



BEACH HAVEN, NEW JERSEY
Minutes from the August 5, 2023, 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 remote via ZOOM.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87238821432?pwd=cDhjODU2Y3BWbEZKdTZKSVEv2Npdz09>

Meeting ID: 872 3882 1432

Passcode: 187109

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M.

ROLL CALL:

Members of the Board present: **Eileen Bowker, Deborah Whitcraft, Bill Burris, Steve Steiner,**

Members of the Board absent: **David White, Pat Miller, Jeannie Carullo and Kitty Snyder, Borough Council Liaison**

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

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MINUTES FOR APPROVAL: of the meeting held July 1, 2023; meeting were presented for approval. **Deb Whitcraft** motioned to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by **Eileen Bowker** for adoption. The following roll call vote was recorded: **Bowker, Whitcraft, Burris, and Steiner** voted yes to approve.

TREASURER REPORTS Steve Steiner: Balance in the account is \$2,555.00. There have been some deposits of membership dues, other than that the account has been static. Steve Steiner moved to approve report, Deb Whitcraft seconded, all were in favor.

Mr. Burris expressed concerns about the lack of cash flow coming into the account. He would like to see Membership Dues increased. Deb Whitcraft said she would like to host a Membership Drive/wine and cheese event in September at the Maritime Museum.

COUNCIL MEETING (July 27, 2023):

Council adopted Resolution #168-2023- Approving the recommendation of the Joint Land Use Board, recommending the designation of Block: 205 Lots: 1, & 2 as a Condemnation Area in need of Redevelopment (1200 North Bay Avenue).

- ⊕ When the Land Use Board discussed this, they were going to report back to Council that they wanted the word "*condemnation*" removed and Council did not remove. Mr. Burris stated that the owners haven't done anything in over ten (10) years. Now the owners (Pence/Cook) have begun taking steps to remediate the lot. Deb Whitcraft said she was told the families have spent \$300,000. Thus far. Council adopting this Resolution is in the event the owners of the property do not follow through with the clean-up. Mr. Burris' opinion is that the building needs to be torn down to remediate properly.
- ⊕ BHTA position is that they support the remediation project. Mr. Burris motions for this board to monitor the activities at the site and request a timeline of the project to date and moving forward along with evidence from the owners (Pence/Cook) of what has been done

to date. Deb Whitcraft seconded all were in favor. The Board would also like to know if the Borough has any plans for checking the lot to the west of this property, which was the site of the town's incinerator. Shelter Harbor is the owner and there is concern of possible contamination leaking onto the Pence/Cook lot.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Laws

NEW BUSINESS:

Deb Whitcraft initiated a conversation on the lawlessness of the youth in town. Underage drinking, assaults escalating. New curfew goes into effect August 15th or 17th, as summer is coming to an end. She is disappointed that Ms. Mason didn't expedite this Ordinance to curb some of this behavior. A suggestion was brought up to draft something to the state on behalf of the JTPA. Deb said she would look into that.

Eileen Bowker motioned to adjourn the meeting, Deb Whitcraft seconded, all were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:47 A.M.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline Fife
Secretary