

BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2022

at Bill Chernelich's home

FINAL

Trustees
Attending:

Rich Brodman
Tony Dandola
Bill Chernelich
Jack Byrnes
Wendy Baker
(by phone)
Mary Ann Crutchlow
Phil Kahn
Kay McDonnell
Scott Neff

Non-Trustee Board Members
Attending:

Bruce Allen
Trish Faidiga
Maddy Pantzer
(by phone)

Excused/Absent:

Patty Francfort (Committee Member)
Betsy Aras

Rich Brodman called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

The minutes of the September 17th meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Remarks – Rich Brodman

Rich welcomed Scott, Bruce, Trish and Maddy and then asked each Board member to introduce themselves. Scott was elected to be a Trustee at the September meeting. Bruce, Trisha and Maddy are potential trustees at our elections next fall.

He reminded all that fall and winter Board meetings will move to Thursdays at 4 p.m. and will be conducted via zoom.

We will be making a \$500 donation for the needy to an appropriate charity in south Florida.

Rich indicated Ed Aras is making a box for the disposal of old American flags. The location of the box is to be determined.

Reports

1. Membership – Kay McDonnell

We currently have 616 paid members:

- 529 households
- 1 business
- 86 lifetime

We also have two additional members who have joined but not yet paid. We had 73 members last year that have not yet renewed for this year.

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

Bill indicated there has not been much activity since our September meeting. A copy of the report is attached. Highlights are:

- Contributions increased approximately \$700 since Sept 30, 2022.
- A review of the financial records for 2021 is being conducted by Phil and Jack
- We intend to close our PayPal account as it is not being used by the membership
- We intend to reduce the number of accounts we have at Bank of America for simplicity.

Bill then suggested the need for a permanent document file for the BLTA as we do not have a physical office or filing system. A digital 'permanent file' would ensure continuity when there is turnover in the Trustee ranks and allow Trustees to access key documents when needed. Some examples of such documents are:

- Tax returns
- State filings
- Accounting Records
- By-laws
- Insurance policies
- Trustee and Officer term records
- Completed Member Surveys

We currently have a Google Drive for the BLTA but the work of creating an agreed structure and process for keeping the system current has not been completed. Trish has indicated that her Company developed such a system and she agreed to work with Bill and other Trustees to progress this idea.

3. **Social Media – Betsy Aras**

Nothing to report

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

Continues to run smoothly

5. **Trustee Assignments for 2023 – Rich Brodman**

Rich then enlisted the Board's support for work assignments for 2023. Close to two dozen assignments were discussed and agreed upon by all.

6. **Borough Council Meeting – Rich Brodman**

At the last Borough Council meeting, two issues of interest were discussed:

- Water and sewer bills have been set and partially discussed in the most recent Sandpaper. We will confirm the rates and report them at our next meeting
- Beach badge rates were raised \$5 with the season rate now \$40. Boat slip rentals are now \$1500

7. **JCTA – Rich Brodman**

Rich attended two meetings of the JCTA. The second meeting included a discussion of what each taxpayer's association felt were the most popular activities for encouraging new membership and

educating their members (best practices). Rich discussed some of these, including summarizing their taxpayer's accomplishments in their yearly Newsletter.

8. Other Business – All

We then discussed a donation to the Borough for a project. The most popular idea was a swing/jungle gym set for the baby beach on the bay. A second idea was a shaded seating area at the bay beach. A third possibility was a possible tree planting in the dog park. We also discussed soliciting businesses for inclusion in our Business Directory (Kay and Scott will be involved with this), allowing any and all to inquire when we visit local merchants. Finally, we discussed the status of the Bay Beach with regard to seaweed and other unsightly issues.

The next meeting will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, November 17th via zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Byrnes
Secretary