

BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2022

via Zoom

Attending:

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

Excused/Absent:

Patty Francfort (Committee Member)

Rich Brodman called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

The minutes of the July 23 meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Remarks – Rich Brodman

Rich reminded all of our 9/17 General Meeting at the Pavilion and 10/21 Meeting at 4 p.m. via Zoom.

He indicated that the beach cleanup meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 10/22, and asked as many as are able to join.

We will be making \$500 donations to both the Fire Company and the First Aid Squad at the September meeting. Mark Pojednic, Captain of the First Aid Squad, would be presenting at this Meeting.

Reports

1. Membership – Kay McDonnell

Kay indicated that we have received a good response asking members to renew. She suggested that we send out another email soliciting renewals. Over 80% of the people receiving our emails opened them. We have 524 paid, active households and if we include lifetime members, the numbers rise to 611. Online renewals total 238, amounting to \$13,150 dues and \$3,332 of donations.

2. Treasurer's Report – Bill Chnelich

Bill reported there has been very little change since our last monthly report. Revenue is up \$300 and no expenses have been incurred. Our tax filings have been completed and all have been

submitted to the appropriate governments. As in prior years, Phil and Jack will review the books and report to the Board.

3. Social Media – Betsy Aras

Wendy will be joining the social media team which will be a big help. Mary Ann will manage the Little Free Library with bi-weekly attention during the off season. We are providing windmill updates and deleting other monthly updates on the website.

4. Nominating Committee – Rich Brodman

Rich indicated that we have an issue with Board Members not necessarily being Trustees under our by-laws. Under our by-laws, we must elect trustees (total membership votes) at the September meeting. A lengthy discussion followed.

We will elect Scott Neff as a new Trustee at our September meeting. Other individuals have shown an interest in joining the Board. We will meet and interview them prior to the next Board Meeting.

5. JCTA Meeting – Rich Brodman

Rich attended the JCTA Meeting where two subjects were discussed.

The JCTA is undertaking a campaign to support LBI's volunteer fire companies and first aid squads, beginning with a full page ad in the Sandpaper.

A flooding committee has been established, chaired by John Halpern from Beach Haven. Mary Ann Crutchlow has become our representative on this Committee.

The goals of the JCTA Flooding Committee are as follows:

- Communicate to the public about current, relevant research on tactics to mitigate flooding in shore communities.
- Track and document current flooding conditions
- Identify and encourage communication between towns' elected officials and engineers on mitigation plans
- Review Long Beach Island's evacuation plans including current municipal master plan information on flood mitigation

6. Borough Council Meeting – Rich Brodman

Rich attended the August meeting.

Principal topic of discussion was water rates. Borough Council expects to be able to set rates by December.

7. Other Business

The BLTA will build at its cost a flag collection box for the placement of American flags to be discarded by the community. Ed Aras will build the box. We hope to place it at the Post Office or Borough Hall, to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Byrnes