

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Association - Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes - 03/02/2026 – 4:30 pm

Location: ZOOM Only

Present – Greg Fath, John Montone, John Hiros, Dan Von Schoenberg, Joanne Tallon, Blair Stiefbold, Karen Cygal, Kat Leifeste **Absent** - Karen Drucker

Approval of minutes – February Minutes - Unanimous

Treasurer's Report – Blair - See attached

- Beginning balance - \$13,648.89
- Total income - \$5445
- Total expenses - \$790.21
 - Jeff – website management - \$15
 - JCTA dues - \$100
 - Karen Cygal – postage - \$286.73
 - Blair Stiefbold – postage - \$266.56
 - Kat Leifeste – Chalk Art Liability insurance - \$121.92
- Ending balance (2/28) – \$18,303.68
- Outstanding credits (membership dues – (GiveButter and deposits) - \$450
- Outstanding checks – LBI Pancake House - (Deposit EMS breakfast) - \$405
- Reconciled balance – \$18,348.68

Committee Reports:

Beautification – John M

- Mary Basile said Kline Brothers will check on the flowers in the cutout after the snow melts and replace if necessary.
- Bay Beach by the bus garage is littered – perhaps a beach cleanup in the spring
- So many empty businesses in town - perhaps we can get an update on what is going on....

Membership – Karen C

- 275 members to date - 163% of 2025 numbers
 - 43% Renewals - 119 (70% renewal rate)
 - 57% New members – 156
- 9 Sponsors
 - 2025 – 7
 - 2026 – 9
 - Renewals – 6
 - New - 3
- Checks – 109 – 43%
- GiveButter – 143 – 57%

- Cash – 1

2026 Sponsors:

- Haymarket
- LBI Coastal Builders
- Ship Bottom Ice Cream
- VRLBI
- Islander Motel LLC
- LBI Table
- LBI Pancake House
- Pyour Core
- Giglio Blinds

Communications – Greg/Karen subcommittee status.

2 active subcommittees:

Finance – (Greg and John M)

- Meeting with Kathleen Flannigan on 3/12 – with a list of over 13 questions

Short Term Rentals – (Karen Drucker)

- Met with Chief Potter – he asked for a list of 4 things he and his officers can do to address “Animal Houses”
- There is no ordinance that requires notification of owner when there is an issue with their rental property

Greg will send out info to the membership on what is happening with these 2 sub- committees

JCTA – Feasibility Study (Southern Regional to Barnegat) – Only LBT agreed to move forward with this

Old Business

Website Update – Greg

- Work in progress
- Greg and Jeff working together
- Hope to have a “members only” section

Post office – Kathleen Flannigan reports that 90% of the work is completed

Chalk Art – Kat

- Has not heard back from Darlene Parks or Lisa Benjamin – will reach out to them again
- Spoke to Megan at Product with a Purpose – they are totally on board
- Will talk to Susan Hay later this month to order chalk
 - We will pay for it
 - Put a sticker on each box - courtesy of the SBTA – Karen Cygal offered to make the labels
 - Joanne suggested purchasing acrylic markers to do shell art and offered to start collecting shells (Perhaps we can get others to collect shells this month)

- Kat will check with Megan to see what they use in their store
- Still need judges – Linda Ramsey can't help this year and said she would help get another artist to do it
 - Lisa Bonnani is in California for the winter.....
 - Kat has friend (Missy Mascali) as a backup if all fails and a few other ideas
- To do list:
 - Meet w Chief Potter
 - Order Porta Potty

New Business

EMS Breakfast – March 21st – Karen D

- Karen sent out an invite to Peter Hartney and to Town Council

Lifeguard appreciation lunch – no action at this time

Ideas for using funds (e.g. handrails for beach access)

- Board asked to think about ideas and to bring them to the next meeting

John Hiros reported that 85% of the school is down.

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, March 17th - Joanne

School Board meeting: Monday, March 16th - Kat

Town Council meeting: Tuesday, March 24th - Greg

NEXT SBTA MEETING: April 6, 2026 – Start Time 4:30 pm (hopefully in-person option)

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Leifeste - Secretary