



A Regular Meeting of the Taxpayer’s Association of the Borough of Beach Haven was held at the Maritime Museum, 528 Dock Road, Beach Haven, New Jersey on the above date and remote via Microsoft Teams Meeting- Meeting ID: 252 445 202 143, Passcode: ZeWZor

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 A.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members of the Board present: **David White, Steve Steiner, Bill Burriss (Via Microsoft Teams), Eileen Bowker (Via Microsoft Teams) and Pat Miller**

Members of the Board absent: **Deborah Whitcraft, Jeannie Carullo Toni Gamils**

Also, present was **Jackie Fife, Board Secretary, Kitty Snyder, Borough Council Liaison**

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: of the meeting held March 4, 2023; meeting were not presented for approval. **Steve Steiner** motioned to approve, seconded by **Eileen Bowker** for adoption. The following roll call vote was recorded: **White, Steiner, Burriss, Carullo, and Miller** all voted yes to approve.

TREASURER REPORTS no disbursements.

Welcome Katherine “Kitty” Snyder to the group acting as liaison between Borough Council and Beach Haven Taxpayers’ Association.

DISCUSSION:

Regarding the Jeannette Lloyd “investigation.” Bill Burriss spoke with Borough Attorney Bruce Padulla, apparently someone has filed a claim of harassment against Jeanette Lloyd. Sophia Furriss is representing Jeannette. This should be a conversation between Jeannette and Sherry Mason.

BHTA Position: BHTA position is that we stay out of this as it does not affect the taxpayers. There is a Library Board Meeting on Tuesday at 3P.M.

Eileen Bowker speaks to how she can relate to Jeanette’s situation as she is going through litigation with the Holiday Snack Bar and believes a conversation would go a long way instead of hiring Borough Attorneys at an exorbitant cost to the taxpayers.

Bill Burriss states there is a Resolution for public parking across the street from the Holiday Snack Bar next to the condominiums on Centre Street. *Jackie will OPRA that Resolution*

COUNCIL MEETING (March 13, 2023):

➤ Ordinance #2023-05 Adopting the Re-development Plan for Queen City East (Brennan’s Fuel) and Queen City West (Foster’s Market).

BHTA Position: BHTA believes that the Affordable Housing Calculations are not set up properly for these two projects.

➤ Ordinance #2023-06 Adopting a Bond Ordinance for various improvements to pickleball courts. Discussed parking both at the Sewerage Authority and angled parking on West Avenue. Kitty would like to

see signs about the rules at these courts.

- Skate Park Discussion- waiting on a Site Plan and Deed Restriction.
- Inadequate Police Staffing- The Chief stated that to staff properly, they 33 cops. They just started to pay minimum wages, but no one wants to work in Beach Haven.
- Affordable Housing Units- There is talk that these units are being rented out.
- There is \$2 million + that the Borough has in a trust account that comes from a 3% tax on construction/development to promote affordable housing. The Borough has money to develop affordable housing, but it seems as though they do not know how to use it. *Kitty will look into the account* They could purchase property at Dock & Bay to create housing. Affordable Housing Units are NEEDED!! If they don't use this money, the state could come in and take it.
- Discussion on the public parking on Delaware Avenue for Holiday Snack Bar.

OPRA REQUESTS:

- ✚ **BHTA Request #08-23-** CAFRA Extension for Land Use Applicant MIH Coastal Holdings, LLC (Queen City Marina)
- ✚ **BHTA Request #09-23-** Requesting Pump Out Reports from all marinas from 2021 and 2022. **Still waiting for reports from Sherry Mason.**
- ✚ **BHTA Request #10-23-** Requested below to see what Chris Vernon was proposing as far as the restaurant at Morrison's.
 - ❖ Land Use Board meeting minutes and complete transcript from the February 3, 2020, meeting held at the Surflight Theatre for the Vernon Morrison project,
 - ❖ Land Use Board meeting minutes and complete transcript of the March 2, 2020, meeting held at the LBI Historical Museum
 - ❖ Signed Resolution #2019-21 for Land Use Board Applicant 525 Second Street, LLC. - **No formal Resolution was prepared.**

- **OFFSHORE WIND TURBINES:** Congressman Jeff Van Drew successfully passed an Amendment in Congress requiring reports on all adverse effects of offshore wind.

Discussed the article Nancy Davis submitted to The Sandpaper on Wednesday March 29, 2023, is favor of the Wind Turbine Project.

*Jackie will ask Sherry Mason if this article that the mayor wrote establishes a formal position and will she be required to recuse herself from any voting on this topic in her capacity as mayor in the future. *

*Bill Burris and Kitty Snyder both left the meeting at this point.

OLD BUSINESS:

- BHTA Tri-Fold Update: David White sated to remove John Carullo, and Bill Burris is going to reach out to Irene Hughes to inquire if she has an interest in coming back to the board. Decided to get quote from Staples then perhaps the Surflight could print and the BHTA could give a donation to them. Print 500 and distribute to the Maritime Museum, The Surflight and Borough Hall.
- BHTA Jackie will look into BHTA purchasing an account with either ZOOM or Microsoft Teams. Before we commit to one, we will meet on Wednesday, April 5th at 4PM to share information and vote, also will share the website changes with everyone.

The meeting adjourned, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Fife
Secretary