

Brant Beach Taxpayers Association (BBTA)

Board Meeting

April 17, 2025

Meeting Held at - Town Hall

Called to Order - 1:30 pm

Attending - Pete Potochney, Ben Tonti, David Herron, Russ Johnson, Anne Johnson, Joe Pahlow, Rusty Johnson, Mike Fahner and Donn O'Brien.

- **Secretary Report**
 1. Minutes from the March 18, 2025 meeting - motion to accept by Mike, second by Joe and unanimous approval.
 2. The cost for the General Liability Insurance will increase to \$550 per year.
- **President's Report**
 1. Opening Remarks - the Commissioners have appropriated \$810,000 to purchase a house on Delaware Ave. Plan to use the property for parking.
 2. Recent LBT Council Resolutions
 - The town will enter a Shared Services Agreement with Barnegat Light to buy a truck for clearing storm drains. This will qualify for NJ State Leap Funds.
 - Passed a resolution to consider alternative rules for the 5-foot bulk head requirement and phase in plans.
 3. The Mayor will be the guest speaker at the June Membership Meeting. Please submit suggested talking points to Pete. Pete plans to include concerns about the new electronic signs at 68th street, enforcement for driving in the left lane and more trash cans for the beaches.
 4. Pete asked the board to review the assignments for the June Membership Meeting. Pete will bring the bike safety brochures.
 5. JCTA Updates
 - Concerns regarding Atlantic City Electric's lithium battery pack-up at the site of the old Silver Sun building in Beach Haven.
 - Ship Bottom Fire Dept wants to purchase a new extension ladder truck. Regulations suggest having one every 5 miles. Ship Bottom is considering options.
 6. In the interest of bike/pedestrian safety on Ocean Blvd, the Mayor is considering an ordinance to require installing sidewalks on the west side of the blvd for new construction, property sales or substantial renovations.
- **Membership Ben/David/Georgia**
 1. Paid membership is on track, currently 224 households are current.
 2. Business Sponsors - Hutchison Pools renewed their membership. Letters were sent to Barrel Surf Café, The Island Shop and La Bomba. Shore Brake Cyclery and Dippers paid late last summer, so are current thru year-end. Duck Cove Marina is comped in exchange to have the welcome sign on their property.
- **Volunteers Mike/Janis**
 1. **Adopt A Beach** - plan to host a meeting for the volunteers Saturday May 24 in the morning. Pete noted that Ship Bottom is interested in the program.

- **Treasurer's Report**
 1. The bank balance is \$17,218.68.
 2. Ben noted that Fidelity plans lower the minimum balance requirement to avoid fees from \$2,500 to \$1,500.
- **Beautification Anne** -Mike cleaned and waxed the welcome sign at 74rd Street.
- **BOE Meetings Anne** - Next LBI School Board meeting next month. The Stafford board noted the ROTC program is growing in popularity.
- **Projects Review**
 1. History Project
 - Ready to present to the Mayor for his feedback and approval of the location.
 2. Toy Boxes - Pete will purchase some toys.
- **Speaker Series**
 1. Plan to continue the program next year. One suggestion is for the Maritime Museum (Deb Whitcraft).
 2. Sponsoring other non-profits on the Island - The board will be a sponsor for the Barnegat Light and LBI Historical Museums and will consider the Maritime Museum.
 3. Discussed purchasing a laptop for presentations. Follow-up with Janis regarding; a cordless microphone, connecting a laptop and using the Keurig.
- **New/Other Business**
 1. Agenda item for May, consider purchasing equipment for presentations; a laptop computer and wireless microphone.
 2. Don noted the police are no longer publishing a monthly report.
 3. Mike noted the Island Emergency Cards expire this year.
- **Next Meeting Date(s)**
 1. May 15th Board Meetings 1:30 - Town Hall.
 2. June 14th Spring Membership Meeting at Town Hall.
- **Meeting Close** - 3:30 pm, motion by David, second by Pete and unanimous approval.