



# 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, April 12, 2023.

**MEMBERS:** Michelle Benitez, 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  
im 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 12:02 p.m.

## **2. Approval of the Minutes – of March 8, 2023.**

**MOTION:** A motion by Mr. Nyman and seconded by Mr. Gaines to approve the minutes of March 8, 2023; Motion carried unanimously.

## **4. Treasurer’s Report – March 2023:**

**A.** Mr. Weaver presented the February financial.

**MOTION:** A motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Gaines to approve the March 202 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.

## **5. President’s Report**

- A. Consortium Resolution-** Ms. Rash provided the Executive Board with an update on which municipalities have passed the Consortium Infrastructure Resolution so far and they are: Bristol Borough, Doylestown Borough, Doylestown Township, Warrington, and Plumstead. Several other municipalities have the resolution on their agendas for upcoming meetings.
- B. Correspondence from Mayor Joe DiGirolamo-** Ms. Rash shared a thank you card from the mayor expressing his gratitude for the Metzger Award and generous contribution to his youth scholarship fund.

## **6. Executive Directors Report**

- A. BCATO Suite at PSATS-** Ms. Mulholland reminded the board that there will be a Wine and Cheese Welcome Sunday evening from 5 PM- 7 PM and lunch will be served Monday and Tuesday beginning at 11:30.
- B. New PO Box number-** At a previous meeting the board, via consensus, agreed to downsize the PO Box for cost savings. Ms. Mulholland reported the new PO Box number is 1200.
- C. 2024 Annual Convention -** Ms. Mulholland proposed the idea of selecting a keynote speaker for next year’s convention. Due to time constraints, the speaker would likely replace the panel discussion. Following the discussion, the board directed Ms. Mulholland to reach out to Attorney General Michelle Henry to see if her schedule would permit her to be the 2024 Keynote Speaker.

**D. PA Legislative Local Government Commission-** Ms. Mulholland had a call with David Green, Executive Director of the Commission which is bipartisan and bicameral. He explained the mission of the commission and that they would be taking up amending the Burial Grounds Act which has been a BCATO resolution submitted by Plumstead. Ms. Mulholland offered to be a conduit for the sharing of documents between the commission and the Plumstead solicitor.

**7. Solicitors Report- N/A**

**8. Legislative Business-** Mr. Gaines mentioned SB295, a bill aimed at allowing first-time home buyers savings accounts. He noted this could be a helpful tool in meeting the challenge for attainable housing in Bucks, an elsewhere, as discussed at the Annual Convention.

**9. Other Business**

A. With several regionally important legislative priorities such as Act 12 and the Sterling Act, Mr. Nyman and Ms. Rash expressed the need for a SEATO meeting. Mr. Nyman offered to do some initial outreach.

**10. Adjournment** With no further business, Ms. Rash made a motion, seconded by Ms. Lyons, to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 12:55 pm; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacey Mulholland  
Executive Director