

ORTLEY BEACH VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – A call to Order was conducted by Secretary, John Clarke beginning the April 18, 2026 OBVTA General Membership meeting.
2. Moment of Reflection - A moment of silence was conducted by the OBVTA Board of Directors for those who have passed away in wars around the world. 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; Secretary, John Clarke, Treasurer, Debbie Barton, and Gail D’Amico.
4. Quorum – Secretary, John Clarke, determined that as 40 members of the membership were present at the meeting that a quorum was established.
5. Minutes – The minutes from the October 18, 2025 General Membership meeting were presented and accepted by a vote of the General Membership.
6. Treasurer’s Report - The Treasurer’s Report was presented by the OBVTA Treasurer, Debbie Barton. Dues payments for the month of March totaled \$420.00 and year-to-date, \$425.00. Total income for the month was \$420.00 and total income for the year-to-date was \$1,817.00. Expenses were limited as well with \$112.00 for the neon fee. Total expenses year-to-date amounted to \$336.00 and for the month \$112.00. This leaves net income year-to-date of \$1,456.00 and net income for the month of \$290.00. Total cash on hand including our investments, money market and checking total \$67,078.42.

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

7. 2026 OBVTA Budget – The proposed budget for the 2026 operating year for the OBVTA was presented by the Treasurer, Debbie Barton. Ms. Barton presented the budget in detail to the membership. Anticipated total receipts for the 2026 year are estimated to be \$15,100.00 and total expenditures estimated

for the 2026 year are estimated to be \$18,425.00 with a projected loss, at the current time, of \$3,325.00. Mr. Barton went through the particulars of each category including the revenues received, expenditures anticipated to be disbursed, and all other factors. The budget was presented to the General Membership for a vote. The General Membership voted in favor of the 2026 budget and there were no dissenting votes.

8. Election – John Clarke, as Secretary, gave an update for the upcoming Board of Directors election. The Board of Directors election will take place in June and three Board of Directors seats are available for election. Those seats include Joan Strathern’s seat, Cathy Crisafuli’s seat, and Mike Stramandinoli’s seat. Both Ms. Strathern and Mr. Stramandinoli have indicated that they will seek re-election but Cathy Crisafuli has indicated she will not seek re-election. Mr. Clarke indicated that the deadline for the nomination is technically one week prior to the May 2026 General Membership meeting. It was strongly encouraged that anyone interested in running for a seat on the Board of Directors, notify the OBVTA Board of Directors as soon as possible and prepare a short biography to be available for the membership prior to the election at the June 2026 General Membership meeting.

9. Plant Giveaway – Gail D’Amico this year has stepped up on the Board of Directors and is in charge of the plant giveaway. The plant giveaway is currently scheduled for the May, 2026 General Membership meeting. Gail gave a detailed explanation of the plant giveaway. There will be tickets available at the May, 2026 General Membership meeting and following the meeting, those members who have taken tickets will then proceed to our Vice President, Paul Jeffrey’s house and be able to select their plants at that time.

10. Street Scape – The Street Scape project was updated via email by Board of Director Joan Strathern and presented to the General Membership by John Clarke. The project has been awarded to Fai-Gon who immediately in January began working with NV5 to develop shop drawings for the project which are the actual listing of specifications for each item that they will purchase to complete the project from concrete, wiring, to benches and lighting fixtures. The OBVTA committee has been consulted and met with a representative from NV5 about the shop drawings to make sure that the items that were being ordered reflected those that have been listed in the original plans. Most of the items have been

approved by the construction manager and by NJDOT and the items needed for the beginning of the project have been ordered.

Fai-Gon also had to develop a plan for construction. That plan needed to include the exact methods Fai-Gon would use to complete the project. We are happy to report that their plan calls for underground wiring to be installed with minimal disruption to the roadway and that there will be no overhead wires used. There has been back and forth communication between Fai-Gon, NJDOT, NV5, and the construction manager concerning these plans. Once everyone concerned has approved the entire construction plan, Fai-Gon will be issued a notice to proceed from NJDOT and construction will begin. We are hopeful that construction will begin this spring but it looks like at the current time the majority of the work will be done in the fall as work will not be completed in the summer months so that the summer business will not be disrupted by the construction.

11. Boardwalk extension – The Boardwalk extension status is that the existing boardwalk will be connected to the new Surf Club section of the boardwalk. The new section will rise up to dune height and feature a large Pavilion. The Pavilion and the walkways will have electric power and have power at the Pavilion will allow the OBVTA to have small events there. Power on the walkways will also add to security. At the current time, we do not have a definitive timeline for construction of the boardwalk extension.

12. Beach Badges – It was reported by John Clarke that the beach badges for this upcoming season will begin to go on sale on April 20, 2026.

13. Guest Speakers – The guest speakers for our April General Membership meeting were supposed to include Richard Bianchini, our new Councilman, and Toms River Police Chief, Guy Maire. Guy Maire was unavailable for the meeting but the Council President, David Ciccozzi, appeared. Both of the Councilmen addressed the General Membership and did answer questions from the General Membership. Mr. Bianchini spoke about the Street Scape project and the street lighting and did advise the OBVTA that a maintenance plan with the contractor is vitally important and should be followed up by the OBVTA. Mr. Bianchini indicated that in his experiences, this is imperative as it secures repairs and replacement of some aspects of the project moving forward. Mr. Bianchini also indicated that the boardwalk extension contract has been awarded and did not

have any additional information with regard to who the contract has been awarded to. With regard to a question concerning the water lines being replaced in our road in Ortley Beach, he did indicate that to the best of his knowledge, NJ Water will be repaving all the roads, curb to curb once the water lines have been finished. He does not know specifically if this is included in our plan, but in his experience it usually is included in the plans. Issues were asked by the General Membership including the beach erosion and parking by Jerry's fruit and vegetable stand. He did not know the specifics as what will be moving forward but will look into each of these issues for the OBVTA and will come back to us with some answers in the future. He did indicate that with regard to the beach erosion that in the news Bayhead is placing jetties in their area. He has indicated that this is not a perfect solution and that he indicated that his knowledge is that if jetties are in place, it helps protect one area of the beach but makes other areas of the beach in worse shape.

Council President, David Ciccozzi also gave some updates and indicated that the public needs to get involved in Toms River as the more voices that are heard, the more the Council and the Administration will be able to address issues in the community. He did acknowledge that it is currently a difficult situation at the council meetings as they are not given information about the agenda on the meetings until immediately before the meetings are scheduled to begin. When asked about the Police Chief being a no show, he did not know why particularly that the Police Chief did not show and would not comment on any speculation as to the reason for his non appearance.

Our guests were also questioned about issues involving additional ramps at more entrances. Although it was generally advised that now is not the time as any plans for added ramps on the entrances might further delay the projects that are going forward. The Joey Harrison's parking lot will not be done for the 2026 summer season. At the current time the public is not advised to park there although David Ciccozzi did indicate that OBVTA members should attend council meetings and request this specifically. Councilman Bianchini indicated that he would look into having blue mats placed at each of the lifeguard stations to allow handicap access better up and down the beaches.

14. Member recruitment was also addressed by John Clarke. A mailing will be going out to new members of which there are 70 new homeowners in the Ortley

Beach area in an attempt to increase our membership. We will also be looking at the Memorial Day weekend or the weekends thereabout, to put a tent up at each of the locations of the lifeguard houses in order to attempt to boost our membership. Volunteers are requested to be available for those membership drives.

15. Close of Meeting - A motion was then brought to have the April 18, 2026, General Membership meeting brought to a close and that was unanimously approved.