



# Bucks County Association of Township Officials

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## BUCKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

### MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials was held via Zoom on Wednesday, November 17, 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 12:04 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Minutes** –October 20, 2021.

**MOTION:** A motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of October 20, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Treasurer’s Report – October 2021:**

Mr. Weaver began his Treasurer’s report with a ‘Thank You’ letter from the Bucks County Foundation for the donation in memory of Anna Mae Deon, Mr. Deon’s mother. In presenting his report Mr. Weaver noted the end of the year budget will reflect \$5978 expenses over revenue due impart to the \$5000 donation to the United Way, supporting Bucks County residents displaced from their homes which were heavily damaged and, in some cases, destroyed due to the severe summer storms which included unprecedented tornadoes. Additional unanticipated expenses were incurred for the virtual Annual Convention.

Mr. Weaver discussed the 2022 budget specifically the PSATS suite revenue. Following discussion, the board agreed, by consensus, to note the projected suite revenue as a footnote on the budget.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Ms. Rash to accept the October financials. Mr. Gaines seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**4. President’s Report**

**A. Committee/Volunteers-** Ms. Rash reiterated 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.

**5. Executive Director’s Report**

**A. Annual Convention-** Director Mulholland updated the board on panel discussion presenters confirmed to date. In a related matter, discussion ensued regarding a County emergency services funding

proposal. Ms. Mulholland said she would obtain the document and share with the board.

**B. Outreach Tables-** Ms. Mulholland informed the board BCDAC was interested in hosting a table with materials and they would also be participating on the panel discussion. Ms. Mulholland also mentioned she reached out to the nonprofit, Citizens Climate Lobby, an organization Supervisor Barry Moore is associated with who also may have an interest in setting up a table at the Convention.

## **6. Solicitor's Report**

**A. Act 108- The Workers Compensation Act-**Solicitor Clemons explained the Act includes activities outside of firefighting such as fundraising, but it does exclude members with social type memberships such as the Auxiliary. Solicitor Clemons was of the opinion workers compensation premiums would be impacted to some degree.

**B. HB1293-** Solicitor Clemons reported on HB1293 which calls for direct payments to ambulance squads from insurance companies. Mr. Lichtenstein relayed Plumstead Township had sent a letter of support for HB1293 to the PA State legislator representing Plumstead and offered to share the letter with the board. Following discussion, the Board directed Ms. Mulholland to draft a letter to the Bucks County delegation asking for review and consideration of HB1293.

## **7. Legislative Update- N/A**

## **8. Other Business-**

**A. PSATS-** Tabled

**B. Unfunded Mandates-** Ms. Mulholland informed the board that supervisor Joe Metzger of Logan Township, Blair County and board member of the county township officials association, reached out regarding unfunded mandates pertaining to meeting MS4

requirements. Their organization has corresponded with their US Representative, Congressman Joyce, on the issue. Ms. Mulholland noted a recent cosponsor memo from PA Rep. Karen Boback requesting American Rescue and Recovery Act of 2021 funds received by the Commonwealth be accessible to municipalities as an offset to meet MS4 requirements. Ms. Mulholland suggested addressing support for Rep. Boback's memo in the same letter to the delegation regarding HB1293. The board agreed.

**9. Adjournment-** With no further business, a Rash/Lichtenstein motion carried to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 12:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Mulholland  
Executive Director

Next meeting: December 15, 2021 @ noon via Zoom