

NORTH BEACH TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

Membership Meeting

July 7, 2018

Attending

Pat Moran
Bill Walsh
Tom Frangione
Skip Soriero
Barry Sullivan

Marge Girardo
Eileen Szperka
Bob Van Buren
Hank Fisher

Pat Moran opened the meeting and introduced Mayor Mancini who was able to attend due to a schedule change. The Mayor responded to several questions that we had forwarded to his attention.

The Long Beach Island Consolidated School District's \$20 Million Referendum was voted down and the Board is already considering new school development plans. The school currently has 230 students and 43 are choice students. The State mandate for choice students is a maximum of 10%. The District exceeds the State mandate by 20 students. The State pays \$12,000 per choice student and the District's actual cost per student cost is \$20,000, a difference of \$8,000 per choice student. There is a need for better representation on the Board that may result in a more realistic approach to school construction.

The completion date for the Route 72 Bay Bridge is scheduled for 2020. **(The Department of Transportation resident engineer on the project stated that work is ahead of schedule and the complete bridge may be open at an earlier date.)** Drainage and roadway improvements for the Long Beach Island portion of Route 72 will begin in 2020 and should be completed by 2022.

The State has instructed Long Beach Township to require the use of water meters by property owners within the next twenty months. The cost for homeowners is approximately \$1,200 for installation. The water meters will be installed first in Loveladies, but will not be turned on until the entire municipality is connected. The Township will prepare a list of contractors that meet certain criteria for installation of the water meters.

The shuttle had 130,000 riders last year and collected \$35,000. The Township is hoping to make the service revenue neutral. A user fee schedule was implemented. Riders above the age of thirteen pay \$2 per ride and \$5 after 10.00 pm.

The State has informed Long Beach Township that it must complete a reevaluation of properties. This is required every ten years, but has not been done since 1996. The State has approved four vendors and the Township has hired one. Tax maps must be redrawn which will take about twelve months. Property inspections and revaluation will take about nine months.

Commissioner Ralph Bayard also attended the meeting.

A shuttle bus users fee is being implemented. Riders over the age of thirteen will pay \$2 per ride and \$5 after 10.00PM. A total of \$220,000 is needed to break even;

The main sewer in North Beach is collapsing from within and needs to be replaced. The sewer needs to be videoed to facilitate preparation of construction plans. We need to contact Commissioner Bayard for a schedule; and

The State is requiring the installation of water meters throughout Long Beach Township within the next 20 months.

Financial Report

Tom Frangione provided a detailed Treasurer's report showing a checking account balance of \$13,528 a savings account balance of \$3,685 and a CD balance of \$12,674 for Total Assets of \$29,887. A total of \$3,175 was donated to the Beautification Fund and \$495 was donated to the Special Events Fund. To date a total of \$1,232 was paid out in expenses.

Membership Report

Eileen Szperka reported total membership as of this date at 199 members which is ahead of the count at this time last year. She also stressed the need for a special push on membership. She suggested that a welcome package be sent to all new owners with a letter inviting them to become a member and to get involved with committees and activities. She also stressed the need to send out the Sentinel at least four times each year. Members should be encouraged to bring a neighbor to the next meeting.

Elections

Pat Moran mentioned that the three Trustees who are up for election this year have expressed and interest in running for election. It will not be necessary to hold an election unless other members express an interest in becoming a Trustee.

Municipal Affairs

Miscellaneous

A new Website is needed. Pat Moran will get a new domain name registered (nbta.org) and we will need to get someone to build the system.

The Joint Taxpayers Association is pushing for an Island Beach Badge, but it does not appear likely. Barnegat Light and Surf City are not interested.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry F. Sullivan, Secretary