

## **Ship Bottom Taxpayers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 08/31/22**

**Attendees:** Board Members: Barbara Bishop, Dan Von Schaumberg, Greg Fath, Denise Cleveland, Karen Drucker, Joe Oliver, John Hiros. Members: Angela Trampota, Kat Leifeste, Margaret Van Brunt, Bob Van Brunt

Meeting opened at 7:10 pm. Prior month's minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Rob was unable to attend. Balance in account is \$2,113.77. Outstanding check is \$100 for Fire Department donation. Renewals will be happening in September. We won't be automatically running credit cards.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Beautification** – Dan said he has a healthy \$1900 in the bank. He had a list of items that needed to be addressed. There is a new sign, one of the lights was finally repaired, and the sprinkler system is fixed. A new addition is the bird bath thanks to Margaret. Still need some help with the Gazebo and we are trying to get more electrical outlets installed. Dan had sent a letter to the mayor and thanked Pete Rossi for his help in completing some of the tasks. Barbara has added the two outstanding items to the questions we will be presenting to the mayor at the 9/10 meeting. Finally, Kathy offered to donate another bird bath and will follow up with Dan.

**Bike Safety** – Karen gave cards to Farias, Walters and Shore Brake Cyclery. Also, Karen posted on the Facebook page to see if anyone wanted some cards. Barbara said we should hold on to them until next year and give them out at the beginning of the year and ask realtors to give out with their "bags", etc. Karen will follow with Mary Allen Realty.

**Membership/Newsletter** – Our general membership meeting will be September 10<sup>th</sup>. Barbara sent out a Newsletter a few days ago and led off with the notification for the general meeting that features a discussion with the mayor. Next Newsletter will be after the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**JCTA** – Denise will forward her update. Angela reached out to Frank Little regarding the pump station on 28<sup>th</sup> street. Still waiting on CAFRA approval – hoping for this to happen in September/October. Design will follow next, then the project goes out to bid. Looks like it will still be a while before this gets installed and activated.

### **Old Business:**

**Ship Bottom Budget** – No further update on a budget meeting with Kathleen Flanagan. Barbara wants to get a status on replacing the old traffic signals. Bulkhead and walkway at park by 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> street will be refurbished. A big-ticket item; however, the end project should be a great improvement.

**Beach/Town Clean-up** – We are going to have one after our September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and then another one on October 22<sup>nd</sup> which will be island wide. More info to follow. For the Ship

Bottom clean up, we will most likely bring the trash back to the Firehouse. Kathy will oversee our involvement at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> event.

**Dune Fencing/Signage** – Barbara said no fencing will be added. Kristy Davis said the “Stay off the Dunes” signs had been handled through a non-profit, and they are no longer doing it. The town is looking at ALL beach signage, including the NO NO NO signs. Some suggestions for improvement could make it nicer when walking up to the beach. Barbara mentioned bike racks at the top of each street. The town put one at 13<sup>th</sup> street. Barbara suggested us purchasing the materials and asking the public works’ folks to build them maybe in the off season. Barbara will add this to the mayor’s questions.

**Website** – Barbara received two bids for updating and maintaining our website. Jeff Kuhlman, production manager for the Sandpaper, put in one proposal. He oversees Brant Beach TPA, Long Beach Twp #10, and various local businesses. He is well versed in Word Press. He charges \$55 per hour. We are currently hosted on Rick’s server. Swing Graphics was the second proposal received and they also host a few taxpayer association sites. They would transfer our domain name and hosting fee would be \$500 per year. Annual service would be approximately \$2700. John Hiros made a motion to accept the first proposal, unanimously approved. By-laws and minutes need to be published on our website. Also, we want to share information from the JCTA with links to other issues without taking a position on these issues; rather, it would be factual dissemination of the information.

**Membership Meeting** – Barbara said we will open with the mayor and have him speak for approximately 45 minutes. Topics to be discussed include 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> street update, pump station at 28<sup>th</sup> street, flooding issues, bike racks, new traffic signals, functionality of 28<sup>th</sup> street light year-round, LBI School update, and issues at Sunset Point. After the mayor leaves, we will have our election, currently uncontested for 3 open positions. The three departing members will still participate in our meetings: Dan VonSchaumberg, Joe Oliver & Mike Miller.

### **New Business:**

**ReClam the Bay Raffle** – Barbara explained that this group has to acquire funds through grants and through fundraisers. \$5 tickets for their 50/50 > Barbara would like to publish the information and pass out materials at our next meeting. John Hiros made the motion and it was approved unanimously. It won’t be on our website > Barbara will promote via our Newsletter and at our general membership meeting.

### **Event planning –**

- **Halloween (Scarecrow contest, Trunk or treat)** – agreed that we will participate in this event again in 2022. Denise Cleveland volunteered to assist. Margaret and her husband will also help out. Last year, board members donated candy to pass out to the children.

- **Christmas (Santa at Sunset Point, Float/sponsorship-Christmas Parade)** Dan said there was not much interest from the neighbors. Dan was hoping to get Santa to take pictures for a donation for the Fire Department. Barbara asked Dan to check with Kristy Davis to see where Santa goes after the parade. Karen and Joe will get more info.
- **Wine Crawl/tasting** – Barbara will provide us with an update next month as her contact in Harvey Cedars is overseas for the month. Karen will follow up with another person in Ship Bottom.
- **Restaurant Week** – The Island Event is scheduled for January 28 – February 6 2023. Our discussion centered on whether we could hold one in May just in Ship Bottom. Hold for further discussion at our next meeting – looking for a volunteer to run with this potential event.
- **Block-off cutout for an event (chalk painting/outside dining)** – Rather than holding an event in the cutout suggestions were to think about using the School Parking lot or Bay Terrace near Sunset Point. Hold for further discussion at our next meeting. Kathy Leifeste volunteered to do additional research and will be speaking with a contact the week of September 12<sup>th</sup>. Need to pick a timeframe – Barbara thinks a June date would be best.

**Regular Monthly Meetings will switch to Thursday nights AFTER the Ship Bottom Council Meeting, which are held on Tuesday nights. Barbara will poll the board and come up with our next set of dates. Tonight's meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Minutes submitted by Greg Fath.**