

# OBTVA Annual Membership Meeting

June 16, 2018

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

## Board Election

There was an oversight in the May meeting and the board position of Vice President was not identified for election. It is an open position that has to be voted on in 2018. Anthony Collucci opened the floor for nominations for Vice President and Joe Cantalupo nominated Paul Jeffrey for Vice President.

The nominations for the following additional board positions were nominated at the May 2018 meeting:

Secretary      MaryAnn Giordano

Director        Joan Strathern

Director        Cathy Crisafulli

The nominations were closed and the following officers were elected by acclamation at the 2018 June Annual Meeting:

Vice President   Paul Jeffrey

Secretary        MaryAnn Giordano

Director        Joan Strathern

Director        Cathy Crisafulli

## Treasurer's Report

\$7300 collection for 2018. Expenses \$3400 – meeting expenses, sponsored events of \$600 deposit for Beach Jam and \$1000 for welcome back breakfast and \$300 expense for Atlantic City light tour. \$67,620 balance.

Total Paid Membership as of 5/31/18 is 303 – 18 behind 2017. The June Meeting was very well attended and new memberships will be updated at the July OBVTA meeting.

Treasurer's report was moved and passed.

### Guest Detective Mark Bajada

Operation Watchdog...all residents and businesses to register video surveillance on their homes. When ever there are issues the police department looks for video footage that may be available. The police department is reaching out to the community to learn what video footage is available in the event that they may have a need to find information. This is not a feed directly to the police. It is simply a resource the police would be aware of in the event that they want to request a view of footage.

For example residents that have a "nest" on their doorbell have been helpful in identifying people who have approached your property. This is an example of a relatively inexpensive system.

To register Toms River police web site there is a link with binoculars that provides a registration to list your address, what type of camera you have and this goes right in to the police system that notes your location. If an incident occurs where footage from your camera may be helpful a Toms River police will contact you and ask you to review your footage from a certain time and date.

### Police Officer Schwartz

Question: A member raised an issue regarding drones flying over homes, especially on the beach blocks.

Answer: Councilman Mo Hill advised that the drones are controlled by the FAA and not local government. A local real estate representative advised that real estate companies frequently use drones to take pictures of homes for sale, particularly on the beach block. Buyers want to see the locations of the homes for sale.

Question: Member complained that dogs are on the beach and there is an ordinance that prohibits dogs on beach. The member approached a Toms River policeman and was not satisfied with the action the police officer offered.

Answer: Sgt Schwartz stated that this situation will be discussed with the Sgt in charge of Ortley Beach to ensure enforcement of the township's ordinances that prohibit dogs on the beach.

Question: Member asked if there was any way to enforce pedestrians crossing Route 35 south. Cars are not stopping on Fielder and Route 35 to let people cross.

Answer: 50 signs were put up by Toms River for pedestrian safety. Crossing guards start next Saturday through Labor Day. On the weekends there will be an officer, when available, on Route 35 south at Harding. There will also be barrels at crossing locations.

*Where are the cross walks for 2018:*

*35 south and 3<sup>rd</sup> ave*

*35 S and Harding (not manned all the time)*

*35 N and Harding*

*Unamned at 35 and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 35 s and fielding.*

Question: Member stated that rental season has started and sometimes partying gets out of hand. What ordinance applies and who is affected...the home owner or the renter?

Answer: the police respond to the renter and the first time it is a warning. If there is another call to the same location that day/night there will be a ticket. This is computerized and shift changes are aware of activity at the location.

In addition there is a new ordinance that if there are four calls for any type of emergency – after four times in any 60 day period there is a \$300 fine. The computer monitors this and collects the information.

Question: can additional cross walks be added?

Answer: Bob Chakalian Township Engineer stated that crosswalks can be done only where there is an impression in the sidewalk.

Guest Councilman Mo Hill and Business Administrator Don Guardian and Township Engineer Bob Chaklian

Question: What is the status of the Surf Club property?

Answer: Council is looking at this. Agree that it is important – Council is buying open space throughout the township when available.

Council considering a .01 increase in open space tax to provide for the maintenance of the open space that has already been purchased and support the additional purchases.

Question: The rateables are not an issue now that the rateables in Ortely has changed in light of the development in Ortley

Answer: Councilwoman Maruca and Councilman Hill are in favor of buying this property. The discussion in closed session was very positive. Don Guardian is going to engage in talks with the owners of the property. The last development proposal asked the town to vacate the street which was a non starter. The issue is that we are losing a rateable on the beach but the town council has to take the action that benefits the town – it is not always about a rateable.

Question: under new dunes what will be the new access to the beach – on 2<sup>nd</sup> avenue

Answer: wherever there was a walk over there will be a walkover with a mobi mat. The vehicular access will be maintained (end of Harding and 3d ave are the only vehicular entrance)

Question: Status of the Dune Replenishment

Answer: March North Beach and Ortley Beach and January. With the delays two new dredge equipment are being brought up - one to Ortley. Will be here around June 18. The line will start behind CVS. They take 1000 feet out of commission, close that area off and then once it is done the line moves another 1000 feet. The contractor has 2 weeks from the date they move to construct the walkovers .

Will take about 70 days to finish the Ortley Beach project.

Question: street elevation project Harbor Side

Answer: just got the funding. Will now retain an engineer. Meet with the residents and show a detailed survey showing different elevations and a consensus of the neighbors. Right of entry letters must be obtained. There are still some rights of entry letters missing on the Pump Shire project. Obtaining right of entry can cause delays.

Question: Maintenance of the state owned medians...not very good coverage

Answer: next year township will mow every two weeks – Toms River has to purchase a mower to do this.

Question: advertising on Boardwalk

Answer: Township will not renew advertising. The last contract is done in December 2018.

Question: driving private vehicles for recreation on the beach?

Answer: 3<sup>rd</sup> ave and Harding are the only way to approach the beach for driving on the off season. If changes are requested the town council would need to be approached

Question: APP about the purchase of the motel in Toms River – the town bought for \$6M and an additional \$6M was set aside for tearing down and rehabilitating the property?

Answer: Councilman Hill said that the cost was \$3.2 to buy and estimating a \$1M to tear it down. The only way downtown becomes viable – is the hotel going, a site for the VA Clinic (on Hooper Ave near Cadegna Ave that can be called an area of redevelopment and relocate the veterans service and move the post office to that area) this would clear the downtown for redevelopment (highrises, townhomes – similar to RedBank – this is a waterfront area that can be redeveloped.)

Question: Tunney Terrace. What is the current ordinance on houses that were damaged after Sandy that have not been taken care of?

Answer: Abandoned Home ordinance went in to effect. Every home has to be registered. Most of these are owned by a bank and registered and brought up to the standards that give it the appearance of a lived in home. Cost is \$3000 for the first year for the mandatory registration of the homes. In addition, township is working on a couple of grants for people who have not been able to raise their home.

Question: Status of Kayak Launch

Answer: owner of the Docksider – use a slip for portable kayak launch. Stripe some spots on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue designated for Kayak use and put a floating kayak ramp. Need a DEP permit. Hoping that the launch will be here for next spring.

Question: Stripping on 8<sup>th</sup> ave – house being build where bank used to be – with five bedrooms with the possibility of a 6<sup>th</sup> bedroom. This neighborhood has had additional home development making parking challenging. The stripping removed a space already.

Answer: Off street parking. When people propose a house – the parking is a function of the number of bedrooms. Minimum of two spots. On street parking one on street in front of each house typically lots are 40 feet wide. One parking spot in front of each house.

Question: Revalue in 2019. What type, on the paper or visits to each property?

Answer: revalu has to be done b/c the state and county has demanded it. in a typical reval 1/3 goes up, 1/3 does down and 1/3 stays the same. Don stated that he believes Ortley will increase because of the value of the Toms River property. Likely not to happen in 2018 or 2019. Likely to happen in 2020 or 2021.

The reval company will visit every home.

Question: Toms River School Funding possible dropping in \$19M of funding

Answer: Councilman Hill does not understand why there isn't a funding per student and not based on the urban location of a school to receive state aid. It's not \$19M at once it is likely to be \$2M per year. Our Assembly and Senators are fighting this. Councilman Mo asked why the state formula doesn't cover a cost per student. To educate a Toms River student it costs approximately \$14K. Camden cost per student is over \$33K.

### Beach Jam

Rick Sturges announced Beach Jam for August 11. (raindate August 12) As a result of the dune project a "plan b" may be necessary and an alternative plan is being developed)

Meeting adjourned at 11:15

Next Meeting July 21 2018 at 9:30