

**Ortley Beach Voters and Taxpayers Association, Inc**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Saturday, August 20, 2011**  
**First Aid Squad Building**

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Barisciano at 9:00AM. Dave McKee began the meeting with the salute to the flag, followed by a moment of silence for those serving outside our country. A roll call was conducted. Board members present were: President Kathy Barisciano, Vice President Joan Strathern, Dave McKee, Secretary Carole Maimoni, Treasurer Steve Sherrill and Mike Wymbs. We have enough people in attendance to have a quorum so it is an official meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to dispense with the reading of the July 2011 meeting minutes.

**President's Report**

- The meeting guidelines were reviewed. The BOD agreed that during a meeting, only members may speak after stating their name and address. Non-members may speak at a meeting if acknowledged by the President. No member will speak twice about an issue until all other speakers voice their thoughts. Members will be discouraged from having private discussions during the meeting. Anyone who is out of order or who is disrespectful will be asked to leave.
- Handicapped sidewalk ramps on Route 35 are the responsibility of the state. Typically sidewalks are brought up to ADA standards when in need of repair or replacement. There is no mandate to proactively install ramps and detectable warning surfaces on existing curb corners which are not in need of replacement. The ADA contact for the State of NJ is  
Chrystal Section, ADA/504 Coordinator  
New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Civil Rights  
1035 Parkway Avenue  
Main Office Building, 2nd Floor  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625  
Phone: 609.530.2939  
Fax: 609.530.4030
- The recreation department should be alerted if any unauthorized structures (tents, canopies, barriers, etc.) are erected on the beach. If the person refuses to remove the structure after being advised to do so by beach personnel, the police department will be called and a summons will be issued. Beach security and badge checkers have been advised to remind beachgoers that the above items are not permitted on the beach.
- The township will consider replacing the beach access mat on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave when preparing the 2012 budget. The township will either relocate an existing bike rack to 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave or if there is not a bike rack that can be relocated, the township will consider the purchase of an additional rack in the 2012 budget.

- Beach bathrooms will stay open until 6:00 PM on weekends and 5:00 PM on weekdays.
- The police should be called if any streets flood in the township so that barriers or cones can be placed.
- The trash on the islands along Route 35S continues to be a problem. This area is the responsibility of the NJ DOT. The township contracted with the Ocean County DOC to cleanup these areas on the weekend. The brush is mowed 5 or 6 times a season. Also, the township indicated that if we provide them with specific areas along Route 35N where debris is a problem, they will perform a needs assessment and determine if additional trash cans are required.
- It was requested that the township post a combined recycling and garbage schedule on their website. Currently these schedules are in different links and not easily identifiable. The OBVTA will also post this on their website when it is up and running again.
- It was discovered that the OBVTA website has been pirated and all content wiped out by Ken Langdon. The OBVTA paid for the website through January 2012 by reimbursing Ken Langdon for these expenses as evidenced by a cancelled check. An email to the membership was sent out with all of the related details. GoDaddy, the company from which the website domain was purchased, investigated this matter and determined that the website legally belonged to the OBVTA. GoDaddy arranged to have the domain transferred back to the OBVTA. We are currently working to bring the website back to an operational state.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Steve explained that a more detailed treasurer's report will now be sent to the membership with the monthly minutes. He also answered a member's question concerning a \$3000 refund that was listed on the current report. This was a refund of a donation by the OBVTA toward the purchase of a rescue boat, which the First Aid Squad was unable to purchase.

\$200 was collected from the membership to be donated to Nikki Murphy, whose home and belongings were destroyed in the fire in Seaside Heights.

### **Maria Maruca**

- A meeting was held with the OCUA committee and township officials which resulted in township officials having a very productive meeting with Freeholder Paul Bartlett and OCUA officials, concerning this site. They are addressing the need to move the access gate from Fielder Ave. to the service road. They are very receptive to permitting parking on the land for township employees which will free up street parking for beachgoers. No permanent structures can be built on the property. They are also looking into permitting a portion of the property to be used as open space. Insurance and liability concerns will be checked into. Maria is very optimistic that the agenda will go forward. There will be a follow up meeting within the next 60 days.

- The town council will vote to pass a bond referendum which will allow the rebuilding of the Lord House, improvement of drainage in Toms River, replacement of police and fire equipment and road paving. The vote will take place at the council meeting on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Maria will contact the engineering department about the drainage problem on Washington Ave.
- Recycling revenues are up 40% since the single stream recycling program went into effect. The more efficient recycling program allows the township to reduce tonnage fees at the landfill.
- A public hearing will be held at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> with Cablevision. The council is adamant about persuading Cablevision to provide the barrier island with a public access channel. It is very unlikely that Comcast or FIOS will be available to the barrier island homes. All taxpayers are encouraged to attend. Maria will check into a report that FIOS wiring has been installed in Ortley.
- There will be a movie on the beach on Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at dusk. Toy Story 3 will be shown.
- The Ortley House has presented an application to the planning board to erect a fence on the beach. The planning board approved the application pending DEP approval.
- Maria acknowledged the OBVTA's representation at town council meetings and encouraged more residents to attend these meetings.

## **COMMITTEES**

### **Membership**

We currently have 318 members compared to 320, last year. Approximately ten new members joined at this meeting. Thirty percent of the membership is new members.

### **OCUA and Bayside Park**

Mike reported that the committee had a very positive meeting with Maria Maruca and township officials. He is optimistic that there will be progress on improving the property. He reported the meeting also resulted in positive feedback concerning the erection of a nature boardwalk at Bayside Park, to allow views of the bay.

### **Community Center**

In Paul's absence, the report has been deferred to next month's meeting. Please attend the September meeting for an update on progress.

## **New Business**

- Joan attended a meeting with township officials concerning the Surf Club. This meeting was requested by Ken Langdon. At this meeting, Ken expressed

concerns about the Surf Club but was unable to give any specific incidents. Chief Mastronardy stated that any reported concerns about the Surf Club have been addressed and without specifics, nothing more could be done. Steve Sherrill stated that he lives a few houses from the Surf Club, has not seen any problems and that the club indirectly helps Ortley Beach merchants and provides employment opportunities. . We will continue to address any problems that may occur. Joey Barcelona, owner of the Surf Club, spoke and explained that he has hired extra staff for security and cleanup. He said his door is always open to report problems.

- The OBVTA president presented a resolution to the membership that was approved by the Board of Directors to remove Ken Langdon as a member of the OBVTA. The resolution was proposed as a result of the pirating, by Ken, of the OBVTA website. Luis Taveras explained that the website is an asset to this corporation and the takeover of the website and domain by Ken was illegal. In accordance with the by-laws, the membership voted and passed the resolution to remove Ken Langdon as a member of the OBVTA.
- The OBVTA presented a check for \$1600 to Captain Little, for the Toms River Police Foundation. This check will be used for the purchase of surveillance equipment for Ortley Beach.

### **Membership Dialog**

- There was a concern that the outside of the water tower looks rusty and of the possibility that the interior may also be in disrepair. Members reported that the water appears to be discolored. Reports of water quality are needed. Kathy will send an email to the AWC concerning this problem. She will include a request that the dolphin design remain after repainting. Maria Maruca will also send a letter of concern on behalf of the township. She said Jim Scott is the AWC engineer and concerns should be addressed to him. It was also suggested that an AWC representative be invited to an OBVTA general membership meeting to discuss water quality.
- A question was raised about the possibility of the A&P property being sold. A member who has contacts at the A&P. stated that there are no reports that this will happen in the near future.
- A concern was raised about the garbage pick up times on the beach. It was suggested that the vehicles driven on the beach to pick up garbage be driven more carefully due to the presence of children on the beach.
- A concern was raised about the drainage and flooding on Washington Ave. A determination needs to be made when sewers were last cleaned. Damage to a home occurred during the last storm and the homeowner requested that the township address this problem.
- Joey Barcelona, owner of the Surf Club, was thanked for his generosity toward the OBVTA, particularly for hosting the recent OBVTA party.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:15

**The recording of this meeting will be maintained for 12 months**  
**THE NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE ON**  
**September 17, 2011**