

**BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION**

The following minutes also cover the Business Meeting (8:30 a.m.)  
preceding the Board Meeting

and the Board Meeting (9:30 a.m.)

**FINAL**

September 17, 2022

at the Pavilion

Attending:

Dr. Rich Brodman  
Bill Chnelich  
Jack Byrnes  
Betsy Aras  
Wendy Baker  
Mary Ann Crutchlow  
Phil Kahn  
Kay McDonnell  
Bruce Allen  
Scott Neff  
Trish Faidiga

Excused/Absent:

Patty Francfort (Committee Member)  
Tony Dandola

**BUSINESS MEETING (8:30 a.m.)**

Prior to the Trustee Board Meeting, a short business meeting of the trustees was called to order. The agenda included the following items:

- Approval of prior Board Meeting minutes
- Brief update of the JCTA meeting
- Brief update of the Borough Council Meeting
- Introduction to the trustees of two prospective new trustees, Scott Neff and Bruce Allen

**TRUSTEE BOARD MEETING (9:30 a.m.)**

**Opening Remarks – Rich Brodman**

Dr. Brodman called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded to introduce himself and each of the Board members to the audience.

Rich welcomed Matt Vereb, our community police officer, with his medication drop box.

In the future, Board meetings will move to Thursdays from Fridays. They will now take place at 4 p.m.

At the recent JCTA Meeting, discussion concerned a petition to release federal funds for beach replenishment.

Beach clean-up will take place Saturday, October 22 at 9:30 a.m. Meet at the 29<sup>th</sup> Street beach.

He then reviewed our protocol for Q & A with our two speakers, Mark Pojednic and Mayor Larson. Please use microphones on either side of seating.

Rich then led everyone with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Membership Voting for Trustees and Officers**

The members unanimously voted for the following Trustees and Officers.

1. Trustees unanimously elected for three-year terms

Rich Brodman  
Kay McDonnell  
Jack Byrnes  
Betsy Aras  
Scott Neff

2. Officers unanimously elected for two-year terms

President – Dr. Rich Brodman  
Vice President – Tony Dandola  
Treasurer – Bill Chernelich  
Secretary – Jack Byrnes

### **Reports**

1. **Membership – Rich Brodman**

We currently have 615 members, an all-time high. There are approximately 1195 households and 53 businesses in Barnegat Light.

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

Bill indicated that the financial condition of the BLTA is healthy. He reviewed the highlights of revenues, contributions and expenses for the six months ended June 30, 2022. Our fund balance is presently at \$22,000 after \$500 contributions to our Fire Department and First Aid Squad. A copy of the report is attached.

3. **Social Media – Betsy Aras**

Betsy reported that her husband, Ed, is building a box for discarded American flags. It will be placed at either the Borough Office or the Post Office.

4. **Speakers**

Jack Byrnes introduced our first speaker, Mark Pojanek, Captain of our all-volunteer Barnegat Light First Aid Squad. Mark is a permanent resident of Barnegat Light since March, 2020, and has been a member of the First Aid Squad for 22 years.

The following were the key points of his presentation:

- Our first aid squad covers Barnegat Light, High Bar Harbor, Loveladies, Harvey Cedars and North Beach
- There are 12 volunteers in the off season, rising to 30 members mid-summer
- We have 3 ambulances, 2 in Barnegat Light and 1 in Harvey Cedars. The Harvey Cedars ambulance is old and needs replacement (estimated cost \$285,000)
- The first aid squad is community based, dependent on contributions from the Borough Council and residents
- The squad recruits locally and is currently in need of additional recruits
- Our squad responds to over 400 calls per year
- Calls for the first aid squad come through 911. When you hear the sirens ringing in Barnegat Light, they only pertain to our Fire Department
- Current needs are for both additional recruits and monetary contributions

Dr. Brodman introduced Mayor Kirk Larson, our second speaker. Mayor Larson made the following points:

- There are currently 176 kayaks along the bay shore in town. 139 are unregistered and, as a result, there is no way to know who owns them. There are an additional 13 Hobie Cats and 18 paddle boards as well. The Borough Council is considering a \$10 annual fee to hopefully discourage out-of-towners from parking their boats here and to identify ownership
- The use of our pickle ball courts by non-residents is working out. Adding a fee and an individual there to check IDs has cut down on out-of-towners
- Hurricane Ian, potentially a category 5 storm, is expected here next weekend. He urged residents to prepare.
- The Borough Council is busy analyzing water usage with the intent of setting rates by January 1

Both speakers were warmly received by the audience.

Our next meeting will be at 4 p.m. Friday, October 21 at Bill Chrnlich's home. Potential new trustees will attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Byrnes  
Secretary