



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 in person on Tuesday, August 29, 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 meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes – of July 13, 2023.

MOTION: A motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mr. Nyman to approve the minutes of July 13, 2023; Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer’s Report – July 2023:

A. Mr. Weaver presented the July financials.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the July 2023 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.

5. President’s Report

A. Welcome- Ms. Rash graciously welcomed the Board to her home.

B. PSATS Annual Convention Workshop-Ms. Rash gave an overview of the workshop she and Ms. Mulholland attended. BCATO was asked to present some highlights in the planning of the Annual Convention to share with the newer county associations. Ms. Rash mentioned how it was nice to be in person and found the break-out sessions informative. Ms. Rash and Ms. Mulholland also learned that many of the established organizations need to rework their programming post-Covid.

6. Executive Directors Report

A. Fall Event- Ms. Mulholland reminded the Board about the upcoming Fall Event to be held on Sept. 28, 2023, at the Tile Works from 5:30 – 7 p.m. She noted that we are still looking for sponsors.

B. Waste Management- Ms. Mulholland informed the members that she requested a Wednesday in October for the WM Field Trip.

C. Accepting Credit Cards- Ms. Mulholland shared that she has run into an issue with a long-term sponsor cutting checks. As a result, Ms. Mulholland would like to set up a credit card payment platform on the BCATO website. The Board agreed by consensus and noted users would be charged a “convenience fee” to offset the fees associated with credit card payments.

D. Sterling Act Update- Ms. Mulholland noted the updated spreadsheet of Bucks County municipalities that have passed resolutions seeking Sterling Act reform. Ms. Mulholland also shared the Montgomery and Chester County resolutions she has received. Sen. Farry had reached out to Ms. Mulholland for BCATO Sterling Act information.

E. Reminder- Annual Convention- The date is set for February 24, 2024. Gov. Schweiker confirmed his participation in the panel discussion. Ms. Mulholland will reach out to Sen. Santarsiero and Sen. Farry to participate as well.

7. Solicitors Report- Solicitor Clemons informed the Board that the Bucks-Mont Water and Sewer Consortium meeting is scheduled for Sept. 26, 2023.

8. Legislative Business- SB 866 Predatory Pricing Repeal introduced.

9. Other Business

A. Meeting with Rep. Staats- Mr. Hopkins informed the Board he had a meeting with Rep. Craig Staats. They covered several issues directly related to the BCATO Legislative Priorities but also the issue of the dead and dying ash trees in the upper end of the County.

10. Adjournment With no further business, Ms. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m.; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Mulholland
Executive Director