

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Association - Board of Directors Meeting

12/07/2023 – 7 pm

Present: Greg Fath, Joanne Tallon, John Hiros, John Montone, Rob Vidal, Kat Leifeste (via phone – Blair Steifbold)

Approval of minutes – November Meeting

Litigation related to schools – Joanne found a map which was released in the early 90's which lists property as P (Public). Another document from 2017 states that the property was zoned R2 (Residential), which it never was classified as such.

Blair mentioned that there is a potential Tide Land claim on part of the property

We hope to get some answers about this when we meet with the mayor on 1/11, as we are getting many questions from folks related to this.

Treasurer's Report – Rob reported there was a check withdrawn for \$1500 by the bank in error. He is resolving this with the bank. A total of \$940. was deposited during the period from businesses and individuals. (\$800. from businesses). The bank balance as of 12/6 is \$2895.09. (includes \$1500 withdrawal)

Committee Reports:

Beautification – Mayor wants to put a path at Sunset Point between the new house and the garden in space bulldozed for construction. John H and Dan are unsure as to whether this space should have more plants/trees planted here or if a path is a good idea. Will discuss with the mayor at our next meeting January 11th.

John M is investigating ways to beautify the narrow area between Blvd and cutout. This is county property. Joanne suggested talking to the County Engineer. He suggested low seagrass which requires little maintenance. He also suggested asking a landscaping company to donate this. The schedule for 2024 paving of streets is still pending.

Membership – Stuff-It Rounds 1 & 2 – ended with good results We have 8 business sponsors and every day new Give Butter \$ is being received. There were 18 envelopes returned. Karen tracked down forwarding addresses for all of them. Thank you emails are being sent to residents for their membership when signed up through Give Butter. Greg sent individual notes/letters to our business sponsors also alerting them that a link to their business is on our website. Rob is adding folks to our records via Give Butter.

Will do a round 3 after the holidays focused on part-time residents.

Communications –

Facebook - Ann, Greg and Karen met and found a way to make it easier for Ann to monitor posts on Facebook. Ann will continue to be our Facebook page guru.

- Will not do an Instagram site.
- Emails will continue to be sent to members.
- Webpage will continue to be handled by Jeff. GoDaddy platform will be renewed in January.
- Next newsletter will be in early February.

JCTA - Greg shared November minutes. JCTA will be having a January “launch” to work on priorities for 2024, therefore wants our next meeting to be after that.

Old Business

Ship Bottom Budget – Town Council Meeting 12/13 @ 9 am. Would be great if we can get multiple members to attend. Greg plans to attend.

Insurance – Greg - on hold until after membership drive

New Business

Thank You Breakfast for EMS/Firefighter Volunteers – potential for event to be at Joe Pop’s in the early spring.

Chalk Art 2024 – Dates: 4/27/24 with rain date of 5/4/24 Kat spoke to Chief Potter briefly at the Town Council meeting to give him a heads-up. He is totally on board. Let Kristy know that we would be applying for approval for the event in January. Left a message for Susan Hay in the Haymarket. Also, spoke to Linda Ramsey and she would be willing to be a judge again this year.

Email covering Zoom request for Town Council meetings, beach mats, and buried wires sent to every TC member – Mayor H responded stating that Zoom capabilities exist in new building but have not been activated yet (no commitment on whether they will be used for TC meetings), beach mats are expensive but he will look into the issue, and he is open to bringing the buried wire suggestion to the TC.

NJ.COM Benefits article (emailed to advisory board) Brief discussion on same. Greg to follow up with Kathleen Flanagan for more information.

Monthly Borough Meetings Whomever attends should send a “highlights” recap to our board

Land Use Board mtg: Joanne will attend.

Town Council mtg: 2 meetings in December

12/13 – Greg will attend

12/28 – Greg will probably attend

School Board mtg: 12/12 – Karen will attend

NEXT SBTA MEETING January 11, 2024

Mayor H tentatively will be attending to answer our questions and concerns

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Leifeste, Secretary