

## Bucks County Association of Township Officials

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Hansell Park, Buckingham Township, Bucks County, PA.

#### **BCATO Broadcast June 2023**

# BCATO Executive Board members meet with Representative Brian Munroe (PA-144)

President Maggie Rash was joined by fellow BCATO Board Members Ruth Schemm, Fred Gaines, and Executive Director Stacey Mulholland for the recent meeting with PA Rep. Brian Munroe. The BCATO team shared the Association's 2023- 2024 Session Legislative Priorities. The priorities include Standing Priorities such as the Sterling Act reform and police radar; legislation that reflects the spirit of the resolutions passed at the Annual BCATO & PSATS Conventions; and bills BCATO opposes because of the direct negative impact on local government. Appreciation was expressed for Rep. Munroe's sponsorship of HB 1134, Commuter Tax Repeal (Sterling Act), and concerns were raised regarding HB 390, Plumbing and Plumbing Contractors Licensure. The bill defines plumbing services in such a way that its passage would require work consistent with operating small municipal water and/or wastewater treatment systems to be performed by licensed plumbers. These functions are currently performed by trained and certified township utility employees or contractors. BCATO shared suggestions with Rep. Munroe that would lessen the legislation's negative impact on local government. Bucks County Representative John Galloway is the bill's lead sponsor and representatives Tina Davis, Joe Hogan, Kristin Marcell, and KC Tomlinson are cosponsors of HB 390.

### **Legislative Update**

#### **Update: The Sterling Act**

Our municipal partners, townships, and boroughs have been working hard to pass resolutions seeking Sterling Act reform. The highlighted municipalities have passed resolutions supporting measures to reclaim their residents' EIT from Philadelphia.



## **Bucks County Update**

#### **Addressing Blight in Bucks County**

Evan Stone, Executive Director for the Bucks County Planning Commission, Jeff Fields, Director of Housing and Community Development, and Chris Gulotta of the Gulotta Group joined the recent BCATO Executive Board meeting to discuss a new initiative to address blight in our municipalities. Following a brief survey, a focus group was formed and the results so far can be found <a href="https://executive.com/here.com/h

## Save the Date BCATO Fall Event

Join us for A Taste at the Tile Works on Thurs., September 28, 2023, from 5:30-7 PM at the Tile Works of Bucks County, Doylestown, PA. Stay tuned for details. Sponsorships are still available.

# Our 2023 Executive Board

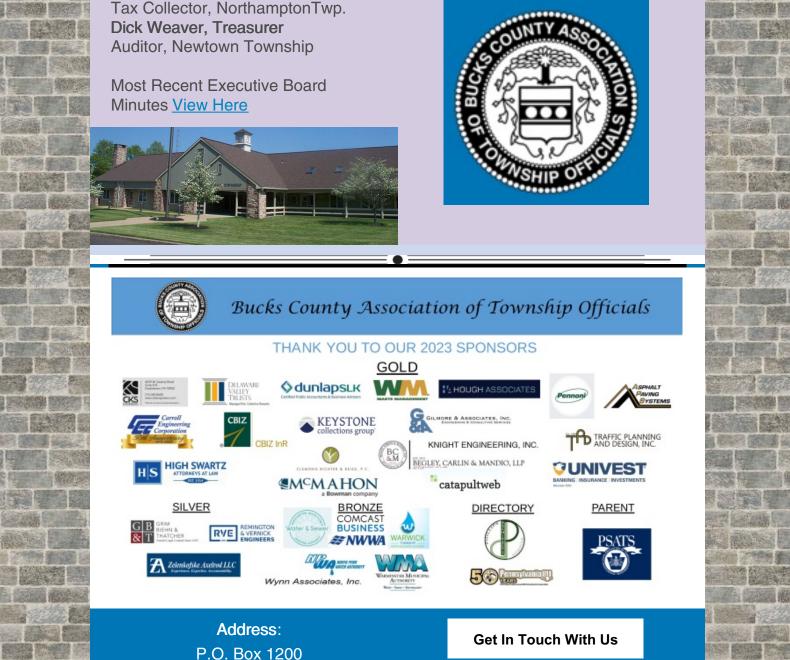
Maggie Rash, President
Supervisor, Buckingham Township
Dave Nyman, 1st Vice President
Supervisor, East Rockhill Township
Vince Deon, 2nd Vice President

### **Calling All Volunteers**

The BCATO
Executive
Committee
approved the
roster of ad-hoc
committees which
include the



addition of several new committees:
Bylaws Committee, Emergency
Services Committee, Substance
Abuse and Mental Health Committee,
and the Strategic Plan Committee.
For a complete list of committees and
volunteer opportunities visit the
BCATO website. If you are interested
in joining a committee please email
our Executive Director.



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