



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 July 9, 2025, at 4:00 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 Rash called the Executive Board meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

2. Approval of the Minutes: June 11, 2025

MOTION: Motion made by Ms. Lyons and seconded by Mr. Nyman to approve the minutes, motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report: June 2025

Treasurer Deon reported that he is organizing the files and paying bills that are coming in and everything is running fine.

MOTION: Motion by Ms. Lyons and seconded by Mr. Nyman to approve the June financial reports. The motion carried unanimously.

4. President's Report:

President Rash reported that the next meeting will be during the picnic on August 15th. Ms. Rash discussed the Sterling Act resolution and will get an updated resolution sample. Mr. Nyman suggested that Senator Farry be contacted to get an updated resolution with his new bill. Mr. Nyman added that he will work on other counties once we hear back from Farry's office.

Ms. Rash will be sending a letter to managers and supervisors about the Sterling Act with the resolution attached. President Rash reported that Ms. Courter sent a flyer for the Hewn Spirits to everyone. Ms. Rash discussed about her email being hacked and advised everyone not to use her comcast email when communicating with her.

5. Executive Directors Report:

Ms. Courter reported that she has the new laptop and it's working great. Hewn Spirits is booked, and the contract is signed and will get the down payment processed. The Hewn Spirits flyer will be sent out the membership and sponsors. Ms. Courter stated she will be on Vacation from July 19th through August 2nd, but will be available if anyone needs her.

6. Solicitors Report:

No formal report.

7. Legislative Business:

Mr. Nyman stated that he directed some of the Sterling Act resolutions to boroughs and townships. Mr. Nyman reiterated that we need to get an updated resolution to distribute and get it approved by the House.

Mr. Nyman reported on HB 1532, that overrides zoning for residential housing which they tried to do before. Mr. Nyman stated he shared this with PSATS and the Bucks County Planning Commission, which had concerns as well.

8. Other Business-

EMS Event: Mr. Lichenstein reported that they are moving forward with the October 18th event. He will keep pushing information out about it. Ms. Courter reported that four people have signed up so far. Mr. Lichenstein stated that the intention is for people to walk out feeling good and know what BCATO is doing to help move things forward. Also for what they can do themselves to plan for future medical emergency services. Ms. Schemm reported that it will be at Warrington Township municipal building at Lyons Pride Park, in which they just received a Governor's award for their Wetland Project. Discussions ensued with having parks showcased on the website from each membership's towns.

9. Adjournment:

With no further business, Ms. Lyons made a motion and seconded by Mr. Lichenstein to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Courter

Executive Director