

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Association - Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes 08/04/2025 – 4:30 pm - Location: 16th Street Office

Present: Joanne Tallon, Karen Drucker, Greg Fath, Kat Leifeste **Via Zoom:** John Hiros, John Montone, Dan VonSchaumburg, Blair Stiefbold, Karen Cygal

Approval of minutes – July Minutes approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Blair – Treasurer's report attached

- Givebutter on report from May and June
- Balance in account as of 8/3- \$8725.90

Committee Reports:

Beautification – Dan (Sunset Point) - \$4025. In account

- Limited number of inground plaques
- Fall trimming planned for October
- Dan plans to purchase 3 TerraCycle containers for each entrance (total of 3)

John (General)

- There was a letter to the editor in the SandPaper praising the beautification of the cutout and suggesting it be done in more areas
- John questioned what the plans are for the LBI school property what will become of the community garden - no answers offered

Membership – Karen C

- No new members since last meeting
- Karen asked if we should send out an appeal in September “renew now and will be honored until the end of 2026 -all agreed. She will send it out mid-month
- She will reach out to year-round businesses to ask for sponsorship
- 2 tiers suggested
- Kat asked about the window stickers - they will be distributed by Karen this week

Communications – Greg/Karen

Nothing new

JCTA – Minutes from their meeting will be emailed this week

Old Business

Donations for SC EMS and SBVFC – another \$50 for Sandpaper Ad & article approved by all

Business Spotlight – Volunteer for next one?

- Karen C will interview LBI Table
- John Montone will speak to Shell Liquors
- Kat will send questions to all board members

Adopt A Dune – Greg // Hats & Visors – Karen D

- Karen will order visors and Hats
- Blue and white themes with SBTA logo on them (25 total)
- Will send out order this week

Annual Meeting (9/13 @ Library 10:00- 11:00 AM) – Need to lock down a potential guest speaker

- Bob Stern from Save LBI was suggested for an update as to where things are and where they are going
- If not, Mayor, Chief Potter or Fire Chief
- We have cups, lanyards and shopping bags from last year – John H suggested filling the bags with 2 cups and a lanyard to give out

New Business

Day at the Bay – 9/13 will be filled with activities & 9/14 - vendors

- We should have a table and divvy up the time “manning” it

Fall Meet & Greet – Need to finalize this event 8/28 @ Sunset Point with recognition to volunteers who maintain that location

- Dan and John H will handle it through their budget and their committee
- Event set for 4:30 PM

Wine & Cheese potential – Karen D

- Decided not to do it
 - Insurance doesn't cover events involving alcohol
 - It is OK with a restaurant ----- this could be expensive

Joanne reported that she and her daughter added more toys to the toybox - Greg has more to add

Discussed the businesses closing in town:

- Dollar General in December
- Joe Pop's is sold – closing in October
- Surf City Fishery for sale – no bites yet

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 19th - Joanne

Town Council mtg: Tuesday, August 26th - Greg

School Board mtg: Tuesday, August 19th - John H or Kat

NEXT SBTA MEETING: September 8, 2025 – Start Time 4:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Leifeste, Board Secretary