

Brant Beach Taxpayers Association (BBTA)

Board Meeting

February 19, 2026

Meeting Held at - Town Hall

Called to Order - 1:30 pm

Board Members - **Pete Potochney, Ben Tonti, David Heron, Russ Johnson, Anne Johnson, Joe Pahlow, Georgia Glasser-Nehls, Janis Metz, Mike Fahner, Rusty Johnson, Donn O'Brian** and Carol Formica. Members in attendance in bold font.

- **Secretary Report**
 1. Minutes from January 15, 2026, Board Meeting - motion to accept by Donn, second by Pete and unanimous approval.
- **President's Report**
 1. John Fiore Memorial Plaques
 - Pete ordered the plaque for the Bench at Bayview Park. We will send a picture to the Sand Paper.
 - The Beach Haven First Aid Squad and Ship Bottom Fire Department – since neither group is interested in commemorative plaques the Board will just provide each group with a \$600 donation in John's name. We will let Noel know about the donation.
 2. LBT is planning various activities to celebrate Ocean County's 250th Anniversary. The board will be supportive and provide updates to our members.
 3. Abandoned boat in the bay - there was a hearing and a court date will be set. The hearing will be available on ZOOM and Pete will inquire about invites for any interested Board Members.
 4. NJ School Regionalization Efficiency Program (SREP) Feasibility Study - there was not enough interest by the mayors to proceed. Pete will draft a letter to send to the Sand Paper highlighting the current situation and the opportunity to save overhead costs by consolidating local school districts.
 5. June Membership Meeting
 - Pete asked Georgia to provide voting data from the last Mayoral election for a slide.
 - Avoid June 13th - the Film Festival will be in progress.
 - Add a slide for John's plaque and the Board Members personal donations to The Beach Haven First Aid Squad and Ship Bottom Fire Department.
 - Consider polling members for interest in buying a "Brant Beach " flag.
 6. JCTA - no update.
- **Treasurer's Report - David**
 1. The bank balance is \$24,981.79.
- **Membership Ben/David/Georgia**
 1. Membership renewals are running ahead of prior years.
 2. We will send the 3rd reminder email to renew membership. After that we will have a reminder in the Bulletin.

3. Venmo - Ben and David worked out a process to add Venmo as an option for membership dues/donations, but this would require manually updating NEON. However, NEON just added this functionality. Ben and David will research this new feature.
 4. Pete will research what the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh (FSOS) use for paying membership dues.
- **Volunteers Mike/Janis** - No update.
 - **Bulletin** - will include a reminder to renew membership. Pete noted that Commissioner Meehan expressed an interest in our Bulletin. The Board discussed adding him as a non-dues paying member but decided the best approach would be for Pete to forward the Bulletin to him.
 - **Adopt A Beach** - No update.
 - **Beautification Anne** - No update.,
 - **BOE Meetings Anne** - the LBI School Board has a new member for Harvey Cedars.
 - **Speaker Series** - Janis will not be available for the next session. Donna Earhart will be our BBYC contact. The initial invitation is scheduled to be sent out over the weekend.
 - **Committee Assignments** - Mike
 1. The following committees have now been listed on the website: Speaker Series (David), Membership (Ben), Board of Education Liaison (Anne), Ocean County Liaison (Georgia), Beautification (Anne), Land Use Liaison (Donn), Adopt a Beach Path (Mike) Communications (Janis), Volunteers (Mike), Community Watch (Carol) and the History Project (Donn).
 - **Ocean County Meeting Georgia** - discussions regarding road repairs.
 - **History Project - Janice/Donn/Rusty**
 1. Janice noted concern if the graphics are ok, that we rely on the printer's experience with similar plaques for Federal Parks.
 - **Agenda Items for follow-up**
 1. Continuing follow-up with Allie and/or Kyle.
 - Adding particulate to paving material.
 - Bird proofing trash cans.
 - Faded Beach Street # signs.
 2. Discuss how can BBTA approach the township zoning regarding density building.
 3. Utilize the new NEON functionality for Venmo for dues payment and donations.
 4. Janis suggested the Board consider designing a Brant Beach Flag to sell to members. Possibly raise this at the June Meeting.
 - **Next Meeting Date(s)**
 1. March 19th - Monthly Board Meeting, 1:30 at Town building.
 2. Upcoming Speaker Series Talks.
 - March 7 - Barnegat Lighthouse Keeper.
 - April 11 - Boating with Safety and Confidence.
 3. Spring Membership Meeting - either June 6th or the 20th, depending on availability or the quest speakers.
 - **Meeting Close** - 3:00 pm, motion by Russ, second by Janis and unanimous approval.