

ORTLEY BEACH VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – A call to Order was conducted by President, Anthony Colucci beginning the June 21, 2025 OBVTA general membership meeting.
 2. Moment of Reflection - A moment of silence was conducted by the OBVTA Board of Directors for our service people and those in the world who are suffering. The moment of reflection was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
 3. Roll Call – Roll call was conducted by the Secretary, John Clarke, and the following Board of Directors were present; Anthony Colucci, Paul Jeffrey, John Clarke, Debbie Barton, Joan Strathern, Joe Cantalupo, Cathy Crisafulli and Mike Stramandinoli.
 4. Quorum –President, Anthony Colucci, requested Secretary John Clarke to determine whether or not a quorum was present. Upon review of the members present for the General Membership meeting, it was clearly established that a quorum had been reached as far in excess of 40 members of the membership were present at the meeting thereby establishing a quorum.
 5. Minutes – The minutes from the May 17, 2025 General Membership meeting were presented and accepted by a unanimous vote from the Board of Directors.
 6. The Treasurer’s Report was presented by the OBVTA Treasurer, Debbie Barton. With regard to income/revenue, dues payments for the month have been in the amount of \$2,340.00 and year-to-date \$7,710.00. Year-to-date memberships total 606 and there are 20 business memberships at the current time with 7 set to expire. Total income year-to-date including CD interest is \$7,905.00.
- Fees for the month total \$2,653.00 and year-to-date is \$5,090.00. Our net income is \$2,815.00 and for the month, net income is -\$376.00.

Total cash on hand including money market and checking accounts and our CD's amount to \$70,996.00.

We have budgeted \$2,000.00 for the plant giveaway to be done at the June meeting and to date have spent \$1,921.00 with an additional \$40.00 tip agreed to by the Board of Directors.

Discussions included additional funds being allocated for indigenous plants by the Beach Committee later in the year and this will be explored by John Clarke and the Beach Committee and presented to the Board of Directors. Also, the businesses have been updated and Paul and John Clarke are following up with businesses to recruit business members.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously by the Board of Directors.

7. Guest Speaker Rick Perrine – Our guest speaker for the June, 2025 meeting was Rick Perrine who is the relatively new Parks and Recreation Director for Toms River Township. Mr. Perrine has been in said position for approximately one year and gave us an extremely insightful presentation. Rick Perrine's background includes his educational history and prior work history and seems to be more than qualified for the position he is undertaking.

Mr. Perrine went through a wide variety of projects that the Parks and Recreation Department are undergoing. He also went through the beach replenishment project and indicated that for our beaches in Ortley Beach they are now finished and there is some dune fencing going on in the southern portions of Ortley Beach and will help protect the dunes. In addition, he discussed that there will be new handrails on the existing fencing on one side of the access beaches to make it easier to access and exit the beaches. Furthermore, he commented that beach cleaning in Ortley Beach is taking place three times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Rick Perrine indicated that the price of the 2025 beach passes did not change and they are now accepting credit cards.

There are a variety of summer programs that are taking place, approximately 30 summer programs that are scheduled for Toms River this year. Last night there was a bonfire at Shelter Cove Beach and the upcoming week there is a kids concert also at Shelter Cove Beach. Everything is starting at 7:00 p.m. There will

be a movie night on the beach in Ortley on July 22nd and there will be a concert in Ortley Beach on August 24th.

Summer classes/programs also include stand up paddle board classes, stand up paddle board yoga classes, beach yoga, kids camps, kids surf camp and kids body surfing camp that are taking place throughout the summer and these can be accessed and looked at through the Toms River website.

Kayak racks are all full at both the Dock Sider and Bayside Beach and there is a waiting list of approximately 20 people. The bench memorials have been put on hold this past year due to the replenishment process and they hope to get started with the bench memorials this fall. The boardwalk extension is also moving forward that will extend the boardwalk up to the old Surf Club property. They anticipate this to be restarting next year. They are also exploring a board memorial on the boardwalk extension when this project begins.

All in all, Rick Perrine's presentation was extremely well received by the General Membership and we thank him for taking the time to talk to the OBVTA.

8. Election – The election took place for the OBVTA Board of Directors. There were three seats up for election and four candidates running. The four candidates that were running were Paul Jeffrey, John Clarke, Mike Wymbs and Cathy D'Amico. The results of the election will be posted on the OBVTA website.

9. Plant Giveaway – The plant giveaway was also conducted at the General Membership meeting. This was enthusiastically appreciated by those in attendance and tickets were given out and each ticket allowed the member to pick up two plants that were being distributed at Paul Jeffrey's house on Bay Boulevard.

11. Close of Meeting - A motion was then brought to have the June 21, 2025, General Membership meeting brought to a close and that was unanimously approved.