

Brant Beach Taxpayers Association (BBTA)

Board Meeting

October 6, 2022

Meeting Held at - 139 W 56th Street

Called to Order – 1:35 pm

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

- Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes from August 18th, 2022 - unanimous approval confirmed after the meeting.
- President's Report - John
 - Volunteers - we have 50 members expressing interest. We should plan a "meet and greet" this fall. Pete will help coordinate to set a date, agenda and arrange a location.
 - Projects
 - Dune street number posts - Old business.
 - History - Old business.
 - Donations
 - John suggested the board make a \$100 donation to the BBYC Sailing Club. Russ made a motion to approve, second by Pete and unanimous approval.
 - The Board should be prepared to vote on the following suggested donations at the next meeting; \$250 each to BHFAS and the St Francis food pantry.
 - The Board should have a policy on donations.
- Secretary's Report - Russ
 - Annual audit of the bank activity
 - Completed the audit of the bank activity for the period November 2021 through September 30, 2022 (checks 1115 - 1142). No issues noted and no new recommendations to the Board.
 - The previous audit covered the period December 20, 2020 through October 31, 2021 (checks 1090 - 1114). David will present the board with proposed control enhancements.
 - Island wide Beach Cleanup on October 22 - Russ will coordinate our efforts with Karen Ensslen. If needed, can contact Angela Anderson or Kyle Ominski regarding trash pick up by the town. John suggested contacting the owner of the Custard Hut to see about a discount for our volunteers.
- Treasurer's Report - David
 - Bank Balance - Beginning \$10,517.14, Ending \$10,164.29.
 - Expenses \$1,537.89 - Website \$112.5, Meetings \$83.94, Stamps \$24.00, Plaques \$239.91, D&O annual insurance \$594.35 and Printer/Supplies \$483.19.
 - Dues/Donations \$1,185.04 - Membership dues \$1,150.04 and Donations \$35.00. Contributions in excess of the annual dues amount, \$25, are classified as donations.
- 1st VP's Report - Pete Potochney
 - Standing Committees
 1. Strategic Planning - David
 - a. No update.
 2. Membership - Ben (see 2nd VP report)
 3. Marketing/Communication - Pete
 - a. No update.

4. Community Watch - Carol
 - a. No update.
 5. LBT Government Liaison - Donn
 - a. Monthly Ocean County Board of Commissioners meetings - John recommended that we have board members attend on a rotating basis.
 6. Beautification - Anne
 - a. Decorations at the welcome signs - some minor damage at 73rd Street after the recent storm. Steve cleaned it up and no damage at 31st Street.
 7. LBI Consolidated School Board of Education - Anne
 - a. No update.
 - b. Anne will plan to start attending the Southern Regional High School BOE meetings, but she will not be able to attend the October 12, 2022 meeting.
 8. Social Media - Carol
 - a. No update.
 9. JCTA Liaison - John
 - a. The JCTA will host a "Best Practices" meeting on October 11, 2022, 8 pm at Daddy O's. Board members encouraged to attend.
 10. Ad Hoc/Public Information - Steve, Carol, Donn
 - a. No update.
- 2nd VP's Report - Ben
 - Membership - total membership is 438, with 141 new members added this year.
 - 17 new members did not pay dues. Pete drafted an email to remind them to pay their dues.
 - Suggested modifying the website, having a more direct prompt for dues when signing up.
 - Success following up with existing members that did not pay. Count was 232, was reduced to 62.
 - Will add line to the membership summary report to track totals (count of members and the dollar amount).
 - **Old Business**
 - Updates
 - Brant Beach History Project - current design is for 6 panels.
 - The Mayor recently approved placing the panels along the walk-way by the basketball courts at 69th Street. After further discussion, the board would prefer to place the panels along the building near the beach badge station, more foot traffic and would be less direct sunlight (less fading over time).
 - The project was approved for a \$1,000 grant from Ocean County. The board also discussed plans to contact local businesses to donate money, possibly by buying panels.
 - Donn will draft a letter for the Sandpaper regarding the project and request readers to send pictures and/or historical facts.
 - Dune street number posts - John will contact Kyle Ominski to inquire if the town would help by pulling up the existing poles, re-conditioning and re-installing them. BBTA would pay for plaques and paint if necessary.
 - Bike Rack installations - the township has bike racks available, looking to BBTA to suggest street locations for placement. In the spring we will enlist volunteers to suggest locations.
 - The board decided not to survey members regarding the Wind Turbine.

- Next Meeting Dates
 - Board Meetings - November 17th and December 15th 2pm.
 - JCTA “Best Practices” - October 11, 8pm at Daddy O’s.
- Meeting Close - 3:30 pm, motion by Russ, second by Pete and unanimous approval.

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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

Member	Title	Committees
John Fiore	President	9
Pete Potochney	1 st VP - Committees	1, 3
Ben Tonti	2 nd 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