

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 2/3/2022

Attendees: Barbara Bishop, Karen Drucker Baka, Dan Von Schaumberg, John Hiros, Greg Fath, Denise Cleveland.

Meeting opened at 7:02 pm with Barbara welcoming Denise to the SBTA. She explained that Denise will be our Flood Representative.

John motioned for an approval of minutes from 12/16/2021, Dan seconded it. All were in favor.

Unfortunately, Rob was pulled away with a work issue so our Treasurer's Report will be provided at the next meeting. Barbara said that we had approximately \$2200 in our account. Letters were sent to folks who donated to the organization in 2021 for tax purposes.

Committee Reports:

Beautification – Through the leadership of Dan and John, this committee had a very successful year. The group started with \$0 in the account and ended with \$1600! In addition, Sunset Park has approximately 18 volunteers and they will be contacted in the sprint to confirm their continued participation this year. Potential to possibly have Santa at Sunset Park after Christmas Parade 2022. Open will, no charge. Will look into this more as the year goes on.

Bike Safety– Karen has connected with Peter Williams from Surf City about the potential for a joint Bike Rodeo and other ways to collaborate. He told her that Surf City tried to get a dedicated bike line, but the request was denied. As for the Bike Rodeo, Barbara still has the 200 lights donated in her entryway to help enlighten all those who visit. Chief Jon Potter is very supportive of being involved with this event. Walters Bikes would send a mechanic or two if we do this in the Spring, with the intention of having it staged at the boat ramp. It was suggested that the Ship Bottom police give out any “freebies”. Next step is to come up with a tentative timeframe and then connect with Jon. Denise said Kiwanis does a Bike Rodeo as well and will talk with Pete Rossi and report back to Barbara.

Membership – Barbara said that we have a few “drizzling in” and that we will be making a greater push for memberships in the Spring.

Pedestrian Safety (28th Street Light) – Greg sent a thank you note to John Ernst this week for his involvement with getting the light turned back on. He and Karen have personally tested out the push buttons on multiple occasions and they are working. In addition, the light is functioning from at least 7 am to 6 pm based on these observations.

Joint Taxpayers – Barbara provided an update on the island-wide committee. She explained that the group was dormant for quite some time. Over the past few years, there has been a revival of this group with folks looking out for all of LBI. She said the top priorities are as follows (and would like to get a SBTA rep on each committee):

1. Beach Erosion / Replenishment
2. First Responder Support
3. Bicycle / Pedestrian Safety – Our Representative - Karen Drucker
4. Flooding - Our Representative – Denise Cleveland
5. Taxes – Maybe John would like to be our rep, especially since school consolidation is included?
6. Offshore Wind Farms

Other topics of interest that were covered:

Ship Bottom Borough approved the hiring of an event coordinator, although she is already an employee of the town. It is Vienne Peters and Barbara notated that she did a great job of the Christmas Tree Lighting this year with a very large crowd in attendance. She expects much more in 2022 as she assumes the responsibilities of all the events in Ship Bottom.

Barbara discussed the proposal from the Lighthouse International Film Festival to work together this year. In essence, if we become involved with their “Friends of LIFF”, they would reciprocate with discounted tickets for our members. Barbara will be following up in the near future on this.

Barbara also informed us that the Southern Ocean Chamber of Commerce asked if we would be interested in having a link to our website placed on their website. There would be no cost and the team all seemed to be in agreement that this would be a good idea. Barbara said it also gives us a little extra legitimacy for our group.

Ship Bottom Fire Company 100th Anniversary – Bob Potter heading up celebration. Waiting for more info from him.

Discussion occurred revolving around communicating with members. Karen has committed to updating Facebook every other week and will pass information on to Barbara for email distributions. Prior posts include Science Saturdays and Library info. John suggested a list of events, especially now that Vienne is a dedicated resource.

Old Business

Logo – Rob’s daughter will be providing colored options.

Ship Bottom Budget – Workshop has to be done by 2/10. Open to the public. Kathleen will keep Barbara informed. Group decided it would be best to observe the process this year and become more involved if necessary as we learn the process.

New Business

Flood Presentation Potential - Barbara and Denise will be looking into potentially having a Flooding Presentation similar to the one presented by the Surf City Taxpayers Association.

Next meeting 2/24/2022. Tonight’s meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm. Minutes submitted by Greg.