



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, October 20, 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 (Tech Issues)
- 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 12:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes –September 20, 2021.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash and seconded by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of September 20, 2021. Motion carried unanimously. Ms. Nolan abstained.

3. Treasurer’s Report – September 2021:

Due to technical difficulties experienced by Mr. Weaver, Ms. Rash and Director Mulholland presented the financial statements for September 2021. Although the organization remains in good financial standing, Mr. Nyman suggested increasing the budget for the Annual Convention to accommodate any overages.

MOTION: A motion was made by Ms. Rash to accept the August financials. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

4. President’s Report

A. Committee/Volunteers- Ms. Rash expressed the need for outreach to our membership to support our committees and organizational goals. Ms. Rash suggested a push at the Annual Convention and sought suggestions for outreach.

B. Emergency Services- Ms. Rash reported on continuing issues and growing concerns with emergency services, particularly the rescue squads- not enough staff, uncompetitive pay, lack of insurance reimbursement.

5. Executive Director’s Report

A. Annual Convention- Director Mulholland confirmed a reservation has been made with the Northampton Valley Country Club. They transferred the \$1000 deposit for the golf outing to catering. Following the discussion on the Emergency Services agenda item under the President’s Report, director Mulholland suggested, and the board agreed this issue should be the topic of the panel discussion at the Annual Convention. Suggestions for panelists

included Rep. Frank Farry, Chuck Pressler, 101 on 911. Director Mulholland suggested holding a BCATO Board meeting at the Bucks County EOC in 2022.

B. Intern Statement Legislative Outreach- The board reviewed and expressed satisfaction with the statement submitted by the Middletown Township Intern.

6. Solicitor's Report- Discussion ensued on the issue of signs on private property displaying expletives as fallout from national politics. Solicitor Clemons stated that in general this favors First Amendment rights.

7. Legislative Update- N/A

A. Tax Collection- An FYI was presented by Mr. Deon on behalf of tax collectors regarding software being explored by the County which may provide options for the County to become more involved in the dissemination of tax bills. The Bucks County Tax Collectors Association will continue to monitor this issue and advise accordingly.

8. Other Business-

A. PSATS- Mr. Nyman gave an update on the recent PSATS Business meeting noting the 2022 PSATS budget was approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Mulholland
Executive Director

Next meeting: November 17, 2021 @ noon via Zoom