



## Bucks County Association of Township Officials

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**TO:** BCATO Member Municipalities  
**FROM:** Resolutions Committee (David Nyman, Chester Pogonowski)  
**SUBJECT:** Resolutions for consideration BCATO Annual Meeting February 2023  
**DATE:** January 17, 2023

The resolutions committee received suggestions for 7 resolutions from member townships. These suggestions were rewritten and revised to provide a total of 10 Resolutions for consideration at the Annual Meeting of BCATO.

For the 10 resolutions considered, the committee recommended that the membership "Support" the resolution to be forwarded to PSATS.

The resolutions were reviewed by the BCATO Executive Board on January 11, 2023 who endorsed presenting the resolutions to the membership for consideration at the annual BCATO meeting.

In order to minimize the amount of time spent at the BCATO annual meeting considering uncontested subject matter, these resolutions will be voted on "en block". No motion or second is required to move forward with the vote by the membership because these were recommended by the Resolutions Committee.

Prior to vote, delegates will be able to request that specific resolutions be excluded from the "en block" list and considered individually by the delegates. Resolutions considered individually will not require a motion or second because these have been recommended by the Resolutions Committee.

The resolutions committee received 1 resolution from a member township which was withdrawn by the sponsoring township because the resolution topic was addressed by legislation enacted in 2022. The resolutions committee also received 5 suggestions for resolutions from individual member Supervisors of the Association. In order for resolutions to be considered, these must be received from the Board of Supervisors. These resolutions were withdrawn for consideration at a future meeting.

Respectfully Submitted for consideration.

## RESOLUTIONS

2023-01: Resolved that PSATS support legislation to repeal a portion of the Burial Grounds Act [9 Pa.C.S.A. §301] requiring a municipality post funds into a permanently held lot care fund.

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SUPPORT

2023-02: Resolved that PSATS support legislation to repeal a portion of the Burial Grounds Act [9 Pa.C.S.A. §301(a)] requiring a municipality to annually set aside funds in a permanent lot care fund from the sale of lots, and construction and sale of crypts and niches in columbaria.

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SUPPORT

2023-3: Resolved that PSATS support legislation to repeal a portion of the Real Estate Licensing and Registration Act [9 Pa.C.S.A. §304(a)(1)] requiring a municipality have a valid registration certificate from the State Real Estate Commission to sell cemetery lots, crypts and niches in columbaria.

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SUPPORT

2023-04: Resolved that PSATS support legislation to amend Act 12 of 2016 to prohibit for profit private utilities from acquiring municipal owned water and sewer systems based on “fair market value” as defined in the Act instead of “book value” which was the valuation method required before the adoption of Act 12., but permitting “fair market value” to be used when purchasing water or sewer systems from distressed municipalities or municipal authorities.

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SUPPORT

2023-05: Resolved that PSATS support legislation to amend Act 12 of 2016 to permit for profit private utilities to purchase distressed municipal water and sewer systems only.

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2023-06: Resolved that PSATS support legislation to require for-profit privately-operated water and sewer utility companies to comply with the same mandates as municipally owned systems not operating for profit regarding capital plans, environmental compliance and similar such mandates.

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2023-07: Resolved that PSATS supports legislation to require that a municipality served by a municipal authority approve the sale of authority’s assets to a private entity.

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2023-08: Resolved that PSATS supports legislation to provide an alternative means of generating revenue due to a reduction in Liquid Fuels taxes from alternative energy motor vehicles (e.g., electric, propane, liquified natural gas, hydrogen, etc.) for the purpose of maintenance and repair of local roads.

WRIGHTSTOWN

SUPPORT

2023-09: Resolved that PSATS supports an amendment to the Second-Class Township Code to provide for a dedicated milage assessment set by the Board of Supervisors for the maintenance and repair of local township roads.

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2023-10: Resolved that PSATS support legislation that would permit municipalities with excess funds in a Police Pension fund from a disbanded or defunct municipal police department, to transfer unincumbered funds to another municipal police pension fund within the Commonwealth.

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