

# **BUCKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

A meeting of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 12:00 p.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  
Diana Nolan, Upper Makefield Township  
\*Judith Algeo, Warwick Township  
Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown Township  
Terry Clemons, Clemons Richter & Reiss, P.C.  
Vince Deon, Northampton Township  
Fred Gaines, Warrington Township  
Jim Miller, West Rockhill Township  
Amy Schreiber, Executive Director

\*NOT PRESENT

**1. Call to Order:** President Maggie Rash called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the BCATO Zoom meeting.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes – July 8, 2020**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ms. Lyons and, seconded by Mr. Nyman to approve the minutes of July 8, 2020.

### **3. Treasurer's Report – July, 2020:**

Mr. Weaver presented the financial statements for July, 2020. He noted that we are in good financial standing, however, asked the Board to start thinking about the 2021 Budget and how COVID is hindering the usual fundraising revenue streams; and that our sponsors are having COVID financial issues as well. Ms. Schreiber shared her sponsorship outreach and shared how she had emailed the sponsors to join our Zoom meetings. She also asked for the Board's permission to call sponsors to ask how BCATO can help and what are their thoughts as to different sponsorship needs.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Lyons, seconded by Mr. Gaines to approve the July, 2020 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **4. Executive Director Report**

##### 1) Website Update

- a. Ms. Rash and Ms. Schreiber shared their interaction with the proposed webmaster and proposed a totally new site: Following discussion,

**The Board gave permission for Ms. Rash and Ms. Schreiber to make the decisions as to the look of the new site.**

##### 2) Legislative Update

- a. Mr. Nyman shared that there are two bills in Harrisburg to tackle the current lenient firework legislation.

##### 3) Committee Report

- a. Committee Chairs shared that sub-committees have been suspended at this time due to COVID but, some committees are planning to resume.

##### 4) September Meeting

- a. A discussion was had to resume in-person meetings or continue with Zoom meetings: Following discussion,

**A decision was made by the Board that we would continue via Zoom.**

**Guest Speaker Jim Baldassarre, EAC:**

Mr. Baldassarre shared how this national group is networking to advocate for 100% clean renewable energy use. He asked for BCATO's collaborative help in getting out their message and to join forces. Mr. Baldassarre shared that this effort is definitely doable and by 2035 we could eliminate electricity completely and by 2050 all energy usage could be clean renewable energy. Ms. Lyons shared that the townships could share the presentation on their websites for advocacy. A great interactive brainstorming discussion was had and Ms. Rash followed up by sharing the EAC PowerPoint to share and post.

**6. Other Business:**

- a. Ms. Rash and Mr. Nyman shared that the PSATS Convention would now be virtual.
- b. A reminder that the Census deadline is now September 30, 2020. A discussion was had as to how to get the word out and how to message the importance of filling out the census form.

**7. Adjournment:**

With no further business Ms. Rash declared the Zoom meeting adjourned at 12:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Schreiber  
Executive Director