



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, March 13, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS: Michelle Benitez, Bensalem Township
Maggie Rash, Buckingham Township
Barbara Lyons, Doylestown Township
Ken Lichtenstein, Plumstead
David Nyman, East Rockhill 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
Stephanie Shortall, New Britain Township
Stacey Mulholland, Executive Director

*NOT PRESENT

1. Call to Order: President Maggie Rash called the Executive Board Zoom meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes – of February 14, 2024.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of February 14, 2024; Motion carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer’s Report – January 2024

A. Approve February 2024 Financials- Mr. Weaver provided details of the monthly report.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Schemm to approve the February 2024 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.

4. President’s Report

A. Reorganization – Ms. Rash appointed Mr. Pogonowski as the Temporary President. Mr. Pogonowski called for a motion to nominate a 2024 president.

MOTION: A motion by Mr. Jones and seconded by Ms. Lyons to nominate Ms. Rash to serve as the 2024 BCATO president; Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash and seconded by Ms. Schemm to nominate Mr. Nyman to serve as the 2024 BCATO 1st Vice President; Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Lyons and seconded by Mr. Lichtenstein to nominate Ms. Schemm to serve as the 2024 BCATO 2nd Vice President; Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Lyons and seconded by Ms. Schemm to nominate Mr. Weaver to serve as the 2024 BCATO Treasurer; Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash and seconded by Mr. Jones to nominate Mr. Deon to serve as the 2024 BCATO Vice Treasurer; Motion carried unanimously.

- B. **Annual Convention-** President Rash noted she received very positive feedback. Ms. Schemm thanked everyone for their support. Ms. Shortall stated everything was well done.
- C. **EMS Committee-** Ms. Rash noted that Bristol Township Fire Marshall, Kevin Dippolito attended the Convention and has been a valuable resource in planning the upcoming Emergency Service forum. FM Dippolito has expressed interest in joining the BCATO EMS Committee. Following discussion, the Board agreed to appoint Ms. Benitez and FM Dippolito as members of the BCATO EMS Committee.

5. Executive Directors Report

- A. **Annual Membership Dues-** Ms. Mulholland explained that not all of the eligible townships have paid the full \$300. Ms. Mulholland reiterated that for the \$300, \$100 is applied towards the membership dues, \$100 is applied towards the Legal Defense Fund, and \$100 is applied towards the Municipal Initiative. After much discussion, the board agreed it would be best if Ms. Mulholland reached out to the individual municipalities.
- B. **Fall Event-**Ms. Mulholland informed the Board the Fall Event is confirmed with Hewn Spirits, at Peddler Village, for Monday, September 30, 2024, from 5:30 PM– 7 PM.
- C. **EMS Meeting-** Ms. Mulholland shared she visited the Northampton Fire Department and toured the new facility, and they are very receptive to hosting the forum. Discussion ensued and the morning of Saturday, June 8, 2024, was suggested. Ms. Mulholland will confirm the date with Fire Chief/ Supervisor Selisker. Several ideas for a framework for the program were enthusiastically discussed.
- D. **Visit to the Bucks County Emergency Operation Center-** Ms. Mulholland confirmed BCATO will meet with and tour the Ivyland facility on Wednesday, Oct 9

6. **Solicitors Report-** Nothing to report

7. **Legislative Business-** Ms. Mulholland met briefly with Senator Farry and discussed the status of the Sterling Act legislation.

8. **Other Business**

9. Adjournment With no further business, Ms. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 12:57 pm; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Mulholland
Executive Director