



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, July 14, 2021

MEMBERS:

- *Joseph DiGirolamo, Bensalem Township
- Maggie Rash, Buckingham Township
- Barbara Lyons, Doylestown Township
- Ken Lichtenstein, Plumstead Township
- David Nyman, East Rockhill Township
- *Kathy Babb, Haycock Township
- Ruth Schemm, Warrington Township
- William Jones, New Britain Township
- Dick Weaver, Newtown Township
- Diana Nolan, Upper Makefield Township (departed 12:40)
- 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 12:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes –June 9, 2021.

MOTION: A motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Ms. Lyons to approve the minutes of May 12, 2021. Abstention by Ms. Nolan. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer’s Report – June 2021:

Mr. Weaver presented the financial statements for June 2021 and noted the organization’s good financial standing.

MOTION: A motion was made by Mr. Gaines to accept the May financials. Mr. Lichtenstein seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. President’s Report

A. Meeting Schedule- Ms. Mulholland shared results of the survey preference regarding meetings. The survey of the Board included preference for the week of the month, the day of the week, the time of day and the type of meeting. As a result, beginning in September meetings will be moved to the third Wednesday of the month. They will still occur over the Noon-1 PM lunch hour and will be held primarily via Zoom with exceptions for the reorganization meeting typically taking place in March following the February convention, the August Picnic/BBQ meeting, December Holiday luncheon and at the call of the chair an in person meeting be necessary.

B. August Meeting- President Rash discussed interest in resuming the BCATO Board Picnic/BBQ. Board members were eager to hold the meeting and picnic in August. Solicitor Clemons graciously offered to host the event at his home.

5. Executive Director’s Report - Ms. Mulholland updated and informed the board on the Fall golf outing. Sponsors thus far include CKS, Ms. Barbara Lyons, Barry Moore, Northampton Supervisor. Ms. Mulholland asked board members to reach out to golfers.

6. Solicitor's Report- Solicitor Clemons reported on the particulars of Act 65 which has new requirements for governmental entities to provide notice of certain meeting agenda items to the general public. Solicitor Clemons believes these requirements extend to township committees beyond the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board. Solicitor Clemons touched on an Agritainment bill that was focused on liability for the property owner.

7. Legislative Update-

A. Mr. Nyman added information from PSATS on Act 65 to Solicitor Clemon's report. Mr. Pogonowski reported that SB419- the local police radar bill. He noted it has passed out of the senate and is now in the House Transportation Committee on which Bucks County Reps. Meghan Schroeder and Perry Warren sit. Board members agreed to call their legislators and advocate. Ms. Mulholland was directed to draft letters to Reps. Schroeder and Warren as well as individual letters to the Bucks Delegation, cc'ing, the Bucks County Police Chiefs Association

8. Other Business- Ms. Schemm reported the Strategic Plan Committee has met. Mr. Nyman noted the Bylaws committee has scheduled a meeting. Ms. Lyons shared information on the upcoming Doylestown Township Golf Outing at the Doylestown County Club. Please direct interested golfers to the township. Mr. Gaines reminded the Board of the upcoming PSATS Centennial Dinner and Business Meeting slated for Oct 14&15.

9. Adjournment- With no further business, a Lyons/Lichtenstein motion carried to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Mulholland
Executive Director

Next meeting: August 11, 2021(Picnic/BBQ)