

# NORTH BEACH TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### Membership Meeting

June 24, 2017

#### Attending

Chuck Perfater  
Pat Moran  
Bob Van Buren  
Barry Sullivan

Marge Girardo  
Eileen Szperka  
Skip Soriero

Chuck Perfater opened the meeting and turned it over to Mayor Mancini to address our membership.

#### Mayor's Comments

Long Beach Township is considering a referendum to add a one cent tax increase to raise funds that would be reserved for purchasing open space, additional parking and other ancillary uses. With \$ 8 billion in assessed property, the tax could raise \$800,000 each year for such purposes. The Mayor asked if our members would support such a tax and from a show of hands, most members supported the proposal.

The Southern Regional School tax issue remains a major concern. The Mayor would like to negotiate for more Board Members from Long Beach Island. Long Beach Island communities pay 80% of the Southern Regional School budget, but only have three members on the Board. He would like to see 6 members from Long Beach Island. Long Beach Township would agree to chip in with other Island communities to hire Vito Gagliardi, Esq to negotiate deal with the Southern Regional Board that everyone will sign.

A referendum for a \$19 million addition to the Surf City School will be on the ballot this year. Long Beach Township is opposed to the question. The Township has no confidence in the School Board Members. The Board needs new members with a business sense.

Long Beach Township is considering a referendum to prohibit plastic grocery store bags. The Mayor asked our members if they would support this and there was 100% support.

The Township is considering a referendum to charge \$1-\$2 dollars per ride on the shuttle bus. Again the Mayor asked for a show of hands and there was 100% support.

The Mayor responded to a question about dune crossovers at nonpublic access areas. Ron Pingaro from the Building Department will meet with homeowners to explain what can be done and a permit is required. The Mayor also responded to a question about the Township sewer line in North Beach. He is very concerned, but we need to discuss this with Commissioner Bayard for more detailed information.

### **Election**

An Election is scheduled for August and there will be two openings on the Trustee Board. If anyone is interested they should contact Chuck Perfater and submit a brief resume. There also is a need for more volunteers for our committees. Of particular concern is the Association web-site and a volunteer is needed to update and maintain the web-site.

### **Financial Report**

Chuck Perfater provided a brief Treasurer's report. As of 6/24/17, \$9,720 was in the checking account, \$3,680 was in the savings account and \$12,567 was in a CD for a total amount of \$25,967. Of this amount, \$5,727 is dedicated to beautification. Funds received so far this year include \$5,150 from dues and \$2,575 contributed to beautification.

### **Membership Report**

Eileen Szperka reported total membership as of this date at 220. We are looking to build-up membership.

### **Beautification**

Bob Van Buren mentioned that a new sprinkler system has been installed at the southern garden and the area has been replanted. Bob has talked with the County Engineer regarding planting of trees on the median in North Beach. The Engineer will consult with the County Forester about type of trees to be planted, but there is concern about planting trees where sewer excavation may occur.

### **Social Event**

Chuck Perfater mentioned that the summer social event was cancelled because available assets were not sufficient to cover anticipated costs. There has been some discussion about having a special fund for social events.

### **Boulevard Safety**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Street crosswalk light has been reprogrammed to make it safer for pedestrians to cross without undue stoppages of traffic. There also is a verbal communication speaker near the manual switch that verbally tells when to cross and a visual lighted display that signals when to cross and when to stop.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Sullivan, Secretary