

ORTLEY BEACH VOTERS AND TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order – A call to Order was conducted by President, Anthony Colucci, beginning the June 20, 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; President, Anthony Colucci, Vice President, Paul Jeffrey, Secretary, John Clarke, Treasurer, Debbie Barton, Joan Stranthern, Joe Cantalupo, Michael Stramandinoli 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 May 16, 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 with membership deposits amounting to \$1,550.00 for the month and year-to-date \$5,525.00. Membership fees also amounted to \$82.25 for the month and \$187.00 for the year. Income from these sources as well as from the investments and money market account amount to \$6,705.00 for year-to-date. Total expenses for the month to date amount to \$3,054.00 and year-to-date amount to \$6,396.00 with our income year-to-date coming in at \$309.00. In addition, we have cash on hand including money market, CD’s and checking in the amount of \$65,932.00.

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

7. Guest Speakers – Our primary guest speaker for the June General Membership meeting was Mr. Aaron Hajart who is the President and CEO of

Community Medical Center, the primary hospital being located in Toms River, NJ. Mr. Hajart gave an excellent presentation on the progress that Community Medical Center has been making including that of restoring its image and improving the overall health care of the medical center. Mr. Hajart maintains that in the areas of medicine being provided by Community Medical Center that he would stack up Community Medical Center with any other hospitals and medical centers throughout the State of New Jersey. Mr. Hajart indicated how they are improving the facilities at the Toms River location, bringing in the best medical providers and improving the entire home health care experience by Community Medical Center. The health care being provided includes top of the line services in oncology, cardiology, neuroscience, orthopedics, and more. Mr. Hajart also fielded questions from the General Membership including the prospectus of having health care located on the island, improved EMS services, and a primary care physician list to be posted on the Community Medical Center website.

The General Membership asked numerous questions of Mr. Hajart and he was more than capable and willing to provide excellent, down to earth and extremely well received answers. Overall, the presentation of Mr. Hajart was a huge success and the OBVTA would like to thank him for his attendance at our June meeting.

Councilman Robert Bianchini was also present and spoke at our General Membership meeting. Mr. Bianchini fielded questions from the General Membership and gave answers that were at times difficult but were well received by our General Membership. He will continue to look at issues including parking issues on Bay Boulevard, the backboards and cleaning up of the Bayside Park, the cleaning up of the area around the Pickle Ball courts, and also the continued cleaning up of the Ocean County property.

8. Tribute to Cathy Crisafulli – Our long time Board of Director, Cathy Crisafulli, was also the subject of a tribute at the General Membership meeting. Cathy has been on the Board of Directors for many, many years and has served the OBVTA and Ortley Beach in general in a extraordinary manner. Joan Strathern went through a series of accomplishments that Cathy Crisafulli was able to achieve during her time on the Board of Directors. Ms. Crisafulli, who was unable to be present, was also gifted gift cards totaling \$200.00 from the OBVTA as a heart felt thank you for all her years of service.

9. OBVTA Board Election – The annual election of three Board of Directors was held at the June General Membership Meeting. The three board seats that were up for election were those of Joan Strathern, Cathy Crisafulli and Michael Stramandinoli. Both Joan Strathern and Michael Stramandinoli sought re-election and Cathy Crisafulli decided not to seek re-election. We did have one member of the OBVTA, Ginny Morrissey, who also sought election to the Board of Directors in accordance with the By Laws of the OBVTA as there were three individuals running for three seats, the Secretary then cast a single vote for each of the candidates thereby electing each candidate. As such, Joan Strathern and Michael Stramandinoli have been re-elected to the Board for a three year term and Ginny Morrissey is our newest Board member also serving a three year term.

10. Route 35 Proposal – There was some extensive discussion on the Route 35 Proposal that has both Route 35 north and south proposed to being changed from two lanes in each direction on Route 35 north and south respectively to having Route 35 what is currently known as Route 35 north being changed into one lane in each direction and the same with the current Route 35 southbound. There are a variety of reasons why the Board of Directors as well as the General Membership voiced their displeasure with this proposal and it was explained that the OBVTA are conducting a question and answer session with the Department of Transportation, who is considering this proposal, at the Moose Lodge on Monday, July 13, 2026 from 6-8 pm. All members are highly encouraged to attend this question and answer session and to voice their opinions on the Route 35 proposal.

11. Board Members Comments – There was discussion by the Board members that next Saturday, June 27, 2026 there will be a membership driver taking place on the Boardwalk near the Lord House Lifeguard station from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers were requested and we hope to have the volunteers necessary to conduct this membership drive on the 27th.

12. Close of Meeting - A motion was then brought to have the June 20, 2026, General Membership meeting brought to a close and that was unanimously approved.