

Brant Beach Taxpayers Association

Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2022

Meeting Held at – Virtual
Called to Order - 2:00 pm
Pledge of Allegiance – skipped

Member		Attending
John Fiore	President (interim)	Yes
Steve Havelka	Vice President	No
Russ Johnson	Secretary	Yes
Bob Innocenzi	Member at Large	No
Ben Tonti	Membership	Yes
Anne Johnson	Beautification	Yes
David Herron	Strategic Plan, Treasurer	Yes
Donn O'Brien	Community Watch	Yes
Carol Formica	Web Chair	No

- Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes from December 17, 2021 - modified to include in Next Meeting – special meeting on January 18, 2022 to review strategic planning goals. Motion to accept the minutes by David Herron, second by Anne Johnson and unanimous approval
- President's Report
 - The board should complete the editing of the Welcome to Brant Beach video. Russ Johnson offered to work with John Fiore.
 - The board needs to focus on getting mailings out in April which will highlight new name and new logo. Intention to contact all Brant Beach taxpayers, 3 types;
 - Existing Members
 - Never been a member
 - Former members
- Finance Report - Treasurer
 - Beginning Balance \$5,838.23
 - Disbursements
 - \$147.18 Donation to DPW
 - \$112.63 Misc Expenditure John Fiore
 - Donations
 - \$38.93 Two membership dues, one by check and one by PayPal
 - Ending balance \$5,617.35
- Membership Admin

- Update on request for file of taxpayers - BRT Tech (subcontractor) for the county continued to be non-responsive. Yesterday, Ben Tonti and John Fiore attended the Ocean County Commissioners meeting in Toms River. Raised the issue of the \$250 cost and lack of communication from BRT Tech. Carl Block (country administrator) offered to investigate. We expect to get an update from Carl by next week.
 - John Fiore spoke with the LBT Tax collector earlier today. She noted that the township also has been having issues dealing with BRT Tech. She also said she would be able to run periodic report of changes to the taxpayer roll.
- David Herron noted we need to move on this in order to do planned mailings by April and made a motion to approve spending \$250 if unable to get the price lowered. This was seconded by Donn O'Brien and unanimous approval.
- Regarding local business membership - John Fiore mentioned he asked two businesses if they would be interested in a \$100 donation. Both said absolutely.
- Facebook/Community Watch
 - Carol Formica has offered to draft the monthly bulletin. She requested that board members submit updates for their respective activities, but please keep them brief. Currently John Fiore writes the bulletin within a few days after the monthly LBT Commissioners meeting.
 - John Fiore mentioned that other JCTA organizations post minutes and financials on their websites.
 - David Herron suggested the board consider posting the listing of our past and current donations on the website.
- Strategic Plan
 - At the special meeting on January 18, 2022 the board suggested expanding goal #7 – scholarships for local students to include firemen, elementary schools and seniors. David shared the revision with the board. Russ Johnson moved to approve the goals as revised, second by John Fiore and unanimous approval.
 - David Herron will send the members a copy of the final goals and request that each member volunteer to work on developing action steps for at least 2 goals.
- Beautification
 - John Fiore offered suggestions for additional seasonal decorating for the welcome signs; Valentine's Day, St Patrick's Day Easter, Mother's Day and Memorial Day.
 - Anne Johnson noted she had great turnout for the fall decorating at both welcome signs. She will follow-up with Carol for posting requests for volunteers on Facebook for future decorating.
- Old Business
 - Russ Johnson will follow-up on the NJ tax status - needed a copy of the IRS 501(c)(3) approval letter. John Fiore mentioned need to be aware of previous filing with the state.
 - Flag Box Update-Steve Havelka
 - Woodhaven Lumber will donate lumber/materials and Bill McKinenery Contracting volunteered to construct a new box. The box is scheduled to

completed by the spring. We then will reach out to our membership for someone with art ability to paint it with Stars and Stripes.

- John Fiore and Steve Havelka will purchase a plaque at tpestryes. Woodhaven and Bill McKinenery will be thanked on the plaque.
- John Fiore noted no update from the VFW on donating a bench at the pier.
- New Business
 - Ben Tonti discussed that the Ocean County library has in the past hosted an expo for local volunteer organizations. Russ Johnson will contact the library to see if there are plans to do this again.
 - Ben Tonti offered to organize a tour of the county recycling center in Lakewood. Generally, tours are offered for groups of 10 to 25 people. Several members expressed interest and he will see if any interest by other JCTA groups.
- Next Meeting Date
 - Next board meetings scheduled for February 17, 2022 and March 17, 2022
- Meeting Close - 3:30 pm , motion to close by David Herron, second by Ben Tonti and unanimous approval