

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

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – A call to Order was conducted by President, Anthony Colucci, beginning the July 18, 2026 OBVTA General Membership meeting.
2. Moment of Reflection - A moment of silence was conducted by the OBVTA Board of Directors for those suffering in the Texas disasters. 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, Vice President, Paul Jeffrey, Secretary, John Clarke, Treasurer, Debbie Barton, Joan Stranthern, Joe Cantalupo, Michael Stramandinoli, Gail D’Amico and Jennie 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 June 20, 2026 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 with membership deposits amounting to \$1,005.00 for the month and year-to-date \$6,530.00. Membership fees also amounted to \$50.00 for the month and \$202.00 for the year. Income from these sources as well as from the investments and money market account amount to \$7,696.00 for year-to-date. Total expenses for the month to date amount to \$1,159.00 and year-to-date amount to \$7,541.00 In addition, we have cash on hand including money market, CD’s and checking in the amount of \$65,777.00.

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

7. Guest Speakers – Our guest speaker for the July General Membership meeting was Sandra Blain-Snow who is an Ocean County Master Composter with

Ocean County Recycling. Ms. Blain-Snow gave an excellent presentation to our membership including a brief video and also answered questions about our membership concerning the recycling program that takes place in Ocean County. Ms. Blain-Snow went through the beginnings of the recycling all the way through the entire process. She also went into some great detail into what exactly is to be recycled and also answered many questions from the General Membership concerning what should and should not be recycled. Caps on plastic bottles can be recycled, pizza boxes, if they have food on them, should not be recycled but they can be torn apart so that certain portions can be recycled, wine, batteries, paint cans, and disposing of needles were also discussed. Our OBVTA Vice President, Paul Jeffrey, also added some information concerning the clams and oyster shell recycling program that is now going on and includes Ortley Beach and South Seaside Park. This is part of the Re-clam the Bay program and Mr. Jeffrey went into some excellent detail with regard to the same. If anyone is interested in recycling clam and oyster shells, there is a depository right near the entrance of Island Beach State Park where they can be dumped off where they are allowed to dry out before the recycling program is used. Also, there was some discussion as to the disposal of needles and how they can be disposed of and it was generally agreed that contacting the local Health Department or hospitals to dispose of needles can be done although there are programs that you can look into online to allow for the recycling of the needles some of which include free shipping.

Also giving a presentation and answering some questions, was our Councilman, Robert Bianchini. Mr. Bianchini also discussed the recycling program and discussed the condition of the parks in Ortley Beach, the backboards at the Bay Park, and other issues. At the current time, Mr. Bianchini is having difficulty in achieving some of the results he hopes to achieve for Ortley Beach but indicated that he will continue to work towards our goals. Mr. Bianchini also discussed the recycling program and the crossing guard situations where at the current time we do not have crossing guards as they do not have the personnel to man the locations needed for crossing.

8. Route 35 Meeting and Petition – Our President, Anthony Colucci, gave a detailed summary of the meeting that took place on Monday, July 13, 2026 at the Moose Lodge. The meeting was involving the New Jersey DOT who are/were proposing changes to both Route 35 North and South and having those being switched to two-lane roads and a variety of other changes. Our meeting took

place at the Moose Lodge in Ortley Beach who graciously donated the hall for our meeting. The meeting was hugely attended and was by all accounts a rousing success. In contrast to the meeting that took place in Lavallette earlier in the day, it was felt that our meeting was much more organized and much more respectful to the representatives of the New Jersey DOT. The end result seems to be that the New Jersey DOT indicated that if people are not in favor of the proposed changes that they will not happen. We are hopeful that this is the case as it was unanimous from all who attended that they were against the changes being proposed in this plan.

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