



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, May 10, 2023.

MEMBERS: Michelle Benitez, 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 12:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes – of April 12, 2023.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash and seconded by Mr. Nyman to approve the minutes of April 12, 2023; Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer’s Report – April 2023:

A. Mr. Weaver presented the February financials.

MOTION: A motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Gaines to approve the April 2023 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.

5. President’s Report

A. Sterling Act Update-The Board discussed the need to keep the Sterling Act on the front burner and impress upon our legislators that it is a BCATO priority. Ms. Rash informed the Board she will be meeting with Rep. Tim Brennan and will include the need to amend the Sterling Act among the issues to be discussed. Ms. Mulholland asked Mr. Gaines to set up a meeting with Rep. Munroe. Ms. Mulholland will also provide the Board with copies of the Sterling Act bills that have been introduced in the house. Mr. Nyman noted he will be reaching out to Ted Poatsy, MCATO President.

6. Executive Directors Report

A. BCATO Suite at PSATS- The Board was very happy with the attendance for lunches at the suite. The Board discussed ideas for improving attendance for the Sunday evening Wine and Cheese event. Ms. Benitez suggested promoting it as more of a “Welcome Event.” Ms. Mulholland suggested moving the time frame to 4-6 PM so the event does not conflict with dinner events.

B. Blight Survey- The County is prioritizing mitigating blight. A consultant has been hired that has been interviewing officials around the County regarding Blight in their communities. Ms. Mulholland participated in an interview and has invited the consultant, Mr. Chris Gulatta to join an upcoming BCATO meeting to discuss the County’s initiative. In addition to blight, Ms. Mulholland reported on v E-Waste Recycling Grants, Broadband gaps and Affordable Connectivity Program, and Opioid Settlement Fund programs.

C. Field Trips - Ms. Mulholland proposed the idea of a few field trips. Once the County's Emergency Operations Center renovations are complete, BCATO will hold a monthly meeting at the site which will be followed by a tour. Ms. Mulholland informed the Board of a tour she had several years ago of the Waste Management site in Falls Township suggested a tour for the Board. The board enthusiastically asked Ms. Mulholland to follow up with planning a tour.

D. PA Legislative Local Government Commission- Ms. Mulholland informed the Board of follow-up communications with David Green, Executive Director of the Commission regarding amendments to the Burial Grounds Act. The Commission intends to move forward with the amendments proposed via resolution by Plumstead Township. Mr. Nyman asked Ms. Mulholland to update Joe Gerdes, Director of Government Relations for PSATS on the Burials Grounds Act.

E. Resolution to Bucks County Commissioners re BCWSA 3 items- Ms. Mulholland stated that is in the works.

7. Solicitors Report- Tax Exempt Status- Ms. Mulholland was directed to put Ms. Kusto, Solicitor, in touch with Julie Davis, Finance Coordinator for BCATO of Dunlap SLK to proceed with the tax-exempt status for the Association.

8. Legislative Business- The legislative report was included with the President's Report.

9. Other Business

10. Adjournment With no further business, Ms. Rash made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyons, to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 12:55 pm; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Mulholland
Executive Director