

BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2023

By Zoom

FINAL

Trustees

Attending:

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

Non-Trustee Board Members

Attending:

Bruce Allen
Maddy Pantzer
Trish Faidiga

Excused/Absent:

Tom Zest (Committee Member)
Phil Kahn

Rich Brodman called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

The minutes of the January 26th meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Remarks – Rich Brodman

Rich opened the meeting by welcoming all and mentioned that a couple of new business items would be added to the regular agenda.

Reports

1. Membership – Kay McDonnell

There is nothing new to report.

2. Treasurer's Report – Bill Chnelich

There has been minimal activity since the December 31, 2022 report. We collected \$245 in dues and contributions. We paid Wild Apricot and GoDaddy a total of \$2,270. This resulted in a \$2,015 decrease in our fund balance, which now stands at \$20,219.

3. Social Media – Betsy Aras, Wendy Baker, Scott Neff

There is nothing new to report. Kay indicated that we hired Rob to tend to a few other fixes on our web site. She further added that an auto mailing will go out as a reminder that dues are due on April 1st.

4. Little Free Library – Rich Brodman for Mary Ann Crutchlow

The Little Free Library continues to thrive.

5. American Flag Disposals – Betsy Aras

Our Association is sponsoring an American Flag Disposal Box. Our goal is to have it in place by sometime in April. We still need to confirm where it will be placed. Betsy had spoken with the Mayor briefly last summer about the project but didn't take it much further. We are leaning towards wanting it placed at Borough Hall.

We are making good progress on the collection box and it should be completed by the end of April.

Kathleen Ries is involved with Boy Scout Troop 66 and offered last March for her scouts to be involved in the pickup and disposal of the flags. We will contact her to see if that offer still stands.

6. Donation for a Town Project – Rich Brodman

A defibrillator to be placed by the pickle ball courts or the Pavillion was warmly received by the Borough Council. Cost is estimated between \$1500 and \$1800.

7. Cloud Solution for BLTA Documents – Bill Chernelich and Trish Faidiga

There are a number of issues to be addressed. Who should have access to the account? How to organize it – for example, we need to keep 7 years of financial statements. Possibilities include scanning in 3 years and hold the remaining in hard copy. Templates for meeting agendas and general public meetings should be created and stored. A list of what we need to store must be created.

8. Speaker Topics for our three General Meetings in 2023 – Jack Byrnes and Bruce Allen

The dates for our general meetings, all at 9:30 A.M at the Pavillion are June 24, July 22, and September 23. Each meeting will include a principal speaker (15-20 minutes) and a secondary speaker (5-10 minutes).

The Board also considered dates for the following other events: Wine and Cheese on May 28 (4-6 p.m.) and the Beach Clean up on September 9 at 9 a.m.

We are in the process of contacting speakers. Parameters are 15-20 minutes plus 10 minutes for Q&A. A projector will not be available and each will be encouraged to arrive 15 minutes early so that all of the Board may meet them.

9. Newsletter – Wendy Baker

All articles are due by March 15th with a targeted mailing date the week of April 3rd. Reports to be included are a financial report, a membership report, a President's letter, a Borough Council report, and a flag depository report.

10. Planning Board Update – Bruce Allen

The meeting was relatively short and began with a summary of the relevant ordinance. It appears that the Planning Board will recommend an ordinance to the Council that will limit further development of multifamily dwellings. This ordinance will have only a minor variation from the existing one. It will change the setback from 25 to 35 feet to improve parking for multifamily dwellings

11. Borough Council Meeting – Bruce Allen

The following topics were discussed:

- There is no resolution on the fee for kayaks stored on our shores. Our neighbors charge \$100 per year and for kayaks over 15 feet, \$200
- A new ordinance was proposed. No hunting, trapping, or discharging of firearms on the beach
- The duck hunting issue was discussed. Hunting is permitted around 3rd Street, and shooting must be done toward the jetty. Only 6 hunters were hunting and they were shooting towards the jetty.
- The Mayor will attend all proposed hearings on wind farms
- The BC is considering an 8x10 shed by the pickle ball courts

12. JCTA – Rich Brodman

To date, approximately 1500 people have completed the survey. The data will be compiled.

13. NEW BUSINESS – Rich Brodman

A trustee suggested that a social event should be added in one of our summer general meetings. Music and dancing, particularly line dancing, was suggested.

A suggestion was made to have a joint luncheon/barbecue sponsored by the BC and the BLTA. The suggested date was Saturday, June 17th. The BLTA would provide hamburgers and hot dogs, and the B.C. would be responsible for the set-up and clean-up.

After a thorough discussion, the Board proposed to go back to the Mayor with the following proposal:

- The suggested date is Saturday, June 17th for lunch.
- This will be a joint event with the B.C.
- The BLTA will contribute up to \$1,000 and provide some volunteers
- The BLTA wants separation from any political sponsorship
- Rich will contact the Mayor

The next meeting of the BLTA, by Zoom, will be on Thursday, March 23 at 4 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5: 22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jack Byrnes
 Secretary