

# BUCKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

## MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials was held on Wednesday, \_\_\_\_\_, 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 1:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the second BCATO Zoom meeting. Stacey Mulholland joined the group as well.

### **2. Approval of the Minutes – May 13, 2020**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Miller and, seconded by Ms. Nolan to approve the minutes of May 13, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Weaver presented the financial statements for May, 2020. He noted that he and Ms. Schreiber were working on the banquet reconciliation with regard to revenue/expenses and numbers present. They are focusing on a better method of having accurate counts for future banquets.

Ms. Nolan asked for clarification regarding the attendance and expenses which they continue to try to clarify.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Deon, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the May, 2020 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.**

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

- a. Internship Scholarship Candidate Funding Question: President Rash shared a request from Middletown seeking relief for providing a match for the internship awarded to Middletown for Nick Valla in light of the pandemic negative affect on Township revenue. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that they accepted the Scholarship with the provision of matching the funds and therefore they must comply with that provision of matching funds.
- b. Review of PSATS Requested Information: President Rash reviewed the elected supervisors in each of the categories requested. Kathy Babb, former BCATO president's service of 38 years and running was noted and some form of BCATO recognition was suggested.
- c. Covid-19: No discussion
- d. Proposed Legislation Discussion: President Rash acknowledged the to Senate bills shared with the Board as a springboard for discussion. Ms. Lyons, Mr. Miller and Mr. Gaines all shared positive steps taken by their respective Police Chiefs. Mr. Miller felt that we need to get more details before developing a formal BCATO action. Additional discussion referred to the negative impact of police arbitration awards on all municipalities. Ms. Mulholland indicated that she had shared this information to open a dialogue. Bensalem's Chief Harran's letter was cited.

The consensus seemed to support suggesting that townships review police policies and publicize those policies on their social platforms, recommending that townships be proactive in publicizing current, positive policing policies already on the books.

Ms. Lyons and Mr. Gaines shared positive examples of the positive use of body cameras to support police activities.

**5. Legislative Updates:** No additional discussion

**6. Other Business:**

Mr. Deon shared a concern regarding HB 2585 designed to restructure the appointment process for Authority members, effectively removing elected supervisors from the process and politicizing Authority appointments.

**7. Adjournment:**

With no further business the Zoom meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.

**MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Lyons and, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Schreiber  
Executive Director