

Ortley Beach Voters and Taxpayers Association

October 2017 General Membership Meeting

Saturday October 21, 2017

Meeting called to order at 9:30am

Attendance: Anthony Colucci, Paul Jeffrey, Mike Wymbs, MaryAnn Giordano, Joe Cantalupo, Toni Tomarazzo, Cathy Crisafulli, Kathy Barisciano, Joan Strathern

A Quorum of members were present.

The minutes of the September 2017 OBVTA General Membership meeting were accepted.

#### Hackathon

Paul Jeffrey updated the membership on attendance at the "Hackathon". Members of the Board and one member of the organization attended. How do we plan for the future and what should Ocean County, the State of NJ and the town of Toms River done differently.

Many ideas to address flooding were discussed:

Most dramatic was to eliminate Ocean Ave, put a parking concrete structure underneath and build dunes over it with a beautiful park up on top.

The NJDEP was in attendance. The The ideas were Included in the Township grant requests

#### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kathy Barisciano reported funds available of \$66,513.00 The organization is above budget, we expected to have about \$54,000 year end. The excess was from sponsored events - \$1389.00 and we expected to spend \$3400.00. BeachJam profit was \$2000, as the result of sponsorships and attendance. The next large expense is the Holiday party scheduled for December 9, 2017.

Membership:

462 paid registrations. Same period one year ago was 440. Ahead by 22 memberships this year-OBVTA currently has 533 memberships. We look forward to renewals for 2018. The membership application is on the website. Membership is at a record high.

2012 – Sandy event. After 2012 membership increased to 504. 2014 had 514 memberships.

Guest Councilwoman Maruca

Army Corp Engineers – this past week asked to meet with the mayor's on the island and the engineering staff. The work will resume in the next week in Mantoloking. This was supposed to have started in August but the storms have resulted in delays. Work in Ortley is scheduled to begin in January through March (the northern beaches will be started in January)

Paving Project – will be awarded on Tuesday at Council Mtg. to Earle Asphalt. The project will be started within a few weeks but won't be completed until the spring of 2018

Ortley Beach Ambulance Corp Property – paving contractor will use the land as a staging area. Town council still considering options for the property.

Surf Club Property – the property and the parking lot across the street are rumored to be sold and under contract to a developer. The lots on Route 35 are not under contract. Town has asked for an appraisal of these lots to see if they can be used for parking. The town is looking at other lots near the beach to see if other parking could be developed in Ortley Beach. An opportunity to purchase a large piece of open land on the beach has been lost.

Bayside Park – no holiday lights this year, as proposed by Sea Bay Club. Have to work with JCP&L early in the summer for requests like this and this will be reviewed next year.

Kayak Ramp – the Toms River administration is in discussions about opportunities and is keeping the OBVTA up to date.

Rte. 37 Bridge – closing on Oct 27 scheduled to reopen May 13. Last time Matthis Bridge will be closed down in the off season for repairs.

Question : what is the surf club zoned for? Answer: It is zoned for residential property. Including the parking lot The township is not aware who purchased the property.

Question: Bayside Park – took down flag after half mast for the Las Vegas shooting. Member would like it replaced. Answer: Councilwoman will ask town to address

Question: for paving will the catch basins be cleaned? Answer: Yes – if anyone sees any issues please report it.

Question: what will happen at 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue beach entrance at of the current drive through. Answer: Councilwoman thought there would only be one drive through and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave would be an "up and over" beach access. Councilwoman will check how many drive throughs will be in the project.

Question: New pilings installed on the walkovers near the beach that are in a semi circle what will that look like? Answer Paul Jeffrey stated that the pilings may be to anchor the new walk over. The dune will go six feet over that. There will be some ADA accessible with Mobi Mats.

Question: has the ACOE seen how much of beach was lost? Answer: ACOE anticipates that there will be some loss. Once the project is done there will be dunes and 150 feet of beach in front of it. There is a 50 year contract with the ACOE for maintenance of the beach. It is important that there is one contiguous dune line and minimal cut through to protect the dunes. ACOE is watching

Question: Tents on the beach this year. Is there going to be any rule to prevent the use of the tents?  
Answer: there is a rule and she will see how it is going to be enforced. Joan Strathern advised that any issues on the beach should be reported to the lifeguards.

Question: why hasn't the boardwalk been swept? Answer: Councilwoman will reach out to the Buildings and Grounds.

Question: Dune grass? Will be installed? Answer: yes, this is part of the project once the dunes are finished.

Question: can signs be put up about no pets on the beach? There is only one. Answer: Councilwoman will review.

#### Special Guest Sargent Schwartz

Chief Little did not attend the meeting . In the past former Police Chief Mastronardy attended every meeting. And as Sherriff he attended this month's OBVTA meeting and expressed his congratulations to the rebuild in Ortley over the last five years since Superstorm Sandy.

The Sheriff's office has updated the OEM with more equipment to deal with storms, enhancements in terrorist protection, underwater drones , drones that can drop life vests, lots of technology.

Sgt Schwartz announced that the Toms River Police participated in a Statewide competition and Toms River won.

Fundraiser to purchase vests raised \$35,000 and was matched by the Guerin foundation so a total of \$75,000 was raised. Vests cost \$1000 and have to be replaced every three years.

Traffic analysis is being done for Ortley and will be presented at the November meeting.

Next month Toms River will be accepting applications in Nov/Dec for applications for Class I officers.

#### Sandy Anniversary

The OBVTA is partnering with St. Elizabeth Chapel for a commemoration of Superstorm Sandy. There will be a mass followed by a ceremony on the beach for the community. The mass starts at 9:30 am. Solemn occasion but one of

### Blood Drive

OBVTA is considering a blood drive. Please email the OBVTA if you have an interest in donating.

### Hurricane Donations

Truck going this week to Texas and Florida at the end of the month. 249 Coolidge is the collection site.

### November Meeting for OBVTA

Membership approved a meeting to be held on Saturday November 18, 2017.

### Holiday Party

Saturday Dec 9 at the Park Pavillion in Seaside Park (above the Sawmill) The price will be \$35.00 per person. Reservations can be done on the OBVTA website. Checks can be mailed to the OBVTA.

### Holiday Lighting

On Route 35 – Joan contacted Toms River and they are checking that the lights work and the ornaments will be installed and lit for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### Beach Called Ortley

Books have been received and are available to be picked up.

Friends of Ortley Beach website : [www.friendsofortleybeach.org](http://www.friendsofortleybeach.org)

[There is a Veteran's Ceremony at the Seaside Heights VFW on Saturday November 11 11:00 am  
OBVTA voted to provide a wreath for the ceremony.](#)

Meeting adjourned 10:24