



# 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 at the home of Maggie Rash, President on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 4:30 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
- 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 4:45 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Minutes – of July 28, 2022.**

**MOTION:** A motion by Mr. Nyman and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of July 28, 2022; Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Treasurer’s Report – July 2022:**

Mr. Weaver presented the July financials for review. Mr. Weaver noted he is beginning to work on the 2023 budget. Ms. Mulholland will reach out to Mr. Weaver to assist with work on the draft budget.

**MOTION:** A motion by Mr. Nyman, seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the July 2022 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.

**4. President’s Report**

A. **The Bucks County Commissioners’ Meeting Recap-** Ms. Rash spoke along with several other members of BCATO, stakeholders, and community members in opposition to the proposed sale of the BCWSA sewer assets to Aqua. Ms. Lyons also spoke to the commissioners and relayed the municipal resolutions that have passed and the two municipalities, including Doylestown and Plumstead, that have also passed the resolution to form the consortium.

**5. Executive Directors Report**

A. **Update on Municipal Resolutions –** Ms. Mulholland provided the board with a breakdown of municipalities that have passed resolutions opposing the sale and the resolution to form the Consortium. Discussion ensued regarding the need to create a special account for the Consortium members’ funds separate from the BCATO General Fund.

**MOTION:** A motion by Ms. Lyons and seconded by Ms. Algeo directing Solicitor Clemons to draft a resolution that would authorize the BCATO Executive Board to create a restricted fund, in a separate account from the BCATO General Fund, granting BCATO sole administrative responsibility for the newly created Consortium account; Motion carried unanimously.

Following the motion, discussion continued on the proposed BCWSA sewer asset sale to Aqua. Mr. Nyman highlighted several bills and PA legislative Acts which created an advantageous environment for investor-owned utilities to acquire municipal authorities specifically speaking to SB 597, the Water Quality Accountability Act.

- B. **September and October meeting guests--** Ms. Mulholland informed the board that Commissioner Harvie has offered to join the September board meeting to discuss the potential BCWSA sewer sale to Aqua and Bill Schwartz of Catapult Web, the BCATO web designer, will be our October guest. Mr. Schwartz will provide the board with a review of new features available on municipal websites

#### **6. Solicitors Report-**

- A. Solicitor Clemons informed the board he put forth a Right To Know request to BCWSA. He will update the board as to the response.

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

#### **8. Other Business**

- A. Ms. Mulholland presented the board with proposals from communications specialists for review.

**MOTION:** A motion by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Deon authorizing Ms. Mulholland to enter into agreements with a communication specialist with a not to exceed \$4000 at this time; Motion carried unanimously.

**9. Adjournment** With no further business, a Schemm/Algeo motion carried to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacey Mulholland  
Executive Director

