



BEACH HAVEN, NEW JERSEY
Minutes from the February 3, 2024 Meeting

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 remotely via ZOOM.
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The meeting was called to order at 9:07 A.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members of the Board present: **David White (via ZOOM), Jeannie Carullo (via ZOOM), Eileen Bowker (via ZOOM), Deb Whitcraft, Bill Burris, Patricia Miller, and Steve Steiner (via ZOOM)**

Members of the Board absent:

Also, present was **Jackie Fife, Board Secretary**

Kitty Snyder, Borough Council Liaison was not in attendance

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: of the meeting held January 6, 2024; were presented for approval. **Deb Whitcraft** motioned to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by **David White** for adoption. The following roll call vote was recorded: **White, Whitcraft, Burris, Bowker, and Carullo**, voted yes to approve.

TREASURER REPORTS Steve Steiner's email dated February 1, 2024: "We started the Month with a balance of \$1922.90. We had two checks written: \$209.95 for D & O Insurance and \$1,666.66 to Jackie Fife. We also had a \$25.00 charge due to our balance being under the threshold for no charges. This leaves us with a balance of \$21.29. Of course, we owe Jackie another month, and we cannot continue to expect Bill to fund our organization forever, so hopefully we'll get our membership drive in high gear. I will personally donate \$500.00 to BHTA when I return, probably on February 7, but that's not enough to cover Jackie's fee, so hopefully we can get some fundraising solutions in place. The bank statement is attached to this email." Deb Whitcraft motioned to approve this report, and Eileen Bowker seconded. All were in favor.

COUNCIL MEETING: (1.2.2024 Re-Organization, 1.8.2024, & 1.25.2024)

1.25.2024 Agenda

- ❖ **Resolution #42-2024-** Approving & Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement and Release with MIH Coastal Holdings- the Board has requested an OPRA request be made for the settlement documents.

General Discussion regarding Recreation Grants:

\$63,000 for Basketball

\$70,000 for Skate Park

Will hold this discussion until next month to discuss with Kitty Snyder

OPRA REQUESTS: Jackie Fife

1. Incinerator Property- 12th Street
2. Chicken or the Egg:
 - ♦ The rear alley needs to be cleared of everything per Site Plan Resolutions and Borough Codes § 212-14(E)(5)-which states "*A minimum buffer area of 10 feet in width shall be provided along any common property line with a residential district or residential use.*" And (6) *Landscaping shall be provided wherever possible along street and lot lines. Wherever commercial use abuts a residential zone, a solid landscaped screen of evergreen trees or evergreen hedge-type material not less than five feet high shall be planted and maintained.*
 - ♦ §167-13 states in part that "*Buffer areas shall be maintained and kept clear of all debris, rubbish, weeds and tall grass. No structure, activity, storage of materials or parking of vehicles shall be permitted in the buffer area,*"

The Board has requested an email to be sent to Ms. Mason that the BHTA wants the Borough to actively enforce the Resolutions and Code

3. The Bay Club Condominiums
 - ♦ The Borough cannot produce the original set of plans of the bay beach where the DEP made very stringent requirements of the developer (Burris & Straus). The beach has not been maintained according to the CAFRA requirements. A new CAFRA permit has been submitted to the DEP.

*The Board has requested an OPRA request be sent to obtain the permit submitted. They are also in search of any pictures of what it looked like upon completion in the early 2000's.

4. The Towne Club Condominiums
 - ♦ Still waiting for the Borough to produce the requested documents for The Towne Club Condominiums. The site is not being maintained and this BHTA wants to see the Borough enforce maintenance.

5. The E.O.C.

The Board wants a status update on any progress.

6. 308 Centre Street: In 2008 an agreement was entered between The Borough of Beach Haven, Burris & Straus (William Burris), and 2 South Bay, LLC. (Michael Battista). Wherein the agreement, each party was subject to conditions imposed by the Borough's Land Use Board Resolution 2003-21 that states in part "That all restorations to the Cranmer Lumber Yard Building at new lot 6.01 will be historically accurate to restore the building following historical research as obtained and testified to by the applicant. The applicant will also deed restrict that property to assure compliance with this condition." 2 South(Battista) failed or refused to restore the Cranmer building to its original appearance. In 2008, Burris and Battista entered into a Settlement Agreement where both parties were to make a charitable contribution to the Borough's Historic Preservation Trust in the amount of \$12,500. Burris satisfied his obligation, while Battista remained non-compliant for 16 years.

The Board wants to know what the interest is on this overdue contribution and what is the Borough doing to enforce this

OLD BUSINESS:

Following up with Eileen Bowker Chair of the Membership Committee on the following:

1. List of Social Events for the year
2. March Meeting at The Black Whale

Jeannie and Eileen will have a table set up at the Beach Haven Fire Department's Annual Turkey Dinner.

David White discussed the new software and wants Committee Status Reports moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 A.M. All were in favor

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Fife
Secretary