

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Association - Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes 02/02/2026 – 4:30 pm

Location: ZOOM only

Present – Greg Fath, John Hiros, Joanne Tallon, Blair Steifbold, Karen Drucker, John Montone, Kat Leifeste

Absent – Karen Cygal and Dan Von Schoenburg

Approval of minutes – January Minutes – Approved

Treasurer's Report – Blair (attached)

- Starting balance - \$11,039.81
- Total income (deposits) – \$4,356.05
- Total expenses – \$1,746.97 (costs for mailing and materials for membership appeal)
- Outstanding credits - \$2,340.00 (GiveButter)
- Outstanding debits - \$775.21 (checks for JCTA dues, expenses related to mailing, and liability insurance for Chalk art event)
- Balance (as of 2/1/26) - \$15,213.68

Committee Reports:

Beautification – John M – no report

Membership – Karen C – update on how mailing is working

- 48 new members 32 renewals - Karen to send an email reminder to folks about joining/renewing
- Greg reported that we have 2 new business sponsors – Pyour Core and LBI Pancake House

Communications – Greg/Karen subcommittee status.

Good response to subcommittee appeal sent via email

- 7 volunteered to help on the budget subcommittee
- 9 volunteered to be on the subcommittee for the rental ordinance
- No volunteers to work with Jeff on the website....

JCTA – Minutes will be sent after their meeting.

- There was a discussion about school taxes paid by all boroughs
- Discussion also about our students going to Barnegat High instead of Southern

Old Business

Transfer of GoDaddy account to SBTA – Greg (1-26-26)

Non-Profit Postage status – Greg all done and we saved over \$1000 on this mailing by our non-profit mailing status!

New Business

Website Update / Redesign >> Volunteer to run with this? Photo Contest still a good idea

- Greg to send out another email asking for volunteers again for this subcommittee

Chalk Art

- Event approved by Town Council
- Susan Hay is on board for event
- She gave me the name of person who owns the property next to the Haymarket – she feels there is no problem setting up tables there for shell painting
 - Joanne texted me after the meeting that it was probably a good idea to reach out to the owner for permission and provided me her address – letter sent
- Will reach out to the Art Supervisor at Southern for her support, as well as the art teacher at the LBI Elementary School
- Linda Ramsey, one of our judges is unavailable that day and said she will reach out to get a replacement (If she doesn't get anyone, my friend Missy Mascall is available that day)

EMS Breakfast

- We agreed to have the event at LBI Pancake House on either 3/21 or 3/28
- This event will be to honor the Surf City EMS
- Karen will reach out to the pancake house
- We will make a donation to the fire department at their block party weekend which is July 4th weekend

Other discussion –

- Joanne brought up that in the mailing from the borough that had the recycle schedule in it, there was information on the short term rental ordinance and on the other side of the sheet was instructions to bring proof of insurance to town hall....
- This should be a topic for the “rental committee”

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 meeting: Tuesday, February 17 - Joanne

School Board meeting: Tuesday, February 17 - Kat

Town Council meeting: Tuesday, February 24 – John H or John M

NEXT SBTA MEETING: March 2, 2026 – Start Time 4:30 pm (maybe Zoom only)

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Leifeste, Secretary