

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 08/03/23

Attendees: Kat Leifeste, John Hiros, Greg Fath, Rob Vidal, & Dan VonSchaumburg

Meeting opened at 7:03 pm with a review of the agenda. Afterwards, minutes from the 07/06/23 meeting were approved. Rob is going to look into posting our last 4 months' minutes to our website.

Treasurer's Report – Balance in account is reconciled at \$2,385.04. Rob provided his monthly treasurer's report for July via email, along with the monthly TD Bank statement. There were no transactions for July. He did share that Karen is now a signatory on the account with him.

Committee Reports:

Beautification – Dan said everything is going great and appreciates all the help from the various volunteers for keeping up with the maintenance. He also said they have approximately \$2300 in the bank. Additionally, he confirmed that we will be planting an evergreen tree in memory of Barbara Bishop in October.

Membership – Karen is working on this and will be sharing more information soon. Ann is going to create an initial brochure and Rob said his daughters would be willing to help out if needed. Karen will oversee the printing of addresses and mailing out to Ship Bottom residents.

Newsletter/Facebook – Kat said we should try to publish another newsletter BEFORE our next general membership meeting. She will work on drafting that document and will be reaching out to the board for some assistance with content.

JCTA – Next meeting is August 7th. Greg will attend and share information with the board afterwards.

Old Business:

Ship Bottom Budget – We are tabling this for now. We are focusing our efforts on the membership drive.

Insurance – We are tabling this for now. We are focusing our efforts on the membership drive.

New Business:

By-Laws and Board Meetings – The revised by-laws have been posted to our website. Greg is going to draft verbiage for adding 3 non-voting associate board members and will share at our next board meeting.

Monthly Borough Meetings – As agreed upon at the last meeting, we will rotate attendance at the various town meetings. John and Greg shared what was discussed at the respective meetings they attended in July. For the upcoming month, Kat and John will attend the special meeting regarding open space (8/9), and we will have representatives at the School Board (8/15), Land Use Board (8/16) and Town Council (8/22).

Event Planning:

General Membership Meeting / Elections – Karen secured the Fire House for 9/23 from 10 – 11:30 am for our meeting. She also confirmed that Chief Potter will be our guest speaker and that he is looking for questions/topics to cover prior to his presentation, covering bike safety and electronic bikes. Karen also said that we will need to send the Fire House \$100 for securing the facility. Karen will ask Ferrara's for donuts again and Kat will work on getting coffee and water. John will oversee the general logistics and agenda for the day. John volunteered to chair this effort and said he would be reaching out for Denise to assist.

Quick Hits:

- At next month's meeting, we need to finalize nominations for next year's board members and new associate members. Various names were given as potential volunteers. Greg will reach out for Denise to determine if she will still remain on our board.
- Karen is going to reach out to Kathleen Flanagan to see who is paying for the various lawsuits regarding the potential sale/closing of one of the elementary schools. (This is from last month – will look for status at next meeting).
- Karen is going to check with PBA about getting free T-Shirts for us to distribute. (This is from last month – will look for status at next meeting).
- We have received quite a bit of positive feedback on the bike racks at the beach entrances.

Tonight's meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm. Minutes submitted by Greg Fath.

NEXT MEETING DATES: September 7th and October 5th (casual recap at Port Hole)