



Bucks County Association of Township Officials

BUCKS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

JUNE 11, 2025

MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Bucks County Association of Township Officials was held via Zoom on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 , at 12:00 PM.

- 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
 - Chester Pogonowski, Wrightstown Township
 - 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

*NOT PRESENT

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

2. Approval of the Minutes: May 14, 2025

MOTION: Motion made by Ms. Lyons and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the minutes, with Ms. Lyons and Mr. Hopkins abstaining, the motion carried.

3. Treasurer’s Report: May, 2025

MOTION: Ms. Rash’s motion was seconded by Ms. Lyons to approve the 2025 May financials. The motion carried unanimously.

4. President’s Report:

EMS SYMPOSIUM:

Ms. Rash stated that she spoke with Ms. Schemm and Mr. Lichenstein and would also like input from the board. Following discussion it was determined to hold the event October 18th at Warrington Township. A conversation ensued regarding response times and tax increases for services, and how they want to structure this topic for the October event with speakers. Ms. Rash, Ms. Schemm and Mr. Lichenstein have met with Chuck Pressler and have come up with a panel consisting of Pressler, Larry Loose (Administrative Coordinator of the County EHS Office) and Jerry Ozog from PSATS have agreed to attend.

BCATO FALL EVENT:

Following brief discussions, the Fall Event will be held September 30th at the same venue, Hewn Spirits in Peddler’s Village as last year.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE:

Ms. Rash suggested that Board attendance might be increased with meetings starting later in the day. It was agreed to try to meet at 4 PM going forward.

DATE FOR PICNIC IN AUGUST:

Ms. Rash stated that the picnic will be held on August 15th at 5:00 PM at her house.

5. Executive Directors Report:

Ms. Courter reported that she is working with PSATS to update our website and reduce the website costs. She anticipates the update to be ready by January, 2026 when our current contract runs out.

6. Solicitors' Report:

No report.

7. Legislative Business

Mr. Nyman highlighted bills which the association should be supporting: HB 527 – Sterling Act amendment and HB 1594 – providing support for the preservation of parcels 10 acres or less. Bills of concern include HB 1532 – a new attempt to over-ride local zoning for residential development and HB 502 – over-riding local zoning for the siting of energy projects. Additionally, we will be increasing our efforts to get municipalities to approve a draft resolution supporting HB 1152 to require insurance companies to reimburse EMS units directly for their service. My. Nyman will share copies of the draft resolution and instructed Ms. Courter to send out a blast email to the members for their resolutions of support.

8. Other Business

Mr. Hopkins shared information regarding Springfield Township's efforts to improve their EMS service.

9. Adjournment:

With no further business, Ms. Lyons made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nyman to adjourn the meeting at 1:06 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Courter

Executive Director