

# **Ship Bottom Taxpayers Association - Board of Directors Meeting**

Minutes 07/07/2026 – 4:30 pm

Location: Title Office

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

On Zoom- Blair Stiefbold, Dan VonSchaumburg, Karen Cygal

**Approval of minutes** – June Minutes - Approved

**Guest Speakers** – none

**Treasurer's Report** – Blair (See attached report)

- Starting Balance - \$18,134.01
- Income - \$360.00 (Membership dues)
- Expenses - \$768.77 (website management, PortaPotty, JCTA bike cards, Gift cards for chalk art judges, gift cards for Bill (use of office space) and Ann (for Facebook management)
- Ending balance - \$17,725.24
- Reconciled balance as of 7/4/26 - \$17,745.24
- Firehouse Block Party - Check for \$250 – Blair will bring to them prior to the block party

**Committee Reports:**

**Beautification** – John M

- Awaiting approval for street end spruce up
  - Mary B's husband is ill – unable to reach
  - Greg will reach out to Kristy & Kathleen
  - (Post meeting update) – Approval given by Kathleen
  - John to send before and after pictures to Greg who has developed a “letter” to be sent out to the membership to solicit volunteers to take on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Street ends

**Membership** – Karen C – stickers for business members

- Karen has stickers from last year – no one is using them – decided not to make them
- Membership is up 198% since last year
- 4 new members since June
- 335 paid households (49% new - 51% renewals)
  - Karen D measured size sticker needed for butt holders (1.25 – 1.5”) – to say “brought to you by SBTA with a barcode”

**Communications** – Finance subcommittee status - Greg

- 5-6 members
- Questions provided to Kathleen Flannigan answered
  - Her willingness to work with SBTA is impressive

**JCTA – Greg**

- Last night's meeting was uneventful
  - Safety drones purchased by Long Beach Twp at a cost of \$32,000 each
  - Full package \$280,000

### **Old Business**

- Gift Cards – Karen D reports gift cards were given to Bill (office space) and Ann for Facebook management
- Adopt a Beach Walkway Status with Mobi Mats. Folks are overwhelmingly happy with mats – trying to get last few walkways with mobi mats to be installed ASAP.
- Business Sponsor Spotlight – Blair will contact Bageleddi's
- Karen D will do 2 others
- It was suggested that any reports have "Sponsored by...." on a rotating basis

### **New Business**

Summer Wrap Up at Joe Pops – JoAnne

- Joanne will check to see if the suggested date of Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 is available
- They gave us a reasonable price of \$550 for light bites with soft drinks and cash bar

Annual Meeting –

- Sept 26<sup>th</sup> to include Coffee with Cops at 9:30 am & Chief Potter as Guest Speaker
- Greg will check with Duane if it is available and will reserve it
- Post office finally open – 35% fewer PO boxes than before
- Greg will send a thank you to Jeff VanDrew for his role in making it happen
- Karen D is working with SB Police to launch our latest initiative recognizing safe cycling with \$5 gift cards to be used at Ship Bottom Ice Cream

**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, July 21<sup>st</sup> - Joanne

**School Board meeting:** Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – John Hiros

**Town Council meeting:** Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – Greg Fath

**NEXT SBTA MEETING: August 3, 2026 – Start Time 4:30 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Kat Leifeste, Board Secretary