

Ortley Beach Voters and Taxpayers Association, Inc
General Membership Meeting
Saturday, October 15th, 2011
First Aid Squad Building

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Barisciano at 9:10AM. Paul Onorio 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, Secretary Carole Maimoni, Paul Onorio 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 September 2011 meeting minutes.

President's Report

- Kathy reviewed the guidelines for speaking at the meeting.
- It was reported that trash bin liners had mistakenly been removed from the boardwalk garbage cans. The problem was rectified immediately once the township was notified.
- The town council ordinance concerning sunscreens, windscreens and baby pens has been tabled indefinitely at the request of Maria Maruca.
- We will check the dates on the beach buggy ordinance and request that no vehicles be allowed on the beach during weekends in September.
- Repairs to the Eisenhower Ave bulkhead have been scheduled and should be completed by Spring.
- The township pays JCPL for the street lights, whether they are working or not. Please report all outages to Lou Amoroso.
- Two Security cameras, one of which the OBVTA contributed to the purchase of, will be installed on Route 35S and the boardwalk.
- We will continue to have meetings with township officials regarding beach improvements, which include repairs to the ramps and railings and beach cleanup.
- The township is considering an ordinance which will require a greatly reduced speed limit for vehicles riding through flooded streets. They plan to enforce the ordinance with substantial fines.
- Lou Amoroso has advised that sewer drains are inspected annually with lights and cameras if needed. The drains are vacuumed to remove debris as required.
- Ortley Beach's water is supplied by wells in Seaside Heights. Water is purchased from Seaside Heights by NJ American Water. There is also a connection to Lavallette water supply which is used in emergencies. Water quality is tested and results published annually on the NJ American Water website. This year's report was included in your Agenda email. Kathy contacted NJ American Water and was advised that they would check into accelerating the painting of the Ortley water tower which is scheduled for Spring 2014.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was included in the October agenda email and will also be posted on the website.

Maria Maruca

- Channel 78 should be in operation within 15 to 28 days for limited broadcast. The township currently has emergency notification capabilities available through the internet. The permanent channel installation should be in effect in 6 months. The township website will also be updated.
- The beach buggy permit cost will be raised from \$10 and the township is looking into proposing an ordinance which will change the dates that vehicles are allowed on the beach to be consistent with surrounding beach towns. They are proposing that no vehicles be allowed on the beach on weekends in September. The ordinance should be in place by January 1, 2012.
- The ordinance regarding beach structures has been tabled indefinitely until Maria can receive input from the OBVTA.
- OBVTA needs to provide feedback to the township about recycling schedule for next year.
- Residents requiring building permits for hurricane related damages can have their building permits expedited. Please call Paul Shives for information. Fees for permits related to Hurricane Irene repairs have not been waived.
- Maria will check into setting up a meeting with a water company rep to discuss water quality. Representatives from the North Beach towns will be invited.
- The Ortle Beach zip code can not be changed, according to the United States Postal Service.
- The bulkhead on Eisenhower Ave is scheduled to be repaired in the Spring.

Chief Mastronardy

- Ortle Beach has been quiet. Burglaries over the bridge have been mostly prescription drug related.
- The police department is down 20 officers. They are authorized to have 160 and currently have 140.
- Be aware of counterfeit \$10s and \$20s
- No Knock stickers will be available for residents. Solicitors will not be permitted to go to homes with the stickers attached to the doors. Please contact the police department for an application.

Membership

- It was agreed upon that any new members who pay their dues in the 4th quarter will have the dues credited to the following year.

- We have 338 paid members as compared to 330 for the previous year. One hundred six of these members are new.

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Paul Shives has called for a meeting with the freeholders to discuss beach employee parking during the summer months and moving the gate from the residential street to the 35 South facing side of the property.

Bayside Park

An application must be submitted to the state for approval of the nature walk. A member requested that a kayak launch be installed. Mike will make this suggestion.

Community Center

Paul checked with the First Aid Squad concerning insurance. The FAS wants the OBVTA to contribute toward their insurance costs. They would also like the center to be open to all Ortley residents. There was a question raised as to who owns the building. These issues will be researched. The committee has proposed that we pay the FAS \$50 a day for the use of the hall. There will be a pizza party for members interested in suggesting ideas for the community center. He will select a date and send email invitations with RSVPs required. The FAS board will not meet with the committee until a proposal is submitted.

Holiday Party

The holiday party will be held on December 3, 2011, from 7 PM to 11 PM at the new Aqua Blu Kitchen, which is located on Route 35E, right over the bridge. The OBVTA will subsidize a portion of the ticket price and the cost will be \$20 a person. There will be a hot buffet, coffee and dessert, cash bar, music and dancing. Members and guests are invited. An email will be sent with RSVP and payment information. Please join us to celebrate the holiday with neighbors and friends.

Website

The minutes of the general meetings will be posted on the website along with announcements for parties and updates on issues. The cost of the website was \$1000. Eight hundred dollars of that money had to be spent to recreate the site because it was wiped out when it was pirated by Ken Langdon.

New Business

- There will be a beach clean up day on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 8 AM. Please meet at the 4th Ave beach.

- Paul stated that the town council will video tape their meetings and they can be seen on the internet.

Membership Dialog

- The grass on the Route 35S island has been recently cut and looks much better. Perhaps we can have a resident clean up day to pick up the trash that has been left there.
- Resident of oceanfront houses beyond the south end of the boardwalk, have been using the dunes for their private use. They are also entering the beach without badges. Chief Mastronardy suggested calling the police when this happens. The DEP should also be notified.
- A member suggested that we have our water tested by a private company.
- There is a problem with feral cats. A resident has been leaving food out each night for the cats. Chief Mastronardy said there are traps available from animal control.
- Ortley Beach is often listed as South Beach on maps. Could we be officially named Ortley Beach? Please report any listings which refer to Ortley as South Beach to Maria.
- The bulkhead on the off shoot street from Eisenhower Ave is also in need of repair and should be made a priority.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:30

The recording of this meeting will be maintained for 12 months
There will be no general membership meeting in November