

# **NORTH BEACH TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **MINUTES**

### **Annual Membership Meeting**

**September 8, 2018**

#### **Attending**

Bill Walsh  
Pat Moran  
Skip Soriero  
Barry Sullivan

Eileen Szperka  
Tom Frangione  
Bob Van Buren

Bill Walsh opened the meeting and mentioned that Pat Moran has decided to step aside as an officer. Bill thanked Pat for his many years of service as President of the North Beach Taxpayer's Association.

#### **Reorganization and Election of Officers**

Tom Frangione, Marge Girardo, and Hank Fisher were up for election this year. A formal election was not held because no other member had expressed an interest in running for Trustee. Marge Girardo subsequently resigned from the Board. The Board approved both Tom Frangione and Hank Fisher for three-year terms as Trustee. Barry Sullivan was appointed to fill the vacancy resulting from Marge Girardo's resignation.

The Board elected Bill Walsh President and Skip Soriero Vice-President. Bill Walsh appointed Tom Frangione to continue as Treasurer and Barry Sullivan to continue as Secretary.

Bill also made the following Committee assignments:

Beautification – Bob Van Buren

Municipal Affairs – Tom Frangione

Membership – Eileen Szperka

Hospitality – Skip Soriero

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Tom Frangione provided a detailed financial report dated September 8, 2018. Total Assets amounted to \$28,780 including \$12,300 in the checking account, \$3,682 in the savings account and \$12,798 in a CD. Total income to date amounted to \$9,370 with \$5,600 reserved for basic operations, \$3,275 for

beautification and \$495 for special events. Total expenses to date amounted to \$3,228. Tom also mentioned that he will establish an on-line account to review statements and avoid a bank charge for paper statements.

### **2019 Meeting dates**

Membership meeting dates for 2019 were set for June 29 at 10:00 AM and September 7 at 3:00 PM at the Surf City Fire House. June 22 is an alternative date if the Fire House hall is not available on June 29. Barry Sullivan will confirm the meeting dates with the Fire House.

### **Beautification**

Bob Van Buren mentioned that he has been talking with Commissioner Bayard about doing some landscape and planting work around the public access/tennis court/pump station area to make it look more appealing. We have been talking about planting trees on the Boulevard median for several years, but this has been put on hold because of Township plans to replace the sewer line in the median.

### **Municipal Affairs**

Tom Frangione attended a meeting of the Joint Taxpayers Association (JTPA) of Long Beach Island and commented on the following issues discussed at the meeting:

1. Harvey Cedars is planning to hire an attorney to negotiate with the Southern Regional School District to develop a more favorable funding plan for Island students attending the Regional school system. Should this fail, the long process of appealing to the State Department of Education and then to the courts would be initiated. Harvey Cedars has reached out to other Island Mayors for support and a financial commitment.
2. The State Department of Environmental Protection and US Army Corps of Engineers have been involved in a Back-Bay Study of Barnegat Bay to mitigate flooding. The study began two years ago and we just learned about it. The JTPA and Island Mayors are coordinating with the NJ DEP and Army Corps of Engineers to schedule an informational meeting regarding the study to be held on Long Beach Island at a time when summer residents can be present.

### **Membership**

Eileen Szperka mentioned that there are 596 homes in North Beach and we have 218 members. There is a need to recruit more members. Eileen has prepared a welcome package with information about the Taxpayer's Association and mailed it to 18 new homeowners. The mailing resulted in four new members. She has consistently encouraged members to talk to their neighbors about joining the Taxpayer's Association and getting involved.

### **Web-Site**

The person who built the web-site for the Long Beach Island Garden Club will be hired to build a new web-site for the North Beach Taxpayers Association. The existing web-site is outdated and needs to be shut down. We need to keep the new system up-to-date. Anyone interested in helping with the web-site is encouraged to contact us.

**Other Issues**

Bill Walsh mentioned that there are some issues that we will be closely following because of their potential impact on most of us. These include shortage of life guards, property reevaluation and installation of water meters.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry F. Sullivan, Secretary