

BUCKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials was held on Wednesday, July 8, 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 12:03 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the BCATO Zoom meeting. Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub joined the group as well.

2. Approval of the Minutes – June 10, 2020

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of June 10, 2020 editing the start time to 12:03. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report – June, 2020:

Mr. Weaver presented the financial statements for June, 2020. He noted that we are in good condition and that he has renewed the Post Office Box.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Nolan to approve the June, 2020 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.

4. Executive Director Report

a. September Reception & Dinner:

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Rash to forgo having a Fall Reception and Dinner. Motion carried unanimously.

1) Internship Scholarship: Following discussion,

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Pogonowski, seconded by Mr. Gaines to deny the request by Middletown Township to waive a match required for the Internship Scholarship. Motion carried 11 to 1 with Ms. Nolan voting in opposition.

2) Youth Award: With no Fall Reception, and a minimum of community youth activities due to stay at home restriction, we do not plan to seek applications this year.

b. DCC COVID: Ms. Schreiber updated the Board regarding requirement for using the Doylestown CC and Northampton CC which would be onerous to accomplish.

c. August Meeting: The consensus of the Board was to hold the August meeting as a Zoon meeting.

Bucks County District Attorney Matt Weintraub:

DA Weintraub shared updates on Law Enforcement under COVOD and the Governor's emergency orders; the value of completing the Census information and the fact that Bucks County leads the State in the

percentage of residents completing it; the number of peaceful protests occurring County-wide; the need for our police departments to not be complacent and the efforts of the County Police Chiefs to consider a universal use of force policy; and his Department's purchase of the film "Walking While Black, Love is the Answer" for true awareness of the racial problem and the ability to create a worthwhile dialogue.

5. Legislative Updates: Mr. Clemons noted that the courts had upheld the Governor's ability to issue emergency orders during a health emergency.

6. Other Business:

- a. Ms. Rash shared information from a recent Ready for 100 presentation by the Sierra Club regarding renewable energy.
- b. Ms. Rash suggested the Commissioner's Transition Report be placed on our website.

7. Adjournment:

With no further business Ms. Rash declared the Zoom meeting adjourned at 12:51 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Schreiber
Executive Director