

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Association - Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda 07/11/2024 – 4:30 pm

Location: 241 West 19th Street

Present: John Hiros, Karen Drucker, Joanne Tallon, Greg Fath, Kat Leifeste. By Zoom, Blair Stiefbold, Dan Von Schaumburg, and Jim Ulrich.

Agreement/modifications to agenda – approved

Approval of minutes – June Meeting – approved

Guest Speaker –

- Councilman Tom Tallon was unable to make the meeting due to illness, but provided detailed handouts which JoAnne explained to board about the breakdown of school tax in town. (See attached summary)
- There was a brief discussion about the First Aid Squad change to Surf City and the excellent article in the SandPaper

Treasurer's Report – Rob Vidal

Balance – \$5897.43

- There were 6 membership dues deposits.
- TD bank corrected the \$1500 debit taken in error
- Check written to Jeff for website maintenance

Committee Reports:

Beautification –

- Dan (Sunset Point) all going well. Volunteers show up each Wednesday to attend to the gardens. Mayor has been cooperative. Trees have been ordered to put along fence next to new path, but will not be planted until the fall. He also reported that Bill Bishop passed away.
- John M - Greg shared Kathleen Flannigan is reaching out for quotes for landscaping within the business district – nothing will happen until the fall

Membership –

- Board agreed on the need for the creation of a new board position to handle membership. Need to organize this function and plan accordingly with things such as when dues are paid, business sponsors, annual meeting, etc.
- JCTA meeting on 9/21 will be focused on membership. Perhaps some ideas will come from there.
- We can ask for a volunteer at the Membership Meeting on 9/28.

Communications –

- Currently Karen is still overseeing Facebook with Ann and Greg is keeping a closer eye on emails. Using tag line of “Building Community Together” on our correspondences.
- Newsletter is almost done and will be done Quarterly.

- We will keep the ad in the newsletter for the Communications Coordinator.

JCTA – Karen (from last meeting). Minutes sent via email.

- Foodbank collection is a bomb
- Suggested food be dropped in the dropbox outside the entrance of the St Francis Community Center.
- She will make stickers to add to the fliers we still have left for the food drive

Old Business

Toy Box Update – JoAnne reported that items are disappearing from the toy box

General membership meeting. September 28th beginning at 10 AM. Greg submitted formal request to reserve the court room at borough hall. It will be on next town council meeting agenda in August for approval. Board felt that the mayor would be a good choice for guest speaker. Greg will follow up.

New Business

Happy Hour Night –

- need volunteer to coordinate it. Karen suggested we ask the person who proposed it to take on the task. (Christine Torello)
- Plan to do in it August on a Saturday and encourage folks to bring chairs and snacks to share.

Light Ordinance –

- JoAnne & Karen reported on an ordinance (Ordinance 2024- 07) that states that outdoor lighting should not shine onto adjacent properties.

NJ DEP's Proposed "Climate Adjusted Flood Elevation" –

- Guest Attendee Jim Ulrich reported that the NJ DEP is requiring an increase in flood elevation of 5 ft.
- This will apply to new construction and if there is more than 50% change to a home
- He feels this will affect everyone's property values
- Jim will create a blurb which we can send out to our membership

Island Times-

- John H sent out a link to Island Times for us to review
- all felt this would be valuable to send the link to the membership
- Kat will include the link in the newsletter

Letter to the editor (7/10 issue of the SandPaper)

- Board praised John Hiros' well written article.

Monthly Borough Meetings (calendar with rotating volunteers to attend) – Whomever attends should send a "highlights" recap to our board which can also be sent to all active members via email.

Land Use Board mtg: Tuesday, July 16 @ 6:30 pm - Joanne

School Board mtg: Tuesday, July 16 @ 6:30 pm – John H.

Town Council mtg: Tuesday, July 23 @ 6:30 pm - Greg

NEXT SBTA MEETING– Monday, August 12– Start Time 4:30 pm