

## **BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION**

Board Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2022

at the Pavilion

### Attending:

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

### Excused/Absent:

Patty Francfort (Committee Member)  
Betsy Aras

Rich Brodman called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

After the conclusion of today's meeting, the minutes of the May 20 meeting were unanimously approved.

### **Opening Remarks – Rich Brodman**

Rich welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded to introduce each of the Board Members to the audience.

He thanked all those who attended our wine and Cheese event on May 29<sup>th</sup>. There were well over 100 attendees and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Rich announced that the next meeting of the Trustees will take place at the Pavilion on July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The principal topic of discussion will be fire safety. The meeting will also include the nomination of trustees and officers guided by our bylaws.

He further indicated that we will shorten the business portion of this meeting to 2 reports, Membership and Finance, and then we will proceed with our guest speakers.

Rich then led everyone with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Reports

#### **1. Membership – Kay McDonnell**

We currently have 561 members of which 50 are new households. There are approximately 1195 households and 53 businesses in Barnegat Light.

Kay then thanked the audience for using our new website and encouraged those who had not to take a look. She indicated that there is a lot of information including borough expenses, budgets

and taxes, recreational opportunities, and homeowner and boat owner info. We intend to add a full membership directory and potentially a business directory, as well.

## **2. Treasurer's Report – Bill Chnelich**

Bill indicated that the new website and membership system also includes a simplification of financial reporting. Our financial statements remain healthy. After paying \$5,000 to the consultant who was instrumental in assisting us in the creation of the new website, we have a fund balance at June 11th of \$20,000. This compares to \$18,000 at December 31<sup>st</sup>. Contributions have increased by approximately \$1,000 year over year.

## **3. Speakers – Rich Brodman**

Rich introduced our 1st speaker, Rick Bushnell of Reclaim the Bay, who presented the efforts being made on the Island to alleviate flooding problems. He emphasized that sea levels were rising, and this would contribute to future flooding as would more severe storms. "Sunny day flooding" will occur more often, and the frequency of more severe flooding is projected to increase in the near future. He urged all to reduce usage wherever possible.

Rich then introduced our 2nd speaker, Matt Vereb, a member of the Long Beach Township Police Department, who spoke about bicycle safety and the complexities surrounding motor vehicles traveling on the Island and pedestrians at crossings. A key point made by Matt was that motor vehicles under state law are required to stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk. A crosswalk is an extension of the road, sidewalk, curb or edge of the shoulder at an intersection for people on foot. Crosswalks may be either marked or unmarked. A marked sidewalk is any portion of the road outlined by painted markings or a different texture of concrete or pavers. The law does not require motor vehicles to stop for pedestrians crossing from other locations.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker was Mayor Larson who discussed a number of topics of interest and fielded questions from the audience.

All speakers responded to numerous questions and were warmly received.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Byrnes