

Ortley Beach Voters and Taxpayers Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Saturday, May 11, 2019

9:30 AM

The Moose Club

1801 Bay Blvd. Ortley Beach, NJ

1. Call to order *Anthony Colucci*
 - a. Salute to the Flag
 - b. Moment of silence
 - c. Roll Call:
Present: Anthony, Paul, Kathy, Cathy, Joan, Joe.
Absent: Mary Ann, Mike, Toni.
 - d. Establishment of Quorum : Quorum met: over 40 members present.
2. Acceptance of April 2019 Membership Mtg. Minutes: Minutes Accepted
3. Treasurer's/Membership Report: Dues are rolling in. Major expenses included payment for Welcome back breakfast and deposits for BeachJam caterer and fireworks. Membership is slightly behind last year. Steve S. sent out emails to just over 40 members who are delinquent on payment. Katyh announced the free membership offer to any member who brings in a new member. Report accepted.
4. OBVTA Actions:
 - a. Nominations for Officer's and Board of Directors:
 - i. Nominations for President: Paul nominated Anthony. Bob Steigelman nominated Paul from the floor. Nominations closed. Both accepted. Paul said he reserves the right to withdraw his nomination (which he will).
 - ii. Nominations for Treasurer: No nominations made. Anthony made a motion to appoint Kathy as Treasurer for another term given no nominations were made. Motion was 2ndd. Under the by-laws the resolution requires a vote of the membership. All approved, None opposed.
 - iii. Nominations for 2 Director positions:
Anthony nominated Joe. No other nominations.
Nominations closed.
Joan nominated Mike Wymb. No other nominations,
Nominations closed.

5. Guests: - Police Sgt. Bachonski:

- This is the sargent's fifth year coming to OBVTA meetings.
- He described the new Neighbor's App which can be downloaded to smart phones. The app provides a way for anyone to anonymously report any suspicious activity. Neighbors will see the post as will the Toms River police Dept.
- The Police Dept has an open house today and all are welcome.
- The Police Dept will be at McDonald's in Ortley Beach on June 6th. Come and meet your officers. They do these "meet and greet" events every 1st Thursday of the month at various locations.
- The neighbor watch program remains active and is meeting regularly.
- The class 3 officer program at the schools is winding down.
- Class 1 and Class 2 officers will begin Memorial Day. This is a new program. Class 1 officers (unarmed) will be on duty 8:00am to 8:00pm. They will patrol the boardwalk and all of Ortley. They will be in cars, on bikes and on foot.
- Class 2 officers, (4) will also be added. Armed. On duty 8:00am to midnight in 2 shifts. They will be patrolling in cars and on a new beach ATV. Class 2 officers look essentially the same as "regular officers"
- These Class 1 and Class 2 are in addition to the existing police coverage.
- The Operation Watchdog program remains in effect. Please register with the police dept. if you have cameras. They will never have access to your system or footage, but if there is an incident in your area the police will know to contact you to determine if your camera footage can help solve the crime.
- Two Ring doorbells were raffled to members present at the meeting who had downloaded the Neighbor's app.
- Questions/Comments: 1) Please stop people from parking on the median by Mia's, Its making a mess of the median landscaping. 2) Question about sound ordinance: Yes, it is enforced. Call if there is an issue. In addition after the third call fines escalate. 3) Comment about speeding car at night. A: When you see this kind of activity please call the police, don't just complain to your neighbor.

Guest: John Salemi from Simon's Kitchen in Seaside Heights

- Provides free meals in Seaside Heights. Dinners are Served on Tuesday and Friday Evenings beginning at 5:30p.m. at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish Center. (100 Grant Avenue)

Will close for the summer however because the boardwalk vendors come and take advantage of the free food. They have been doing this 15 years and it is a hugely successful program with over 200 people typically served. They always welcome volunteers. More information can be found on their website: <http://www.simonssoupkitchen.org/home.html>

Guests: Councilman Mo Hill and Administrator Don Guardian:

- The boat ramp at Guifford Park is under construction.
- Question about depth of water in lagoons and waterways. Most of the bay was addressed post Sandy by the NJ DEP. However, the DEP only handles the channels now and the rest is up to the owners in the area. Jurisdiction is often not clear.
- The tennis courts in Ortley Beach will get additional lines for pickle ball. There was a question about the nets being altered and Don said pickle ball nets could be provided if desired (Not clear how could accommodate both tennis and pickleball).
- Ortley Beach kayak ramp; waiting for DEP approval.
- Question about kayak rack: If one in picture, then 3rd level is too high to be usable. Don said height will be adjusted as necessary. Anthony commented that we have not been given the opportunity to comment of the equipment of the design and this is disappointing as it was promised.
- Question about raising Harborside Drive. Neighbors have not been notified. A: the project remains in the design phase. Once a design is underway every impacted neighbor will contacted with detailed plans to address their individual property. Money's for this are to be approved by Council this week.
- Two additional lifeguard stands will be added for this season and lifeguards will be on duty until 6:00pm on weekends.
- Question about landscaping stones in the streets: Homeowners are responsible to clean up their stones will go into the street.
- Comment that there is sand on the handicapped ramps to the beach. A: This will be cleared when the mats are installed and the mats will be cleared as necessary.
- Comment about putting benches at the top of the dune ramps at the "cut out" area. Beach checkers will be there. Unfortunately TR budget did not cover this for 2019. Bill offered to buy bench and Don said that can be arranged.

- Some sections of the dune ramp fencing is down because it needs to be modified to accommodate the mats. US ACE may be adding more fencing. Mobi mat installation is continuing. In some sections they will need to come back to cut and add a short section of mat to complete the job.
- Sign at the beach entrances delineating the rules are in process. Anthony commented that we have not had the opportunity to comment on the sign design of the language – as promised. Don and Anthony will discuss in future communication.

5. OBVTA Updates

- i. BeachJam: Saturday August 10th: Plans are in the works. This year FIREWORKS will be added thanks to generous grants from Keller Williams, O’Shea Group and Dakan Homes.
 - ii. OBVTA Facebook Page: OBVTA has launched a new Facebook page to help with communication to members.
 - iii. Ortley Beach Updated Strategic Plan and Priorities: These have been revised and will be endorsed and voted on at the June meeting.
 - iv. Surf Club: No progress from Toms River. Still waiting on pre storm appraisal from the owners. Worried that state money not be there much longer. Toms River and NJ cannot pay the owners more than the appraised value. Not legal. Anthony thanked all members who wrote letters or contacted Toms River to proceed with the purchase. OBVTA will reach out to the owners again.
- b. Other items of interest:
- i. Comments from Members:
 - Bill spoke about the Seaside Heights VA. There will be a Memorial Day 11:00am service. OBVTA will provide a wreath. Also, on Tuesday May 21st at 9:00am the VA will place flags on all the graves at St. Joseph’s cemetery on Cedar Grove Rd. Volunteers are welcome to help and there is a free luncheon following.
 - ii. Comments from Board Members:
 - Cathy wished everyone a Happy Mother’s Day.
 - Paul mentioned the OBVTA Business members meeting to be held May 15th (now May 22nd). Also that he and Anthony

are attending the Coastal Stewardship course and will relevant information to the membership.

- Please remember to vote in the primary election on June 2nd.

6. Meeting Adjournment: 11:10am.