



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 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
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 September 21, 2022.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of September 21, 2022; Motion carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer’s Report – September 2022:

Mr. Weaver presented the September financials for review. Mr. Weaver noted the changes in the balances of the Legal Defense Fund and the Legislative Initiative Fund due to the BCWSA/Aqua effort. Mr. Weaver will also provide the 2023 Budget Forecast at the November meeting.

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

4. President’s Report

A. 2023 Annual Convention Options- Following discussion, the Board agreed to hold the 2023 Annual Convention in person on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the Northampton Valley Country Club. The Board also discussed topics for the panel discussion and agreed to address the attainable housing crisis.

B. Consideration for creating an Infrastructure Committee- The Board agreed by consensus to create an Infrastructure Committee to work on outstanding issues following the canceled sale of BCWSA to Aqua PA, EV charging stations, and bridge funding.

C. Campaign Incident- President Rash felt it was imperative to share the news of a hate crime targeted at a Newtown Township supervisor. Mr. Nyman also shared an incident in which campaign yard signs were planted on yards in Upper Makefield that had razor blades incorporated on the sign as to cause injury when the sign was removed. The Board was saddened by this news and agreed national rhetoric is having a negative impact on our communities.

5. Executive Directors Report

- A. **Fall Event-** Ms. Mulholland provided a recap of the success of the 2022 Fall Event. The final revenues/expenses should be reflected in the November Financials.
- B. **PSATS Nominations-** Ms. Mulholland confirmed the requested nominations had been submitted to PSATS.

6. Solicitors Report- Solicitor Clemons, Esq. provided an overview of the findings in the RTK submitted to BCWSA.

7. Legislative Business- Mr. Nyman reported on several EMS-related bills that the legislature may consider in the session's final days.

8. Other Business

- A. Ms. Mulholland expressed interest in reaching out to the Bucks County Commissioners for a meeting to discuss issues remaining with the BCWSA sale.
- B. Special Guest Presenter- BACTO website designer, Bill Schwartz of Catapult Web Design, reviewed several popular features available on the website offering including documents and forms. Catapult Web Design specializes in local government websites. The typical annual fee is \$2400.00 which includes the website, hosting of the website, the migration of an existing website, and support.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Mulholland
Executive Director