

## **ORTLEY BEACH VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – A call to Order was conducted by Vice President, Paul Jeffrey beginning the September 20, 2025 OBVTA General Membership meeting.

2. Moment of Reflection - A moment of silence was conducted by the OBVTA Board of Directors for the passing of our long-time member of the OBVTA, Mr. Mel Persi. 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; Vice President, Paul Jeffrey, Secretary, John Clarke, Joe Cantalupo, Cathy Crisafulli, and Joan Strathern.

4. Quorum –Vice President, Paul Jeffrey, 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 August 16, 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 Secretary, John Clarke because the Treasurer was absent.

Financial Statement Notes for August 2025 Financials:

Income/Revenue

Dues Payments – Month - \$260.00 YEAR TO DATE - \$10,900.00 \$10,590.00 (net of fees)

Fees – Month - \$11.00 YEAR TO DATE - \$310.00

YTD Memberships – 602

Business Total Businesses – 20; Renewals 18; Expired in 25-2

Money Market YEAR TO DATE - \$5.00

Certificates of Deposit - \$955.00 INTEREST INCOME \$1,416.00

Other income – Month – Sale of Audio/Video Equipment - \$250.00 PP Fee - \$7.00  
– Net \$243.00

TOTAL INCOME – YEAR TO DATE \$12,248.00 Monthly - \$1,216.00

Expenses/Disbursements

Fees – Noted above and not included on the monthly financials expenses (net to income)

Membership and Meeting Expenses

Refreshments and Supplies – Month - \$285.00; YEAR TO DATE - \$2,545.00

Hall Rental – Month - \$300.00; YEAR TO DATE - \$1,500.00

Membership Mail Expenses – Month - \$0.00; YEAR TO DATE - \$29.00

Website, Domain, Email subscription – Month \$112.00 – Neon \$170.00

YEAR TO DATE - \$1,058.00

Miscellaneous membership Month - \$0.00; YEAR TO DATE - \$0.00

Spon Events/Comm Outreach – Month \$0.00; YEAR TO DATE \$1,921.00

Plant Give-Away

Donation and Gifts Month - \$395.00 Seeds for Flowers at the Beach YEAR TO DATE - \$795.00

Administration Costs

Insurance \$1,195.00 – BOD Insurance \$449.00 – Liability Insurance YTD \$1,644.00

Miscellaneous Month - \$0.00 YEAR TO DATE - \$267.00 – Fili St. Non-Profit & Amp; PO Box

TOTAL EXPENSES – YEAR TO DATE \$9,474.00 (Fees \$310.00) Mo - \$2,462.00

NET INCOME – YEAR TO DATE \$2,489 Monthly - \$1,532.00 (neg)

CASH/Monetary Instruments

Money Market \$12,379.00

Checking \$5,017.00

TOTAL TD - \$17,396.00

CD – First Internet Bank of IN - \$20,944.81 12 months (4.2%) matures 1/8/26

(2) WSFS - \$21,873.72 6 months (4%) matures 2/4/26

(1) WSFS - \$10,456.55 6 months (4%) matures 9/5/25

TOTAL CD's \$53,275.08

TOTAL CASH - \$70,671.00

Sponsored Events/Advocacy Details

A – Beach Plants \$50.0

B – Plant Give-Away – Budget - \$2,000.00 Actual \$1,921.00

C – Holiday Party - \$3,500.00

The Treasurer's Report was accepted unanimously by the General Membership.

7. Mel Persi – The OBVTA Vice President, Paul Jeffrey, gave a warm and heartfelt remembrance and tribute to Mel Persi on behalf of the Board of Directors.

8. Holiday Party – It was discussed at the General Membership meeting and agreed that the holiday party would resume for the 2025 year. An emphasis was made with regard to volunteers for the holiday party and a sign up sheet was presented with some members signing up. Immediately following the General Membership meeting, there was some discussion between the Board of Directors as well as the representative from the Moose Lodge. Given time constraints, it was tentatively agreed that the holiday party would take place at the Moose Lodge for December 6, 2025.

9. Street Scape Update – Joan Strathern provided the General Membership with an update on the Street Scape situation. Joan had received a telephone call from Toms River Township Engineer, John Mele. Mr. Mele explained that the street scape bids were opened on September 4, 2025 as planned. Unfortunately, none of the bids could be accepted at that time. Some were too far over the proposed bid and some were deficient. Toms River has been in communication with NV5 and NJDOT to discuss the issues. Together, they have decided to rebid the project with slight changes. Toms River plans to rebid the project as soon as possible. It will need to be published in the newspapers for three weeks and a new bid opening date set.

Toms River, NJDOT and NV5 are confident that this problem will be resolved with the new bid process.

As an update, Joan was notified the day before the General Membership meeting that the construction rebid for the Ortley Beach Street Scape project was submitted and has appeared in the newspaper the day before the General Membership meeting. The bid opening is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. John Mele and Toms River hope to get this project awarded for construction soon after the October 15, 2025 bid opening but that will mostly depend on whether the NJDOT and the Civil Rights Group review and approve

Toms River recommendation for awarding the contract. Either way, they are making progress, one step at a time.

10. Bay Boulevard Line-of-Sight Issues – There was some discussion with regard to the line-of-sight issues that are still continuing to occur on Bay Boulevard. In particular, there are vehicles, one truck in particular, that is parking too close to the corners in the area of the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue which is causing some serious line-of-sight issues. There are also bushes that Paul Jeffrey has spoken with the county about in an attempt to have those trimmed back. Paul is working closely and carefully as we do not want these bushes removed completely, but merely trimmed back. With regard to the corner issue, there is an ordinance being proposed by Toms River for the areas on Bay Boulevard to have a 50 ft. no parking area near the corners.

11. Board Member Comments – Cathy Crisafulli indicated that on the date of the General Membership meeting that the Ocean Beach Fire Department Election, run off, was taking place. The spring election was decided by only one vote but another ballot was found which led to a court battle that eventually had the Judge rule that a run off was necessary.

12. Member Comments – A variety of issues took place during the member comments. These included the status of some of our restaurants including Bake N Bagels, Wasabi 35, and Gigi's. All of these restaurants are in transition to some point and as soon as we know more information definitively, we will be able to share with our membership.

Also discussed was the Christmas Tree that will be up for the holiday season at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue lifeguard station. This will be the same as it was last year during which we had great success. They are collecting clam shells for the ornaments again and if you have clam shells and you want to drop them off for the use for the tree, they can be left at 216 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Ortley Beach and there is a table out front where you can put the shells. The decorating of the tree will take place on November 30, 2025 and volunteers will be needed to help set up the tree.

The boardwalk extension was also discussed as was the taxes for the school board budget which was discussed at some length.

13. Cap Giveaway - The cap giveaway was also done at the end of the meeting in which we gave away numerous hats and this was well received by the General Membership.

14. Close of Meeting - A motion was then brought to have the September 20, 2025, General Membership meeting brought to a close and that was unanimously approved.