

BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2022

Attending:

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

Excused/Absent:

Patty Francfort (Committee Member)
Bill Chernelich

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

Motion was made by Betsy to approve the April 22, 2022 Board Minutes and seconded by Mary Ann. Motion passed unanimously.

Opening Remarks – Rich Brodman

- A. At our 6/11 and 7/23 meetings we will discuss our term limits. A nominating committee of Bill, Tony and Jack was appointed. Kay, Betsy and Jack have completed their 1st 3-year term and will be proposed for re-election. Phil and Mary Ann each have 1 year remaining of their last term. Bill will be completing his tenure as Treasurer but will stay on as a Trustee thereby providing a smooth transition to his successor.
- B. Rich indicated that our wine and cheese event is just over a week away and he will discuss planning and preparation at the end of today's meeting.

Reports

1. **Membership** – Kay McDonnell

Current Status – We have received 81 renewals, all on line, since our last meeting and renewals continue to come in. 69 have contributed an additional \$2,740 to date. 345 are signed up plus 86 lifetime, about 130 less than last year at this time.

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

Our next full accounting is as of June 30, 2022. An update for the past two months (April 1 to May 20) is as follows:

Receipts were approximately \$3,800 bringing our YTD total to \$11,800.

Disbursements were \$500 for St. Francis Parish in memory of Barbara and \$640 for postage related to our upcoming mailings of the Newsletter and the Renewal Request Cards.

Our ending Fund Balance is approximately \$24,000.

3. **Social Media Report** – Betsy Aras & Kay McDonnell

The Blog has been turned on and can be seen by members only visiting the website. The website is up and running and looks great. There is still some minor clean-up to be done.

The Board discussed inviting businesses to join. There are 60 commercial LLCs in Barnegat Light in addition to 1253 homes. Businesses would not pay dues the 1st year and then \$25/year thereafter. Discussion will continue at the June 11 meeting.

4. **Borough Council** –Rich Brodman

A. The town clean-up will be rescheduled for this fall.

B. Pickle ball is the biggest issue. There have been issues with players from other towns monopolizing the courts and making demands on those who just want to play with their own foursome or family unit. A fee schedule has been proposed as follows:

- Non B.L. residents must purchase an annual pass for \$100. Weekly rentals are proposed to be \$20 and daily \$5.
- An individual will be present weekday mornings to enforce compliance.

C. Traffic lights on the island go on 5/23. B.L. lights will follow a few weeks later. Speed limits are now reduced.

5. **JCTA Board** – Rich Brodman

The JCTA as begun to address two of its long term goals. Committees have been formed for beach erosion/dune protection and flooding.

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

Print copies of the newsletter are out. It looks beautiful. Many complimentary comments have been received.

7. **Little Free Library** – Mary Ann Crutchlow

The Little Free Library continues to be widely used. It has generated many positive comments.

8. **Wine and Cheese Event** – Rich Brodman

Our wine and cheese gathering is set for 5/29 at 4 p.m. at the Pavilion, prior to the Memorial Day Parade. Preparations, assignments and scheduling were discussed for greeters, sign in table, name tags, music and bartenders. Most purchases have been completed with some leftover paper goods remaining from 2 years ago. Shopping is to be discussed with Betsy and Wendy at the end of the meeting. All are looking forward to a successful event.

9. Future Meetings

The next meeting of the BLTA Board is scheduled for Saturday, June 11th at 9:30 a.m. at the Pavilion.

Future meeting dates were set for 7/23 , 8/19 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 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Byrnes