

Ship Bottom Taxpayers Association - Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes 06/03/2026 – 4:30 pm

Location: Title Office

Present: Karen Drucker, John Montone, Joanne Tallon, John Hiros, Greg Fath, Kat Leifeste

On Zoom – Blair Stiefbold, Dan Von Schaumburg Excused – Karen Cygal

Approval of minutes – April Minutes approved

Guest Speakers – Councilman Bob Butkus gave a summary of why after extensive deliberation, Ship Bottom did not agree to share costs of the Ship Bottom Fire Dept with Long Beach Township.

Highlights:

- We have already funded the purchase of a 2+million-dollar firetruck – LBT agreed to buy the next one, a pumper, which is much less expensive, and we would end up paying for half of that if we signed the agreement
- Fire Dept would lose control of money needed to purchase items requiring approval from both the borough and LBT
- Resolution asked \$150 K from each of us increasing the amount by 3.5% per year
 - We have already given the Fire Dept \$76K to cover the cost of seasonal coverage for 2026
- This agreement is unfair to Ship Bottom taxpayers and the Fire Dept
- Agreement was reviewed by our attorney, who concurred

Treasurer's Report – Blair (attached)

- Starting Balance - \$19, 096.17
 - Income - \$195 (chalk art registration fee, membership, sponsorship)
 - Expenses - \$1096.17 (Hoodies, website, Kara Steele)
- Balance as of May 31 - \$18,134.01
 - Outstanding –
 - Credits - \$240 (Givebutter)
 - Checks - \$508.77 (Bike Cards, Porta Potty rental, gift cards to judges)
- Reconciled balance - \$17, 865.24

Strongly recommended that we set a budget for 2027 – Blair will do a summary of expenses for the year

Committee Reports:

Beautification – John M

- John stated that bayside beautification opportunities are needed on 17th, 19th, and 24th streets. He will reach out to Mary Basile to see if the town has any objections to doing this. He will take on this project and work with Greg to get the word out to recruit volunteers.

Membership – Karen C

- Karen had made stickers (I support SBTA) for business sponsors for 2025 and they were never distributed
- We would like to do them for 2026 and perhaps not put a date on them
- Karen Drucker mentioned stickers for butt containers. Greg suggested getting exact dimensions needed for stickers before Karen C makes them. Karen D will do this

Communications – Greg/Karen subcommittee status

- Finance – Budget is available online - 5 members to review and come up with questions which we can bring to Kathleen before the Town Council meeting
- Short Term rental – despite several emails to members, no one has responded...

JCTA – Greg – Minutes from Monday, 6/1 attached

Old Business

Toy Box Initiative – JoAnne reported that the toybox is to be installed before Father's Day weekend

- She graciously accepted donations from several board members

Spring Fling – Joanne will ask Joe Pop's

- Membership drive
- 6/18 – 4-6PM - Light bites and cash bar

Adopt a Beach Walkway kickoff –

- Light hoodies distributed to members after meeting
- No formal kickoff planned

Business Sponsor Spotlight – need a few volunteers

- Karen Drucker volunteered to do 2
- Blair volunteered to do Bageleddi's

New Business

Gift Cards for Kids safely riding their bikes –

- Chief Potter definitely on board
- We will purchase 50 gift cards from Ship Bottom Ice Cream for \$5 each
 - Will be given to kids under 18 demonstrating safe behavior by police officers

Gift Card for Bill Bartzak (use of conference room) –

- \$100 gift card to Ship Bottom Shellfish and free sponsorship for 2026

Gift Card for Anne Coiley (Facebook Manager) - \$100 (Ship Bottom Shellfish)

We will also give the Fire Dept a donation during their Block Party - either \$250 or \$500

Summer Concert Sponsor? – no

Police appreciation brunch – Or maybe tie in with annual membership meeting - Karen D

- We will have a “coffee with cops” prior to the annual meeting (bagels from Bageleddi’s and coffee from Wawa)

Sax Founders Award – Karen D – potential grant money for non-profits. Can move to next month.

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: Wednesday June 3rd & Tuesday June 16th - Joanne

School Board meeting: Monday June 22nd – 6 pm – no one available

Town Council meeting: Tuesday, June 23rd - Greg and John M

NEXT SBTA MEETING: Tuesday, July 7, 2026 – Start Time 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Leifeste, Board Secretary