension bill, SB669, had passed the senate. In brief, the legislation would permit accrued time to have portability among departments without funding from the Commonwealth and essentially create an unfunded mandate for municipalities. Mr. Nyman shared that PSATS is carefully monitoring the bill's status.

8. Other Business

A. The Executive Board continued the discussion regarding the potential sale of BCWSA and shared information from the Aqua/BCWSA open houses attended by BCATO members. Following discussion:

MOTION: A motion by Mr. Nyman and seconded by Ms. Schemm to adopt the resolution opposing the sale of BCWSA to Aqua drafted by Clemons, Richter, and Reiss: Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash and seconded by Ms. Lyons to share the resolution with the BCATO membership and other impacted municipal entities impacted by the sale for their consideration.

Ms. Mulholland was directed to share the adopted BCATO resolution with the BCATO membership and the media.

9. Adjournment With no further business, a Schemm/Algeo motion carried to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Mulholland
Executive Director