



# 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, September 21, 2022, at noon.

#### **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  
Tom Cino, Upper Makefield Township  
Jim Hopkins, Springfield Township  
Stacey Mulholland, Executive Director

\*NOT PRESENT

**1. Call to Order:** President Maggie Rash called the Executive Board Zoom meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Minutes** – of August 17, 2022.

**MOTION:** A motion by Ms. Rash and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of August 17, 2022; Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Treasurer's Report – May 2022:**

Mr. Weaver presented the May financials for review. Mr. Weaver noted additional revenue from sponsorships.

**MOTION:** A motion by Ms. Rash, seconded by Mr. Gaines to approve the August 2022 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.

### **4. President's Report**

A. **BCWSA/AQUA Next Steps-** The board discussed the outcome of the actions taken to address the potential sale and the ultimate decision by BCWSA not to sell. Discussion ensued and touched on several actions for consideration that could help protect the BCWSA ratepayers. The board agreed to pursue future conversations with the Bucks County Commissioners on the issue.

**MOTION:** A motion by Ms. Lyons, seconded by Mr. Gaines to table the Consortium; Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lichtenstein recommended following up with a letter thanking and explaining BCATO's proposed strategy going forward to the municipalities that voted to join the Consortium. The board supported this action with consensus.

### **5. Executive Directors Report**

A. **Fall Event-** Ms. Mulholland reminded the board of the upcoming Fall Event at The Tile Works. RSVPs were still coming in sponsorship support for the event was strong.

B. **Marketing Piece-** The board discussed the information piece Ms. Mulholland created and offered suggestions.

## **6. Solicitors Report-**

**A. Right to Know Request with BCWSA-** Solicitor Clemons informed the board that BCWSA had requested a 30-day extension. With the sale officially having been voted down, Solicitor Clemons agreed to the extension.

## **7. Legislative Business- No report**

## **8. Other Business**

**A.** Bucks County Commissioner Chairman, Bob Harvie joined the BCATO meeting via Zoom. Commissioner Harvie gave an overview of issues affecting Bucks County residents. Mail-in ballots are slated to be mailed out the first week of October. American Rescue Plan Act, (ARPA) Funds will be used to subsidize rescue squads and senior centers among many other necessities across the County. Chairman Harvie asked that boards of supervisors consider planning and zoning options that permit “attainable” housing.

## **9. Other Business**

**A. PSATS Committee Nominations-** Mr. Nyman had requested to be nominated for the Nominations Committee. Mr. Gaines and Mr. Lichtenstein both requested nominations to the Townships over 10,000 Committee.

**B. PSATS Regional Forum-**Ms. Mulholland reminded the board that the PSATS Regional Forum was scheduled in Plymouth Meeting on October 6, 2022.

**10. Adjournment** With no further business, a Rash/Lyons motion carried to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacey Mulholland  
Executive Director