

BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2022

Attending:

Rich Brodman
Bill Chernelich
Jack Byrnes
Betsy Aras
Kay McDonnell
Mary Ann Crutchlow
Tony Dandola
Wendy Baker
Phil Kahn

Excused/Absent:

Patty Francfort (Committee Member)

Rich Brodman called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Motion was made by Betsy to approve the March 18, 2022, Board Minutes and seconded by Mary Ann. Motion passed.

Opening Remarks

Rich expressed condolences for Barbara's passing on behalf of the BLTA. A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Jack to make a \$500 contribution to St. Francis on behalf of Barbara.

Tony reviewed the succession process in our By-Laws. He reported that the VP presides in the absence of the President. The Board appointed both Rich as President and Tony as Vice President. Rich will fill the remaining term as President and Tony will assume the Vice Presidency. Motions to approve these changes were made by Bill and seconded by Phil. Unanimous approval.

Reports

1. **Membership/Renewal of Dues** – Kay McDonnell

A. Account Summary

- 1306 Total Contracts (includes Administrators Accounts)
- 592 Membership Accounts
 - 88 Lifetime Accounts
 - 504 Individual/Household Accounts

B. Active Individual/Household Accounts

- 504 Total
 - 478 have email addresses; 26 no email
 - 307 Renewals/New (23 applications but many were already members)

 - 197 Overdue (25 do not have email addresses)
 - Renewals are being received around email blasts

- Current Status:
 - 2 pending/haven't sent check
 - \$7200 Renewal Payments
 - \$575 Application Payments
 - \$2230 Extra Contributions with Renewals/Applications
 - Of the \$7895 membership payments, \$2020 were donations.

2. **Treasurer's Report** – Bill Chernelich

We've spent approximately \$5100 so far in 2022 (mainly IT costs: Marie, Rob, upgrading to Wild Apricot). On March 31, 2022, we will have the quarterly treasurer's report that, once approved, will be uploaded to the website.

As of 3/31/2022, our balance was \$21,373, subject to revenues not yet accounted for. The march 31, 2022 report is attached.

3. **Social Media Report** – Betsy Aras

Future meeting dates were set at 5/20, 6/11, 7/23 and 9/17. Our wine and cheese gathering is set for 5/29.

It was decided that the Blog will be turned on to be seen by anyone visiting the website. Initially we will use the Blog to make note of and draw attention to updates/postings made to the website. Only Board members will be able to post and make comments on the Blog.

4. **Borough Council** –Rich Brodman

The issues discussed at the Borough Council Meeting were:

- A. Swimming Pools – The B.C. is considering more restrictive setbacks from the house to the property line. They also were trying to address the pool companies who leave the pump running for weeks and weeks creating flooding near other properties. They were discussing more enforcement for this issue and possible fines for this practice.
- B. Bridge Work & Intersection Work Continues – Traffic will definitely slow down this summer.
- C. BL Budget is finished with an increase of ½ penny per \$100.
- D. Water rates continue under review. The B.C. needs more data. The existing process will remain in place for the rest of this year.

5. **JCTA Board** – Rich Brodman

The JCTA is reviewing their by-laws regarding succession planning.

6. **Newsletter** – Mary Ann Crutchlow/Wendy Baker

The newsletter is close to completion, missing only one or two pieces. Expect to mail in a week to 10 days.

7. **Little Free Library** – Betsy Aras/Mary Ann Crutchlow

The committee continues to take shifts to clean and straighten the box weekly. Signups are up through October and many of them are already filled. The library has received many positive comments and is being utilized well by residents of the community.

8. Future Meetings

The next meeting of the BLTA Board is scheduled for Friday, May 20th at 4 p.m. outdoors at the home of Betsy Aras, W. 6th St. In case of inclement weather, Kay will set up a zoom meeting.

Again, future meeting dates were set for 6/11, 7/23 and 9/17. Our wine and cheese gathering is set for 5/29 at 4 p.m., prior to the Memorial Day Parade.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Byrnes