



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 in person at the Northampton Valley Country Club on Wednesday, December 21, 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
- Vicki Kushto, Clemons Richter@ Reiss, P.C.
- Stacey Mulholland, Executive Director
- Michelle Benitez, Bensalem Council, Guest

*NOT PRESENT

1. Call to Order: President Maggie Rash called the Executive Board Zoom meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Approval of the Minutes – of November 16, 2022.

MOTION: A motion by Mr. Nyman and seconded by Ms. Rash to approve the minutes of November 16, 2022; Motion carried unanimously.

3. Treasurer’s Report – November 2022:

The November financials were reviewed, and the Draft 2023 Budget was available for discussion. Mr. Nyman offered several suggestions that the board discussed and supported via consensus. Ms. Mulholland was directed to relay the agreed-upon changes to Mr. Weaver and Ms. Davis. The 2023 Budget votes was tabled.

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

4. President’s Report

A. 2023 Annual Convention Resolutions and Nominating

Committee Reminders- Ms. Rash also reminded the board of the deadlines for nominating committee members and resolutions as per the bylaws.

B. Awards-Ms. Rash asked board members to consider reevaluating the current BCATO Awards program and its place in the BCATO mission and programming.

5. Executive Directors Report

A. BCWSA Update

1. Consortium - Ms. Mulholland informed the board that she, along with President Rash, participated in a follow-up virtual meeting with the current consortium members which was open to all municipalities impacted by the recent attempt by BCWSA to sell to Aqua PA. The meeting was well attended and included representatives from the area authorities and PMAA. Interest remains strong in working

with the PA legislature and local officials in securing measures to prevent such a sale from being considered in the future.

2. Meeting with Gov. Elect Shapiro's Transition Team

Member- Christina Finello, Ivyland Borough Councilwoman was appointed to the Local Government Committee. Ms. Mulholland was able to secure a meeting with her to discuss Act 12 and related matters. Attendees included Ms. Mulholland, President Rash, and Mike Sullivan, PMAA and Warwick Authority Executive director. Ms. Finello was very aware of what transpired with BCWSA and very supportive of BCATO's efforts. Ms. Finello was provided with background information which she planned to share with the committee.

B. Consortium member Refund- Due to the brevity of the BCWSA sale issue, the collected consortium funds were not expended. As a result, Plumstead Township asked for a refund of their contribution.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash, seconded by Ms. Schemm to approve the refund of \$5000 to Plumstead Township; Motion carried unanimously.

C. Solicitor Proposal- Solicitor Clemons put forth a draft proposal to assist in delineating the pro bono work he generously provides BCATO versus more involved legal work such as that brought about by the BCWSA issue. Following discussion, by consensus, the board agreed with the spirit of Solicitor Clemon's proposal and asked for a formal proposal.

D. Convention Update- Ms. Mulholland informed the board the location, Northhampton Valley Country Club has been secured and provided a timeline for packets and invitations to the membership.

6. Solicitors Report- No report submitted.

7. Legislative Business- No business to address.

8. Other Business – No business to address

9. Adjournment With no further business, a Jones/Nyman motion carried out to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Mulholland, Executive Director