

BUCKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials was held on
Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 12:00p.m.

MEMBERS: Joseph DiGirolamo, Bensalem Township*
Maggie Rash, Buckingham Township
Barbara Lyons, Doylestown Township*
Kathy Gentner, Durham Township
David Nyman, East Rockhill Township*
Kathy Babb, Haycock Township*
Tom Courduff, Milford Township
William Jones, New Britain Township
Dick Weaver, Newtown Township
David Long, Springfield Township*
Diana Nolan, Upper Makefield Township
Dan McPhillips, Warminster Township
Judith Algeo, Warwick Township*
Don Duvall, West Rockhill Township*
Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown Township
Terry Clemons, Clemons Richter & Reiss, P.C.
Angela P. Benner, Executive Director

*NOT PRESENT

1. Call to Order: Mr. McPhillips called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2018:

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Gentner, seconded by Mrs. Nolan and carried to approve the minutes of December 12, 2018 as written.

4. Treasurer's Report – December 2018: Mr. Weaver presented the financial statements for December 2018.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Rash, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously to approve the December 2018 financial statements.

4. Executive Directors Report

4.1. Annual Convention – Opioid Panel: Ms. Benner and Mrs. Nolan reviewed the layout of the opioid panel with the Board. Mrs. Nolan stated that the questionnaire that has been created to help municipalities in deciding if a law suit would be beneficial for them and will be forwarded to the membership in advance of the convention and discussed at the convention by Josh Snyder. The Board discussed having a municipality who has filed a law suit present a brief testimony during the panel discussion. Ms. Benner and Mrs. Nolan stated they would reach out to Amy Strouse with Middletown Township about the testimony since she is also on the opioid committee. Mrs. Nolan stated that District Attorney Matt Weintraub will be on the committee to discuss the overall opioid crisis and the push out the pusher program. Additionally, Ms. Benner will be reaching out to Diane

Rosati with the Bucks County Drug and Alcohol Commission and Commissioner Rob Loughery about participating in the panel.

4.2. Annual Convention – Resolutions: Ms. Benner shared with the Board the resolutions that were submitted by the membership for consideration at the Annual Convention. At this time Ms. Benner was just looking for some feedback since there was still time for submission and they would be going to the resolution committee for review first. There was some discussion around the mercantile tax resolution with concern shared regarding how the mercantile tax could affect local small businesses. There was also discussion that surround the fact that if a municipality didn't want the tax to affect businesses in their town, then they wouldn't need to adopt it. The resolution is asking for the option for municipalities to adopt the mercantile tax, not requiring it.

4.3. BCATO Scholarship: Ms. Benner stated that one application was received from Middletown Township for the spring scholarship. Ms. Benner added that the application meets all the criteria of the scholarship.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. McPhillips and carried unanimously to award the BCATO Spring Scholarship to Middletown Township in the amount of \$2,500.00

5. Other Business

5.1. DRBC Support Letters: Ms. Benner stated that Stacey Mulholland has requested that BCATO send letters in support of restoring Pennsylvania's full fair share of the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) funding as the state develops their 2019-2020 budget. The letters would go to Governor Wolf; Stan Saylor, Chairman of the House Appropriates Committee; and Patrick Browne, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Rash, seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously carried to send letters of support to Governor Wolf; Stan Saylor, Chairman of the House Appropriates Committee; and Patrick Browne, Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee requesting that Pennsylvania's full fair share of the Delaware River Basin Commissions funding be restored in the 2019-2020 budget.

6. Committee Reports: There were no committee reports at this time.

7. Adjournment:

Being there no further business, a motion was made by Mrs. Rash to adjourn the meeting at 1:28pm

Respectfully submitted,

Angela P. Benner
Secretary