

**Ortley Beach Voters and Taxpayers Association**  
**Membership Meeting**  
**Aug. 10, 2019**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**The Moose Lodge, Bay Blvd., Ortley Beach, NJ**

Beach Jam day.

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

Flag salute and moment of silence.

**Roll call:** Anthony Colucci, Paul Jeffrey, Joe Cantalupo, Cathy Crisafulli, Joan Strathern, Toni Tomarazzo, Mary Ann Giordano Wallis, Mike Wymbs present. Quorum established.

**Minutes** of the July 2019 Membership meeting presented and accepted. (Motion by Paul, seconded by Joe.) Vote of the membership: Approval.

**Treasurer's and Membership reports** – Steve Sherrill

Cash balance in July was between \$67,000 and \$68,000, after \$7,000 in receipts (mostly from Beach Jam, plus \$1,000 for membership dues), and \$6,000 in expenditures. Expenditures included about \$1,000 for 4 or 5 normally recurring expenses (ie, the meeting hall), plus a \$5,000 expenditure that Paul explained was the outcome of the association's approval at the previous meeting to enlist an attorney for consultation on zoning board matters. Toni added that the membership at the previous monthly meeting had authorized the board to spend up to but not exceeding \$16,000 for legal consultation. \$5,000 spent so far for an initial attorney meeting and discussion of possible next steps. Anyone with any questions should reach out directly to Toni.

Membership: We are about 20 memberships behind this time last year. At end of July, 150 letters were sent to people who didn't renew from last year. Usually a six-week response.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's and Membership report by Joe, seconded by Paul. Accepted.

**Members' Issues** -- Anthony Colucci

- Parking on Ocean Blvd.: Council member Mo Hill resolved the issue and parking will revert to the way it had always been. The police department and traffic safety will decide whether parking space striping will be added.
- Kayak Ramp: The new kayak ramp at Dockside Marina is up and running. Those who want to store their kayaks in the racks there need a permit. As of now, all spots are filled and there is a waiting list. Parking in marina lot.
- Bike racks: Anthony walked the beach with Don Guardian. Next summer TR will add a second bike rack at each entrance and another one to the middle of the Third Avenue lot.
- Benches: TR will add two benches at each of the cutouts at the top of the dune walkways for those who want to look at the beach but not walk all the way down to it. (The OBVTA asked for benches over Adirondack chairs.) Expect them next summer.
- Loud parties and construction after hours: The police are issuing summonses. If there is a problem, call the police.

- Pickle ball: TR will build 2 or 3 pickle ball courts at the tennis warmup wall area. Tennis courts will remain just for tennis. This is a 2020 project.
- Paul thanked Anthony and Mike for meeting with Don Guardian and making sure things get done for Ortley.

#### Guest Speakers:

- **Rick Jurgens, Beach Jam organizer:** Rick thanked Paul and Anthony for the good weather. A huge crowd is expected to the fifth Beach Jam. Fireworks will be at 9:30 between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> avenues; that section of the beach will close around 4 p.m. (Rick said the fireworks went down to the wire, with him and Paul negotiating with the fire prevention people up until the previous day.) There are additional tickets, but they are going quickly. Joan will be selling commemorative towels. Paula will be doing the raffle prizes again this year, but instead of calling out numbers, she will draw the winning tickets ahead of time and attach them to the baskets; guests should stop by the prize table and see if they won. The prizes include 30 gift certificates from local businesses. Thank you to all the donors and sponsors. Please support Ortley Beach businesses. Paul said sponsors contributed \$12,000 to the OBVTA for this event and business support has been unbelievable. He thanked them for their support. There will be 39 volunteers, all wearing staff shirts. Volunteers will meet at noon.
- **Council Member Mo Hill:** Reported on the kayak ramp and the addition of bike racks. He said there are four spaces, including one handicapped spot, in the kayak ramp area. If we want to add another rack, we will lose 1 ½ parking spaces.  
On the Surf Club, he said he had not heard anything new in the ongoing negotiations between the state, town and Barcellona family. “The township is interested; we want to preserve as much open space as possible.” He said, “I’m optimistic that it’s going to come to fruition.”  
On the Ocean Avenue parking, he said No Parking signs have been removed but the yellow striping needs to be painted over. (Unclear if parking spot striping will be added). If you have been issued a ticket, it can’t be rescinded, but if you go through the court process there is a pretty good chance it will be dismissed.  
He also reported on the promised dune benches and on the pickle ball courts to be added.
  - A member, Bill Casco, complimented the town on its decision to remove the pickle ball striping from the tennis courts and add separate pickle ball courts in place of the existing tennis walls. But he cautioned that once the pickle ball courts are painted, we are likely to see residents from outside of the township come to use it. Steve Sherrill added that Lavallette has its own tennis courts and people have to pay for the right to use them.
  - A member, Frank Meyers, from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, said all the trees are dying across from the NJ Water tower. He called NJ Water to complain but is still waiting for action. Requested that the town put in a word to get trees replaced. He also thanked the town for clearing up the 35 South parking lot but said maintenance must be done on a regular basis.
  - Anthony pointed out that the OCUA never replaced all the trees that it cut down, even though they promised they would. Asked for the town to pressure them to do so.
  - Dune grass in certain areas needs to be replaced. Will the Boy Scouts be enlisted to help plant it? Yes. Anthony said the OBVTA will also plant dune grass. Said there has been a discussion about adding new plants to the dunes and that OBVTA members have volunteered to help. Mo responded that the agricultural extension behind the county health building can recommend what should be planted.
  - Question: Did the town ever think of putting storage areas on the beach like they do in Belmar – especially now that it’s such a long walk to the beach? Mo recommended that the OBVTA look into it and report back.

- Sue Hoyle: The Harding Avenue entrance had a Mobi mat for at least 10 years. Now none. Anthony said the town is going to put a mat along the side of that entrance and the Third Avenue entrance in the spring. Sue Hoyle also asked about people who added gates to fencing and whether handicapped spots could be added. She was directed to Sgt. Bachonski and the engineering department.
- **TRPD Sgt. Bachonski:** He announced that there was a big turnout for National Night Out in Shelter Cove Park. The TRPD had a program with special ed students. There were two police car accidents in the last month, and in both the police were in the right but drivers did not give them the right-of-way in intersections. He recommended driving 10 mph through the beach towns, which are “crazy” right now.  
The TRPD helped out the Friends of Ortle Beach with Kites, Crafts and Cones; liaison was Bianca and it “really went off great.” He said the TRPD would continue to provide support for events.
  - Question from member, Maria Mozzarella: Safety concern at Nichols and 4<sup>th</sup>: Used to be two-way but now one-way and people frequently go the wrong way. Sgt. Bachonski said maybe there are not enough signs. It’s a township issue.
  - Parking for handicapped for ocean access: He will talk to Chankalian about adding some spots.
  - Re: parking on Ocean Avenue: The TRPD won’t enforce the yellow line now and won’t issue parking tickets while awaiting the paint-over.
  - Mike asked about the traffic near Jerry’s on Fort. Because of cars pulled up to the farm stand, drivers can’t see to pull out onto 35North. Why doesn’t that road go east instead of west? Sgt. Bachonski said it’s a matter for Bob Chankalian.

**Member Comments: NONE**

**Board Member Comments:**

- Toni said the OBVTA board should challenge the OCUA board to a pickle ball tournament.
- Mary Ann announced the Doggie Day event (sponsored by Friends of Ortle Beach) is coming up on Aug. 24.

Motion to adjourn approved. Adjourned at 10:20 a.m.