



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, February 10, 2021 at 12:02 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 (arrived 12:30)
* 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
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 –January 13, 2021.

MOTION: A motion by Mr. Deon and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of January 13, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer’s Report – January 2021:

Mr. Weaver presented the financial statements for January 2021 and noted the organization’s good financial standing. Mr. Weaver added the sponsorships were looking good.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Gaines, seconded by Mr. Pogonowski to approve the January 2021 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.

4. President’s Report

A. PSATS Attendance- Ms. Rash reported that PSATS had reached out to inform her that Mr. Jones is listed as a delegate for both BCATO and his municipality, New Britain Township. PSATS only permits delegates to vote on behalf of one entity. Mr. Jones stated his preference to vote on behalf of his township. Mr. Pogonowski offered to serve as BCATO PSATS voting delegate. Mr. Deon and Mr. Nyman also offered to serve.

B. Annual Convention- Ms. Rash has been involved with planning for the Annual Convention and is very enthusiastic for the virtual event. She let the board know she sent emails to all members reminding them to register.

5. Executive Director’s Report Legislative Update-

A. Annual Convention Update- Ms. Mulholland reported over 60 registrations for the virtual convention and the directories were being delivered in a timely manner. Ms. Mulholland and Ms. Rash are in the process of assembling the goody bags for delivery. Convention speakers will be participating in a run through-rehearsal next week. In a break with tradition, this year’s BCATO

Service Award recipient will not receive a trophy or award but will have a donation made in their name to a local nonprofit.

6. Solicitor's Report- Executive Board Nominees-Solicitor Clemons reviewed the bylaws as they pertain to nominations of board members and delegates. Ms. Mulholland reported on the written (emailed) Executive Board nominations she received which bylaws require prior to a motion from the floor. The nominations committee had not convened 30 days before the Convention. Solicitor Clemons stated that all nominations will be treated as nominations from the floor. Ms. Gentner motioned to activate the nomination committee even though the 30-day time frame had passed. Ms. Rash seconded. On comments and questions, Solicitor Clemons advised against this and emphasized at this point, the process for nominations needs follow the process for nominations coming from the floor. Mayor DiGirolamo recommended following the solicitor's advice. The vote was called, and the motion failed. Following discussion, Ms. Mulholland reminded members considering continuing their service on the BCATO Executive Board to submit their notice of interest to her in writing via email. Discussion ensued and Ms. Mulholland was directed to reach out to all interested nominees and let them know, if they were interested, they could submit a statement of qualifications and Ms. Mulholland would distribute to the membership.

7. Legislative Update- Mayor DiGirolamo looked forward to reconvening the Legislative Committee. Ms. Mulholland tabled discussion on Legislative Priorities until after the convention.

8. Other Business- No business to report

9. Adjournment- With no further business, a Mayor DiGirolamo/Nyman motion carried to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Mulholland
Executive Director