

LBT10 Taxpayers Association Inc.

Minutes of Membership Meeting – June 11, 2022

At St. Thomas Church in Beach Haven

- President Bill Malone kicked off the meeting with an overview and said that he hopes to have Zoom available at the next meeting which is likely to be the 2nd week of September.

- Membership Committee Chair Ed O'Donnell discussed the 2022 Membership Drive which is underway. The more members, the more effective the group will be to get our voices heard. He said they have been reaching out with emails, Facebook, and the Sandpaper. There is also a printed brochure, and Business Reply Mail with a return envelope has been mailed out. In addition, they have been canvassing all properties across the 10 towns, along with dropping brochures at 23 commercial establishments. Teams are set up across 6 zones, with several volunteers helping to visit each home. There is still additional work to be done before the end of June, so if anyone is interested please reach out to Ed O'Donnell. About 2000 of the 4000 homes have been reached, with about 75 additional members obtained. There are now about 350 members, with a goal of 500. The best thing to do is for everyone to reach out to their neighbors!

- Steve Salvati provided the Treasurer's Report. Since the first dues were collected in August of 2021, the gross income from membership dues is \$7,095. The expenses incurred to date include postage, membership drive costs, and the website - totaling \$2,893 of expenses. This leaves the current net income/cash of \$4,202, with additional expenses such as the Sandpaper ads still outstanding. The LBT10 has received its 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt status from the IRS, so the \$25 dues are tax deductible and the organization is exempt from NJ sales tax.

- Bill Malone said the financial stats will be on the website quarterly to provide transparency. Bill then spoke about the Beach Beautification Committee headed by John Riley. They are looking at the walkways to the beach, bikes & racks, beach cleanup, and trash at the beach entrance. Bill then touched on the JCTA - the Joint Council of Taxpayers Association is made up of the 10 taxpayer associations across the island and they meet monthly. Long Beach Township has 6 of those associations, who get to meet with the township officials. This has made a difference in initiatives such as the water meters and the bulkhead ordinance.

The first guest speaker, Lt. James Hartmann, spoke about pedestrian safety and at a future meeting will talk about informal neighborhood watch committees. He discussed the need to be aware and on the defensive when driving or walking - always look both ways and don't rely on the other person to stop or rely on your backup camera. NJ law requires that vehicles always stop for pedestrians, but not everybody knows that so if you are walking make sure you cross at a light. Discussion took place regarding the rules with walking against traffic, and bicycles riding with traffic and obeying all traffic rules. The Class 1 Police Officers will assist with making sure these rules are followed, and the 15mph ordinance is a step in the right direction.

The second guest speaker, Rick Bushnell, spoke about flooding issues.

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