



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, August 14, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

MEMBERS:

*Michelle Benitez, Bensalem Township
Maggie Rash, Buckingham Township
Barbara Lyons, Doylestown Township
Ken Lichtenstein, Plumstead
David Nyman, East Rockhill 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.
Vicki Kushto, Clemons Richter & Reiss, P.C.
*Vince Deon, Northampton Township
Tom Cino, Upper Makefield Township
Jim Hopkins, Springfield Township
Stephanie Shortall, New Britain 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.

2. Approval of the Minutes – of July 10, 2024.

Mr. Nyman stated that under Other Business, Emergency Services Forum Part II, the minutes should be amended instead of “at the County level”, it should be “by BCATO”,

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Rash and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes of July 10, 2024, as amended; Motion carried with Jim Hopkins abstaining.

3. Treasurer’s Report – August 2024

A. Approve May 2024 Financials- Mr. Weaver provided details of the monthly report.

MOTION: A motion by Ms. Lyons, seconded by Mr. Nyman to approve the August 2024 Financial Statements; Motion carried unanimously.

4. President’s Report

A. August Picnic alternative – Ms. Rash reminded the Board of the BCATO event, September 30th. Discussion emphasized the need to advertise the event more.

B. PSATS Youth Awards – Ms. Rash reminded the Board that Youth Awards must be submitted prior to October 31st.

5. Executive Directors Report

A. Fall event- Ms. Mulholland noted information is available on the BCATO website and we need to get more people registered. Ms. Shortall emphasized the need to get the word out to our members.

B. Resolutions received re: HB 2045 and HB 1976- We have received resolutions from Lower Southampton, Bensalem and Doylestown Township. These bills would revise the MPC to allow multi-family residential units in areas currently zoned for single family residences.

C. Reminder for October meeting – October Board meeting is at the Emergency Operations Center in Ivyland and will include lunch.-

6. Solicitors Report- Nothing to report

7. Legislative Business- Ms. Mulholland updated the Board on the status of the Burial Grounds legislation and the need for an additional bill – HB1730 and SB 1173

8. Other Business-

A. Emergency Services Forum Part II – Discussion recommended planning for a Spring follow up Part II, following the February Convention.

B. BCATO Chief Executive search- The Board was encouraged to share potential candidates for the CEO position. A job description will be distributed.

9. Adjournment With no further business, Ms. Lyons made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to adjourn the Zoom meeting at 12:42 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

David Nyman
1st Vice President