

LBT10 Taxpayers Association Inc.

Minutes of Membership Meeting - February 19, 2022

Spray Beach Yacht Club

- President Bill Malone kicked off the meeting with an overview and noted that we have 270 members, out of a potential 4,000 members who reside in the LBT 10 area.

- Membership Committee Chair Ed O'Donnell discussed the plan to reach out and get more members. The more members, the more effective the group will be to get our voices heard. He then reviewed the results of the survey which had 151 responses, with the highest ranking issues being chronic flooding and residential over building/zoning issues. [you may want to share the summary page with the rankings/results of the survey with members].

- Mayor Mancinin joined and welcomed the renewed LBT 10 Taxpayers Association and then addressed the issues noted and questions from members.

- Chronic flooding is being addressed by raising the crown of the boulevard (which is a county road) by 10-12 inches every time it gets repaved, inserting valves (about 8/year), and installing pumps (2 have been installed, 1 on Maryland Ave needs CAFRA permit, 1 on 15th St in the fall, and 1 on 35th St in Brant Beach later this year) The pumps cost approx \$350,000 each, and he hopes to get infrastructure money to do more.
- In response to a question about the timeframe of valves, he said they cost \$8,000-\$40,000 each depending on diameter, and at the next commissioners meeting they are seeking approval to borrow \$3mill to get more valves to be installed over the next 18 months.
- He discussed the higher bulkheads at the end of the streets which is a start. They wanted to be able to put a new bulkhead 18" out from existing which would save \$200/lineal foot, but that got rejected by DEP and they are appealing that decision.
- Q from 19th St about the bulkhead at the end of the street, which makes flooding worse since the water goes around it, and now a neighbor in a wheelchair can't see sunset with a 7' bulkhead. Mancini referred her to the engineer at Stockton U if she had concerns.
- Q from 117 W Maryland about the pump station. Mancini said it is out to bid and that is a 60 day process. It will be ground level so should not be visible.
- Q from W 82nd St re: plans...
 - Joey's - waiting to see what happens to K2, ideally would be parking for the restaurant
 - K2 - owners were appealing the Land Use Board decision, on Thursday it was overturned so they could build 5 SF residential homes. Twp is filing another appeal.

- M&M - will be 13 parking spots and 4 pickleball courts, open from 8:30-5pm. No overnight parking, it will be closed from 11pm-8:30am
- Q from 79th St - concerns about flooding after new drainage put in on 78th St
- Q from 30th St - asked why not look at low cost solutions such as raising the boulevard rather than high tech and costly solutions such as valves that require ongoing maintenance
- Q from 87th St - he first thanked Mancini for listing to the public re: the bulkhead ordinance, then asked what would happen to the K2 liquor license if it becomes houses. Mancini said it can be sold, but the board of commissioners has to approve where it goes.
- Q from 14th St - asking why don't require trees when building new house, and Mancini said new houses have new drainage, and there is a max coverage ratio
- Q about the Spray Beach Inn property - one member learned that effective 3/15 Chris Vernon is purchasing Spray Beach Inn and it's surrounding property, along with Mariners Inn.
- Q from 85th St re: pools, and Mancini said that swimming pools do not count against the impervious coverage ratio because it is dictated by the state DEP
- 29th St member thanked Mancini for park in BH Terrace
- Q from 19th St re: outdoor seating, and he said it is returning to pre-pandemic level. A restaurant can go to LUB to get outdoor seating approved, but max capacity overall has to stay the same and seating can not be in parking areas.
- Mancini said beach replenishment is scheduled for 2023.
- He discussed the offshore wind initiative and the island has a joint committee to sue, although our case isn't strong since the President, Governor, etc are for the initiative. This greatly impacts Barnegat Light and the fishing industry since homeland security is restricting certain areas which are prime scallop areas. We need to write to our representatives to stop this initiative.

- After Mancini's departure we discussed the importance of reaching out to neighbors and growing the membership to have a voice. Getting a story in the Sandpaper about the LBT10 revival, and including the website to help get the word out.

- Treasurer Steve Salvati discussed the financials - \$4114 in dues, with \$449 in expenses leaves \$3665. This will be directed to strategic goals. He also discussed the LIFF from 6/2-6/5, there is a discount on the All Access tickets reduced to \$120, and \$10 will go to the LBT10

- Governance Committee Chair Terry Tallon discussed attending the monthly commissioners meetings and LUB meetings, and will be getting notes out to members.

- Bill Malone wrapped up by saying he wants the LBT10 to keep members informed about what is going on across LBI. He discussed the neighborhood watch, and we should be keeping an eye out on our elderly neighbors. An email will be going out regarding dues, and feel free to send Bill any information or questions.

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