



## 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 [here](#). If you have any questions or would like to contribute to the focus group, please contact [Stacey Mulholland](#) and she will get you connected.

## 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](#).

Tax Collector, NorthamptonTwp.  
Dick Weaver, Treasurer  
Auditor, Newtown Township

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