

# Brant Beach Taxpayers Association (BBTA)

## Fall Membership Meeting

### September 24, 2022

**Meeting Held at - Town Hall Meeting Room**

**Called to Order - 9:45 pm**

**Attending:** John Fiore, Pete Potochney, Ben Tonti, David Herron, Russ Johnson, Anne Johnson, and Donn O'Brien.

- Flag Salute
- President's Introduction - John
  - 2022 was a transition year;
    - The Board is currently 9 seats, plan to expand to 11. We welcome anyone interested in joining the Board to contact us.
    - 434 members, 135 new members, and have 49 volunteers.
    - Approved by NJ - Doing Business As (DBA) Brant Beach Taxpayers Association. We were incorporated as Brant Beach Homeowners Association, but wanted the name change to better reflect our mission.
    - IRS approved BBTA as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit - dues/contributions are tax deductible.
    - BBTA approved by NJ to be sales tax exempt.
  - Request to support the Ship Bottom Fire Department - volunteer and/or support fund raising efforts, Brant Beach does not have its own fire department.
- Mayor Mancini - addressed various issues of our members
  - Beach Replenishment - funding for another replenishment for the Fall 2023.
  - Working to obtain a permit to extend the terminal groin in Holgate by 100 yards. Being challenged by different environmental groups.
  - Flooding - in process of installing pumps along Long Beach Blvd. Targeting five very low spots; Bayview Park, 82<sup>nd</sup> street Beach Haven Crest, 35<sup>th</sup> Street Brant Beach, Maryland Ave and 27<sup>th</sup> Street Spray Beach. Waiting for parts to be delivered for the pump at 15<sup>th</sup> Street North Beach Haven. The town plans to install 12 pumps a year.
  - Shuttles - tracking has been on-line. Some decrease in ridership this summer, probably due to competition from Uber/Lyft.
  - Wind Turbines
    - Town officials have met with Bob Stern, SaveLBI.org, and the township pledged \$25,000 to help fund a lawsuit fighting the placement of the wind turbines. A key issue is lack of environmental impact studies.
    - Governor Murphy signed a bill to subsidize the windmills. The mayor mentioned SMRs (Small Modular Reactors) possible alternative cheaper energy.
    - Homeland Security will be responsible for controlling access to the area around the windmills - may end up limiting access for fishing in the area - negatively impacting local, commercial and recreational fishing.
  - Water meters - the vendor has not finalized the app for monitoring usage/billing and the town has not yet finalized the billing rates.
  - Bayview Park Recreation - favorable reaction to the youth ninja course. The mayor welcomed any suggestions for other programs.

- Questions from members
  - A resident with a bayside home asked about the 7-foot height requirement to replace bayfront bulk heads. Mayor advised State mandated.
  - Better enforcement of 15 mph speed limit on Ocean Blvd? Challenging since the township was not able to fill all 20 class A officer positions this past summer.
  - Why don't we have red light and speed cameras on Long Beach Blvd? State law doesn't allow.
- Other President Announcements
  - Board Elections - John requested the attending members to vote, by show of hands:
    - Re-elect the current board members - no dissenting votes.
  - John noted the BBTA fiscal year continues to be September 1<sup>st</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>. We changed dues collection to June-July to better enable us to budget/plan funding projects for the year.
  - The board obtained a grant to partially fund a History of Brant Beach project. The history will be documented with facts and pictures on several large panels, to be installed at 68<sup>th</sup> Street. John requested members to contact Donn with pictures, articles etc.
  - John noted examples where the board promoted membership concerns
    - Pickle ball fees originally set at \$80 per person, subsequently reduced to \$40 for LBT residents.
    - Water- meter - the council withdrew the original proposal due to feedback from residents.
  - Announced BBTA will join with other JCTA member associations to participate in the island wide beach clean up sponsored by ALO and the Clean Ocean Action October 22, 2022, 9am to 12:30 pm. We will be contacting members to volunteer as we get more information.
  - Deteriorating condition of the landscaping Post Office, 74<sup>th</sup> Street. Writing to congressman Van Drew and the Post Master General to fund cleaning up the property.
- Noted that 63 members attended the meeting.
- Meeting Close - 11am, motion by John, second by Pete and unanimous approval.

### Standing committees

1. Strategic Planning
2. Membership
3. Marketing/Communication
4. Community Watch
5. LBT Government Liaison
6. Beautification
7. LBI Consolidated School Board
8. Social Media
9. JCTA Liaison
10. Ad Hoc/Public Information

<b>Member</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Committees</b>
John Fiore	President	9
Pete Potochney	1 <sup>st</sup> VP - Committees	1, 3
Ben Tonti	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP - Membership	2
Russ Johnson	Secretary	1
David Herron	Treasurer	1, 2
Steve Havelka	Member at Large	10
Anne Johnson	Member at Large	6, 7
Donn O'Brien	Member at Large	5, 10
Carol Formica	Member at Large	4, 8