

ORTLEY BEACH VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, May 17, 2025

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – A call to Order was conducted by President, Anthony Colucci beginning the May 17, 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, Joe Cantalupo, Cathy Crisafulli and Joan Strathern.
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 April 19, 2025 General Membership meeting were presented and accepted by a unanimous vote from the Board of Directors.
6. Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report was presented by the OBVTA, Treasurer, Debbie Barton. Dues payments for the month amounted to \$3,360.00 and year-to-date amounted to \$5,370.00. Year-to-date memberships remain at 599 with 2 new business renewals and 17 not renewed yet. The money market year-to-date has accumulated \$2.00 and the CD's have accumulated \$458.00 in interest income. Total income year-to-date is \$5,628.00 and for the month is \$3,360.00. Expenses to date include expenses for refreshments and supplies, hall rental, membership mail expenses, website, domain and email subscriptions and miscellaneous membership expenses. Total expenses year-to-date are \$2,437.00 and for the month, \$2,110.00. Our net income year-to-date is \$3,190.00 and for the month is \$1,146.00. We also have our CD's and accounts at TD Bank with

total cash on hand of \$71,373.00. The Treasurer's Report was approved by all members present.

7. Guest Speakers – Guest speakers included Steve Roche from the Army Corp of Engineers and Justin Lamb.

Steve Roche was our first speaker and gave a detailed explanation of the beach replenishment. Steve Roche has served with the US Army Corp of Engineers Philadelphia District for the past 16 years and has been involved with a variety of water resource projects in the Mid-Atlantic region. He deployed to assist with federal responses for Hurricane Irma (2016), Hurricane Sandy (2012) and 2011 flooding along the Mississippi River. He has Degrees from Villanova University and Boston University. Mr. Roche gave an in-depth slide presentation of the Army Corp of Engineer's types of work and then went into a long-detailed presentation including a slide show of the beach replenishment. Mr. Roche did indicate that Ortley Beach was one of the areas designated by the Army Corp of Engineers as a "hot spot" and that these hot spots received more attention, more resources, and ultimately more sand than other areas. Overall, in the current project that is ongoing from Point Pleasant down through to Island Beach State Park, the Ortley Beach region will receive the most sand of any municipality and will ultimately receive approximately 25% of the total sand that is being pumped from the ocean to the beaches. Mr. Roche indicated that some of the dunes in Ortley Beach had to be moved back and that the dune grass in these areas would be replaced in or about the late fall early winter growing season. There will be two types of dune grass that will be planted by the Army Corp of Engineers but the local municipalities and communities are free to plant indigenous plantings on their own.

Councilman, Justin Lamb also spoke to the General Membership. Councilman Lamb addressed his role on the EMS 24/7 located on the barrier island and has indicated that this is a great success. Councilman Lamb spoke on a variety of topics including the widening of the walkways that are the access points to the beaches. He also spoke that he and Toms River and committed to railings along the access egress points and that these will cost approximately \$3,400.00 per entrance way and that he is committed to having these move forward this year. Other topics that Councilman Lamb spoke on included the parking lot that was

the old Joey Harrison's property as well as the uptick in police presence with the summer season beginning.

8. Friends of Ortley Beach – The Friends of Ortley Beach also gave a short presentation to our General Membership and stressed their upcoming events. Friends of Ortley Beach indicated that there will be kite nights that will take place on June 12, 2025 and August 14, 2025. The annual beach bash will take place on July 12, 2025 and the craft fair will take place on August 2, 2025.

9. Board of Directors 2025 Election – John Clarke gave an update on the Board of Directors election scheduled for the June General Membership meeting. There are three seats that are up for reelection on the Board of Directors and those include the seats of Paul Jeffrey, Mike Wymbs and John Clarke. All three Board of Directors have indicated that they will be seeking reelection. Gail D'Amico has thrown her hat into the ring and has asked to be considered a candidate for the Board of Directors at the election in the June election. Any other candidates have until May 24, 2025 to throw their hat in the ring and the election shall take place at the June 2025 General Membership meeting.

10. Plant Giveaway – Paul Jeffrey gave an update on the plant giveaway that will be taking place this year at the June meeting. Tickets will be given out at the door of the June, 2025 General Membership meeting and those tickets can then be redeemed following the General Membership meeting at Paul's house on Bay Boulevard for plants. Paul did ask the General Membership for volunteers in helping with this very popular annual event.

11. Board of Director Comments - Anthony Colucci gave an update to General Membership that as we are moving into the summer season the garbage and recycling collection schedule is changing. As of this past week, the garbage collection will now be on Mondays and Thursdays, and Friday will be the recycling days.

Joan Strathern also gave an update on street scape in that it is moving forward but as with any of these items especially street scape, that it is moving slowly and we are hoping that it will still be on the schedule for this upcoming year.

12. Close of Meeting - A motion was then brought to have the May 17, 2025, General Membership meeting brought to a close and that was unanimously approved.