

Brant Beach Taxpayers Association (BBTA)

Board Meeting

January 19, 2023

Meeting Held at - Town Hall Meeting Room

Called to Order - 1:30 pm

Attending: John Fiore, Pete Potochney, David Herron, Ben Tonti, Russ Johnson, Steve Havelka, Anne Johnson, Donn O'Brien, Mike Fahner, Georgia Glasser-Nehls. Janice Metz, Brant Beach Yacht Club member, attended as a guest.

- Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes from the November 10 and December 15th, 2022 meetings - motion to accept by David, second by Mike and unanimous approval.
- President's Report - John
 - General introduction.
- Secretary's Report - Russ
 - Nothing to report
- Treasurer's Report (December) - David
 - Bank Balance - Beginning \$8,815.68, Ending \$8,323.04.
 - Expenses \$454.06 - Website \$212.50, Banner \$49.98, BBTA Note Cards \$353.95.
 - 1. Membership Dues/Donations \$123.79. Contributions in excess of the \$25 annual dues charge are classified as Donations.
 - Submitted a draft of the 2023 Budget - revenue \$13,000.00 and expenses \$9,860.00. The proposed budget forecasts a surplus of \$11,500.00, but does not include estimates for three planned projects; the History Panels, plantings by the Dolphins at 68th Street nor replacing the Dune Posts.
 - 1. After discussion, Mike made a motion to approve the budget modified to include \$300 for Community Watch, seconded by Anne and unanimous approval.
 - Georgia suggested that the township postage rates might be less expensive for future mailings.
- 1st VP's Report - Pete Potochney
 - **Standing Committees**
 - 1. Project Planning/Tracking - Pete distributed copies listing 20+ projects. Each project will have a Chair and will be used to track Status and Next Steps. Review of the project plan will be part of the monthly agenda.
 - 2. Strategic Planning - David
 - a. No update.
 - 3. Membership - Ben (see 2nd VP report).
 - a. The Board discussed formalizing the BBTA Membership Year/Renewal/Dues. Pete presented the document (copy attached) which was approved on a motion by Steve, seconded by Pete and unanimous approval.
 - 4. Marketing/Communication - Pete
 - a. Mike will present a draft for the "adopt a pathway plan" at the February Meeting.
 - 5. Community Watch - Carol
 - a. No update.
 - 6. LBT Government Liaison - Donn

- a. Provided an update on the Zoning Board review/approval of an application to subdivide a lot on Ocean Blvd near 68th Street. Initial approval was withdrawn after the Zoning Board was made aware of a restriction on the deed.
- 7. Beautification - Anne
 - a. Plan to enlist volunteers to decorate the Welcome Signs for the holidays.
- 8. LBI Consolidated School Board - Anne
 - a. Board of Education election - only incumbents ran, no change to the board members.
- 9. Social Media - Carol
 - a. No update.
- 10. JCTA Liaison – John/Pete
 - a. Beach replenishment funding - BBTA is participating with the JCTA's petition to request full funding for the project. Current State funding proposals; House \$32 million and Senate \$18 million. The budget estimate from the Army Corp of Engineers is pending.
- 11. Ad Hoc/Public Information - Steve, Carol, Donn
 - a. No update.
- 2nd VP's Report - Ben
 - Membership - no activity to report.
 - Automation - Ben and David have evaluated 5 different software applications and recommended the board approve purchasing Neon1.
 - 1. Key features:
 - Good tech support.
 - Simplifies the reconciliation of the Ocean Country taxpayer files to our membership file.
 - Good security features, various levels of access.
 - Offers support for initial conversion and set up, can be customized to our needs.
 - 2. Costs - Initial setup \$600.00 and \$119.00 monthly subscription.
 - 3. John will follow-up to get a lawyer review of the contract.
 - 4. The board approved authorization to purchase the software package on a motion by Donn, seconded by Pete and unanimous approval.
 - 5. Training sessions - David and Ben will attend and requested 2 other board members attend.

Old Business

- Brant Beach History Project - Rielly Sharp provided additional historical information about Barnegat Lighthouse. Next steps/target dates:
 - 1. Donn will submit his proposal to Maria Tonti for graphic designing by the end of February.
 - 2. Steve will then contact Typestries and Costal Printing for cost estimates and timing to complete the project.
 - 3. Funding opportunities include; grant money from the County of Ocean Cultural & Heritage Commission and donations from local businesses and BBTA members.
- Windmill Turbine Project Survey - John advised that the JCTA has a multi question survey and is requesting the all 11 LBI TA's participate. Nine TA's have already approved sending the survey to their respective members. After discussion, the board approved surveying our members on a motion by Russ, seconded by Pete and unanimous approval. However, the board requested that John ask the JCTA to consider the including the following:
 - 1. Add a question - Is the member in favor of the project if:

- it will increase our electric utility rates?
- the windmills are placed further than 9 miles out.?

2. The Board recommended removing the request for street number of the BBTA member.

- Next Meeting Dates
 - Board Meetings - 1:30 pm on February 16th and March 16th.
- Meeting Close - 4:15 pm, motion by David, second by Russ 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. 8JCTA 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
Mike Fahner	Member at Large	
Georgia Glasser-Nehls	Member at Large	

BBTA Membership Year/Renewal/Dues

With the end of the pandemic, your BBTA embarked on a revitalization program to increase the services it provides to its members. As part of that revitalization, we revised the period in which to pay membership dues.

To maintain your active membership, dues must be paid prior to June 30th. This will allow BBTA to build our annual budget to best match the funds needed against the services and activities we provide to our members and the community. Here's an outline of the new membership/dues timelines:

Membership dues notice will be sent mid-April

Dues will be requested: May 1st – Jun 30th

Dues should be received not later than Jun 30th to maintain active membership status. If dues are not received by Jun 30th, membership will be moved to an "inactive" membership status.

Note: Dues received at any time between Jan 1st and Dec 31st will be applied to active membership for that calendar year.

Inactive membership status begins Jul 1st.

- 1st notification letter ~ Jul 7th (reminder, provides limited event info)
- 2nd notification letter ~ Aug 7th (second reminder, asks for feedback on membership status, advises that this is last correspondence from BBTA until the next dues request period). Per the bylaws, only active members may vote during the General Membership meeting in September.