

**Ortley Beach Voters and Taxpayers Association, Inc**  
**General Membership Meeting**  
**Saturday, September 17, 2011**  
**First Aid Squad Building**

The meeting was called to order by President Kathy Barisciano at 9:00AM. 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, Dave McKee, 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 August 2011 meeting minutes.

**President's Report**

- The meeting guidelines were reviewed. Kathy reminded members to state their name and address before speaking.
- Maria Maruca contacted township engineer Bob Chankalian concerning the Ortley water tower and the quality of our water. Bob Chankalian provided Kathy with the email address for NJ America Water contact Eric Hahn's and advised that he would also send an email. Kathy will contact Eric and request that a water company representative attend the October OBVTA meeting.
- Meetings and communication have continued regarding the flooding on Washington Ave. The OBVTA will be meeting with the Township to know what preventative measures will be taken to help alleviate the flooding problem. It was reported that the sewers on Washington were vacuumed during the week.
- Ortley Beach needs representation at the Town Council meetings and the membership was asked to attend when possible to voice their concerns. BOD members are attending on a rotating basis. Upcoming meetings are Sept. 27, October 10, 25, and November 15. The meetings are held at 6 PM at Town Hall on Washington Ave.
- Communication and updates about the storm were very effective regarding pre-storm preparation. Post storm cleanup was completed in a timely fashion.
- The August 23<sup>rd</sup> Cablevision hearing was tabled until the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting which was attended by Mike Wymbs and Carole Maimoni.
- Garbage will be picked up on Mondays and recycling will be picked up on the first and third Monday of the month, during the off season. If pick up day falls on a holiday, garbage will be picked up on the following day.
- It was reported that an ordinance was being considered regarding beach structures. The ordinance included allowing canopies up to 10X10 feet. Mike Wymbs objected to this at the September 13<sup>th</sup> town council meeting. The ordinance was tabled for further discussion. Mike also requested that metal shovels be banned from the beach.
- Please check out the new OBVTA website at [www.ortleybeach.org](http://www.ortleybeach.org)

## **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report will be attached with the minutes.

## **Chief Mastronardy**

- The storm caused few problems except for reports of flooding. Shelters were set up but the Red Cross was not prepared with enough food for the number of people who made use of the shelters. The township contributed \$14,000 towards food. Police headquarters lost power during the storm.
- Please remember to lock parked cars. There have been several break-ins.
- The Police department has hired 5 new officers but the department is still down 12 officers.
- The chief discussed the possibility of installing a nylon rope system that can be stretched to block a street that is flooded. He will work with the township to design a plan.

## **Committees**

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Communication continues regarding the property. There are no updates.

### **Membership**

We currently have 332 members as compared to 330, last year. One hundred and three of these memberships are new.

### **Community Center**

Paul reported that the committee has proposed an \$8500. start up budget which will be used to purchase games, storage, card tables, large screen TV, DVD player, digital projector, computer and a Wii system. It also includes \$3000 for the rental of the first aid building. Items still being discussed are:

1. The need for member managers who will need to be present during hours of operation. A roster of volunteers will be written.
2. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.
3. Guests will be charged \$5 and must be accompanied by a member.
4. Hours of operation.
5. Start up date
6. Liability insurance

Members in attendance discussed the possibility of a winter start up time, perhaps starting with once a month. Some thought there would be less interest in the summer months because of other activities. It was suggested that we poll the members by email to see if

there are objections. Also suggested was the possibility of paying the first aid squad \$50 a day until the level of use is determined.

### **Bayside Park**

We are continuing to work with the township about erecting a finger dock at the park. We are also following up with the township on plans to make other improvements.

### **Website**

Our new website is up and running and contains the following:

- Home page with meeting schedule, downloadable membership application and link to bylaws
- Meeting page with current agenda, meeting minutes and town council meeting schedule with BOD members attending
- Officer Page listing BOD members and their emails
- Useful Links page with links to related websites
- Community News page

### **New Business**

#### **9/13 Council Meeting**

- Cablevision has agreed to provide a community access channel for the barrier island. It will begin on a temporary basis until it can be directly connected to the police station. After the permanent installation is complete, we will get immediate news. It will be aired on channel 78 and should be running shortly. No specific date has been given.
- The Lord House is scheduled to be completed for the 2012 season. A budget of \$55,160 was approved for architectural / engineering services.
- A resident asked the town council to consider removing the memorial signs from the dunes and placing a memorial plaque on the new Lord House. An OBVTA member objected to this proposal.
- A FEMA office has been set up in Toms River. The township will help to expedite the issuance of permits for flood damage repairs.
- There will be a bulk document shredding day on October 1, 2011, from 9-1 at the Church Street facility. Call 732 506-5074 for further info.

### **Membership Dialog**

- There was a concern about robocans cans being left out all week. It was suggested that residents who are not here during the week ask their neighbors to bring in their robocans.
- Please ask your neighbors to join the OBVTA. More members are needed.
- Please register and vote in local elections.

**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**  
**October 15, 2011**