



# 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, January 19, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS:**

- \*Joseph DiGirolamo, Bensalem Township
- Maggie Rash, Buckingham Township
- Barbara Lyons, Doylestown Township
- Ken Lichtenstein, Plumstead
- David Nyman, East Rockhill Township
- \*Kathy Babb, Haycock Township
- William Jones, New Britain Township
- Dick Weaver, Newtown Township
- Ruth Schemm, Warrington
- Judith Algeo, Warwick Township
- Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown Township
- \*Terry Clemons, Clemons Richter & Reiss, P.C.
- Vince Deon, Northampton Township
- Fred Gaines, Warrington Township
- Stacey Mulholland, Executive Director

\*NOT PRESENT

**1. Call to Order:** President Maggie Rash called the Executive Board Zoom meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Minutes – of December 15, 2021.**

**MOTION:** A motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Ms. Schemm to approve the minutes of December 15, 2021; Motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Weaver reported the BCATO 2021 Audit was completed by the elected auditors from Wrightstown Township. The audit was clean and Ms. Davis of DunlapSLK, BCATO auditor, has all the corresponding documentation.

**MOTION:** A motion by Mr. Gaines, seconded by Mr. Nyman to approve the December 2021 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Mr. Nyman motioned, seconded by Ms. Rash to approve the appointment of Mr. Dave DelBianco & Mr. Keith Daniels to the Auditing Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

**4. President’s Report**

**A. Nominating Committee Members -** Ms. Rash informed the Executive Board that Mr. Jim Hopkins, Springfield Township Supervisor, had been appointed to the Nominating Committee however he resigned as he wished to pursue a seat on the Executive Committee. Mr. Kyle Davis, Newtown Township Supervisor filled the open position. The board agreed, by consensus, to accept the resignation of Jim Hopkins from the Nominating Committee and the substitution of Kyle Davis.

**B. Nominating Committee Recommendations:** The Nominating Committee in a 3-0 vote, recommended the Executive Board slate include Tom Cino, Upper Makefield and Jim Hopkins, Springfield Township.

**C. Resolutions-** Ms. Rash asked Mr. Nyman to provide the report from the resolutions committee. Mr. Nyman reported four multi-municipal resolutions representing the same issues that had been submitted in 2021, had been received by the committee for 2022. Although the Resolutions Committee recommended the Executive Committee take no

position on the proposed resolutions, because they had not been supported by membership at the 2021 Annual Convention, following discussion, it was determined that new members should have the opportunity vote on these critical issues.

**Motion:** Mr. Gaines motioned, seconded by Ms. Lyons to support the four multi-municipal resolutions. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. **Awards-** Ms. Rash stated the Awards committee had received one application for the Derstine Youth Award. Ms. Rash also reported the Awards Committee had nominated Jim Miller, West Rockhill Supervisor (ret.) and former BCATO Executive Board member, for the Metzger Service award highlighting his work with renewable energy resulting in renewable sourced energy for township operations.

**Motion:** Mr. Nyman motioned, seconded by Ms. Lyons to support the Mr. Miller's nomination for the Metzger Service award. Motion carried unanimously.

## **5. Executive Directors Report**

- A. **Annual Convention-** Ms. Mulholland provided the board with the status of the convention presentation.
- B. **Sponsorships-** Ms. Mulholland reported sponsorships appeared to be up from last year. There was an addition of two new sponsors, High Swartz and Remington and Vernick. Ms. Mulholland will have the final numbers next month.
- C. **Fall Event-** Ms. Mulholland reported the Fall Event has been scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2022, at the Tile Works located in Doylestown.
- D. **PSATS Registration** – Ms. Mulholland reported the BCATO Suite has been secured for the usual Sunday-Wednesday.

## **6. Solicitors Report- No report submitted.**

- 7. Legislative Business-** Ms. Vicki Kushto, Esq. of Clemons, Richter & Reiss provided a report on PA HB 2148, "Protecting Local Governments Against Newspaper's Failure to Advertise."

**Motion:** Mr. Nyman motioned, seconded by Ms. Rash to inform our Bucks County Senate Delegation of BCATO's interest in this issue.

**8. Other Business** – Mr. Gaines offered the Warrington Township Building for in- person and hybrid meetings.

**9. Adjournment** With no further business, a Rash/Nyman motion carried to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 12:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacey Mulholland  
Executive Director