

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Association - Board of Directors Meeting

Agenda 08/19/2024 – 4:30 pm

Location - Conference room 16th St office

Present – John Hiros, John Montone, Greg Fath, Karen Drucker, Kat Leifeste On Zoom – Blair Stiefbold, Rob Vidal

Agreement/modifications to agenda - none

Approval of minutes – July Meeting – Unanimous after motion by Karen and second from John Montone

Guest Attendee – Karen Cygal introduced herself and her extensive experience in managing HR for a global business. She has volunteered to take over Membership for the board. She was approved as a board member with a unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Rob Vidal can no longer serve as treasurer. Reports balance of \$5918.68. There were only 2 deposits for membership in the last month. Blair Stiefbold has graciously volunteered to take over the position. Unanimously approved. Rob will work with Blair toward the transition.

Committee Reports:

Beautification – Dan reported via text that volunteers continue to meet Wednesday mornings and that there is \$4500 in the account.

John M reports that councilman Valyo stated that Kathleen is working with a local landscaper to beautify the edge of the cutout along Long Beach Blvd. at no cost to the Borough.

He also stated that he received a complaint from someone living on 5th St concerning the cement structures that are along the road near the public works area. Apparently, they are becoming a spot for trash and pooling of water.

He also brought up the need to have Town Council Meetings on Zoom. Greg said he will send an official email to Kristy on behalf of the SBTA Board.

Membership – Internet vote passed unanimously on line to create this new board position. As notated previously, filling the role will enable us to organize this function and plan accordingly with things such as when dues are paid, business sponsors, annual meeting, etc. Thank you Karen Cygal for volunteering to take it on!

Communications – Emails from Karen and Greg being sent to members and updates placed by Ann on Facebook seem to be working well.

JCTA – Minutes sent via email – upcoming JCTA Summit is scheduled for 9/21 with Karen, Kat and Blair representing our group. UPDATE: Greg received permission for Karen C to attend as well.

Old Business

Toy Box Update – Greg reported that he got a few bags of items collected on the beach that were given to ALO and placed them in the toy box.

Next **general membership meeting** is set for September 28th at 10 AM. It will be held at Borough Hall. Need to find out if there are any issues with snacks and drinks being provided. Our September meeting will be dedicated strictly to planning for the 28th. Greg has reached out for the mayor to determine if he will be our guest speaker. UPDATE: Mayor has confirmed he will be our guest speaker. Joe Valyo said he would be happy to speak to our group if needed as backup. Maybe he can join us for our October or November meeting. John Montone reported that there is a conflict with the pickleball event against the police. UPDATE: Chief Potter did confirm the event is happening on 9/28 starting at 8 am, so we may still have some folks join us since our meeting starts at 10 am.

New Business

Happy Hour Night – Karen – we will have the event at the 20th St Gazebo at 6PM. Just water and snacks which we will provide. Need name tags. Karen will develop a flier to send out to the membership via email and Facebook. Encourage folks to bring their own chairs.

Updated By-Laws to include incorporation of a Membership Chair as part of the board. Motion made by Kat and seconded by John Hiros. Unanimously approved.

NJ DEP's Proposed "Climate Adjusted Flood Elevation" – will monitor it at this point

Summer food collection – Overall was unsuccessful island-wide.

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, August 20 @ 6:30 pm - Joanne

School Board mtg: Tuesday, August 20 @ 6:30 pm – John Hiros will attend

Town Council mtg: Tuesday, August 27 @ 6:30 pm – John Montone will attend

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Leifeste, Secretary

NEXT SBTA MEETING – September 9, 2024 – 4:30 PM either at AccuTitle or John Hiros' home