

Brant Beach Taxpayers Association (BBTA)

Board Meeting

January 15, 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.

- **Secretary Report**
 1. Minutes from December 18, 2025 Board Meeting - motion to accept by Ben, second by David and unanimous approval.
- **President's Report**
 1. Issues raised at the Fall Membership Meeting - Pete still following up with Allie; adding particulate to paving material and bird proofing beach trash cans and
 2. John Fiore Memorial Plaques
 - Bench at Bayview Park - Pete will obtain a sample and price quote from Polly Products.
 3. Abandoned boat in the bay - a bench warrant was issued to the owner to appear February 6th.
 4. NJ School Regionalization Efficiency Program (SREP) - the board voted unanimously to support the township requesting a feasibility study.
 5. JCTA - plan to plant a tree and plaque to honor Barbra Bishop.
- **Treasurer's Report - David**
 1. The bank balance is \$22,628.21.
 2. The proposed 2026 Budget, subject to the following edits was unanimously approved on a motion by Mike and seconded by Georgia.
 - Expenses for the Speaker Series were budgeted in Line Item 250. David will separate that under a new line item.
 - Brant Beach Hats sold at cost - budgeted at \$350 (35 hats at \$10) will be tracked as an expense and as revenue.
- **Membership Ben/David/Georgia**
 1. Ben will distribute a draft letter reminder for members to renew 2026 dues.
 2. The monthly Bulletin will have two versions based on membership status. The version sent to Members that did not yet renew will include a reminder to pay (at the bottom).
 3. Ben and David will research NEON functionality to prompt members for additional email addresses. Pete will research what the Friendly Sons of the Shillelagh (FSOS) uses for paying membership dues.
 4. Discussed options to improve the payments process:
 - Possibly add Venmo, Zelle or NEON as payment options.
 - Minimize pending payments.
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5. **Business Sponsors** - On a motion by Mike and seconded by Rusty, The Board unanimously agreed not to request dues this year. We will continue to display the business names/logos on the website.
- **Volunteers Mike/Janis** - No update.
 - **Bulletin** - the Board decided to post the bulletin to the website on a one-month delay.
 - **Adopt A Beach** - No update.
 - **Beautification Anne** - No update.,
 - **BOE Meetings Anne** - both boards had re-organizations.
 - **Speaker Series** - the Board will donate \$200 to the Barnegat Museum and send Jeff Brown a \$100 gift certificate.
 - **Committee Assignments** – Mike
 1. Adding 4 committees to the website; Speaker Series, Communications, Membership and Board of Education.
 2. Mike will distribute the committee list to the board and requests that members inform him if they are interested in joining any committee. The next step will be to post on the website to solicit membership interest in volunteering.
 - **Ocean County Meeting Georgia** - there was re-org last week. The council plans to investigate taking abandoned boats to auction.
 - **History Project - Janice/Donn/Rusty**
 1. Janice is planning to speak to a graphic designer to review the panels.
 - **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. Board members should check their website profiles and send updates to Mike.
 4. NEON functionality to prompt and store secondary email addresses.
 5. Update on dues payment options.
 - **Next Meeting Date(s)**
 1. February 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** - 3:55 pm, motion by Russ, second by Rusty and unanimous approval.