

ORTLEY BEACH VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, August 15, 2026

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – A call to Order was conducted by President, Anthony Colucci, beginning the August 15, 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 been injured or lost their lives in the Iran war. 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; President, Anthony Colucci, Secretary, John Clarke, Treasurer, Debbie Barton, Joan Stranthern, Joe Cantalupo, and Ginny Morrissey.
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 July 15, 2026 General Membership meeting were presented and accepted by a vote of the General Membership.
6. The Treasurer's Report was presented by the OBVTA Treasurer, Debbie Barton. Dues payments for the month of August amounted to \$570.00 and year-to-date was \$7,100.00. Total income year-to-date is \$8,219.00. Total expenses for the month amounted to \$2,016.00 and year-to-date is \$9,557.00. Our total income year-to-date is -\$1,339.00. Total cash on hand including our money in TD Bank and investments, amounts to \$65,777.00.

Paid businesses currently stand at only 9 although further discussion between Paul and Debbie should be more. The \$200.00 check from the Starlight Hotel was also discussed and eventually found so that will be deposited to bring the total business memberships to at least 10. John and Paul will follow up with additional businesses.

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

7. Guest Speakers – Our guest speaker for the August General Membership meeting was Ocean County Sheriff, Michael Mastronardy, who addressed our General Membership. Sheriff Mastronardy was a gracious speaker who filled in for us upon our relatively last minute request and the OBVTA is grateful to Sheriff Mastronardy for his cooperation with our group. Sheriff Mastronardy spoke at some length with regard to a variety of topics. He spoke about the Toms River Police Department that is currently rebuilding. When he was the Chief of Toms River, Sheriff Mastronardy indicated that they had 160 men and now they are down to 138. He did indicate that his information is that the Toms River Police Department is rebuilding and hopes to have more officers on duty in the near future.

Two issues that seem to be coming up and are taking a great deal of time from all of the police departments include emotionally disturbed people and homelessness. Both of these issues are becoming more and more prevalent in today's world and take up a great deal of time from our local police departments. Sheriff Mastronardy did indicate that at the current time they are tracking 31 homeless people in downtown Toms River and are also monitoring the homeless camps throughout the county via drones and other means. Sheriff Mastronardy also discussed the importance of scams that are taking place. Their experience is that there are two main groups who are conducting scams at the current time and these include Chinese Nationals as well as individuals located in India. Sheriff Mastronardy gave several examples and even had one of the victims on the phone who did give a brief description of what she went through.

Sheriff Mastronardy also went into some detail on the use of AI in the Ocean County Sheriff's Department as well as the use of drones in the Ocean County Sheriff's Department. The Ocean County Sheriff's Department takes pride in being the leader in embracing new and exciting technologies and plan to continue doing so in the future. Sheriff Mastronardy also gave some discussion with regard to the Ocean County "Navy". There are currently in Ocean County multiple boats including, but not limited to hover crafts that are particularly helpful when engaging ice or marshland areas and SERPS that are invaluable in rescue missions. Sheriff Mastronardy also indicated that stolen cars are a big issue as we are getting a lot of people from the Newark/Irvington area who are tracking homes especially using resources like Zillow and then targeting those homes and

breaking into them and stealing items including vehicles. Sheriff Mastronardy also discussed the use of the gun range in Ocean County that is off of Exit 58. All of the local law enforcement departments are using the gun range in Ocean County.

Discussion was had from the Board of Directors as well as some discussion was pointed at looking for volunteers to assist in the butterfly gardens that are taking place along the boardwalk near the beach areas. After our discussion of the same, several members requested to be in contact with the individual who has taken the lead in these matters, Ms. Corinne Rossi, and are looking to assist and volunteer. Sheriff Mastronardy even went so far as to indicate that if Ms. Rossi needed the assistance of inmates at the Ocean County jail, arrangements could be made to have them help out with some tasks if they are required.

There were also a variety of comments with regard to issues that are going on in the area. One of our prior speakers was the CEO of Community Hospital who one of our members, Ms. Mary Poparozzi indicated was incredibly helpful, kind, and offered great assistance during her recent stay at Community Hospital. She was very impressed with the hospital and feels that it has really taken a turn for the better.

Anthony Colucci also gave updates on the Route 35 project that the OBVTA was instrumental in defeating the proposal being made by the NJDOT and also gave an update with regard to the “No Stopping or Standing” signs that were randomly put up in Ortley Beach.

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