

BARNEGAT LIGHT TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2015

- I. Steve Danatos called the meeting to order at 9:35am and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced the following individuals:
- Treasurer's Report – John Tennyson - John presented the Treasurers report in Bruce Allen's absence. John asked residents to please share any ideas that they may have on what they would like to see done with our available funds.
 - Membership Report – Ed Ebenbach - Ed provided an update on membership – there are 470 total members: 97 lifetime, 373 paid, same as 2014. Ed also encouraged people to use the website for email address changes.
 - Secretary's Report – Kimberly Patterson - nothing to report. All were unanimously approved by a vote.
 - Borough Council Report – Dottie Reynolds – Nothing to report, Dottie was not present.
 - Nomination Report – Susan Michel - Susan addressed the trustee and nomination report for the next term period. A vote was called for, seconded and members voted unanimously to accept the slate.

President – John Tennyson
Vice President – Ed Ebenbach
Treasurer – Bruce Allen
Secretary – Kimberly Patterson

Steve explained the staggered terms, discussed available positions and encouraged participation with the BLTA.

Steve presented a warm and sincere "thank you" to Susan Michel for doing an excellent job in reaching out to current trustees. He shared the importance of her role and how well she performed it during her time with the BLTA.

Steve announced that this was his last meeting in an official capacity and turned the meeting over to John Tennyson, in his new role as President of the BLTA.

- II. Introduction of Speakers – John Tennyson
- John introduced Marilyn Waselewski, Board of Education. Marilyn introduced the new school superintendent, Peter Kopack.
 - Peter Kopack provided his professional background and experience, along with sharing his goals and intentions as the new Superintendent.
 - Marilyn Waselewski spoke about frustration regarding the sale of the school. She addressed a few questions from residents.

- III. John Tennyson introduced the next speaker, Mayor Larson.
- Mayor Larson spoke about the bids on the Coast Guard property. It's currently up to \$1.84M.
 - Larson would like to propose a ban on some of the on-street parking. There are too many trailers, RVs and vehicles that remain on the street for long periods and it becomes a safety issue for cyclists, walkers and runners. Several residents made comments in support of the proposal and Larson answered questions.
 - Larson also addressed issues with the dog park – people not adhering to stated hours and noise.
- IV. John thanked Mayor Larson and let everyone know that the BLTA will do their best keeping folks informed over the winter via email.
- V. Steve Danatos addressed a few housekeeping items: upcoming beach party, removal of ocean recreational items (kayaks, etc.) from the municipal area by December 1, 2015.
- VI. John introduced Bernie Haney, tax assessor arrived and spoke about a few topics:
- NJ Senior Freeze – a program that freezes tax dollars at your base year. A few tips: Do it this year, it is income restricted; it is run by the state of NJ, not locally. You can learn more from the website.
 - Assessments in Barnegat Light are solid, had a decrease this year.
 - Hospitals will be taxable in 2017 – this will impact assessments.
 - Bernie answered a few questions from residents.
- VII. John Tennyson asked if there were any additional questions before the meeting adjourned.
- John explained the process which the BLTA will follow to provide members the opportunity to express their opinion on important borough issues. The BLTA will focus on “actionable” items by council, and will therefore only poll on items that council (or other governmental body) is actively considering, and where the polling data would be useful in conveying the taxpayers desires to the council as they prepare to vote/consider an item.
 - Steve Danatos explained the process of the planning board and zoning and how residents can be involved if they choose to do so. Please check the borough's website for meeting dates.
 - Mayor Larson asked residents their opinion on the use of the Coast Guard property. Currently zoned for single family homes.
- VIII. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:56am.

Recorded and submitted by:

Kimberly Patterson, Recording Secretary
9/14/15

BLTA Treasury 2015

	2014 Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	Year to Date
Income										
Dues Accounts 4358/5074	8,085.00	80.00	20.00	4800.00	1760.00	740.00	80.00	280.00	20.00	7580.00
Bad Check from Dues	-20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations to BLTA			100.00	100.00	680.00	640.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	1240.00
Refund from USPS on Bulk Post Permit						151.01				151.01
Interest Total	1.98	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.10	0.15	0.16	0.25	0.17	1.28
Account 2712	1.20	0.10	0.08	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.79
CD	0.78	0.00	0.08	0.10	0.00	0.05	0.06	0.15	0.07	0.49
Total Income	8,066.96	80.10	20.15	4700.20	2340.10	1280.15	231.17	280.25	20.17	8952.29

Expenses

	2014 Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	YTD
Upgrade Go-Daddy Account		83.76								83.76
John Tennyson-Postage			13.60			97.24				110.84
US Postmaster-Newsletter Postage			370.00							370.00
USPS PostBox Yearly Rental Box 342			1,708.93			232.83	60.00	101.34		1941.76
Old Hights Print Shop-Newsletter				175.00						175.00
Old Hights Print Shop-July Postcard					120.00				120.00	240.00
Kim Patterson-Computer Training								252.36		252.36
How You Brewin'-Meeting Coffee/Donuts						595.01				595.01
July Meet and Greet Food/Supplies						452.98				452.98
Ed Ebenbach-Sound Equipment										
Alan Thomas-Sound Equipment										

Total Expenses

	6,749.65	83.76	2092.53	175.00	120.00	1378.04	60.00	353.70	120.00	4363.03
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Net Income

	1,317.33	-3.66	-2072.38	4625.20	2220.10	-97.89	171.17	-73.45	-99.83	4589.26
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Total Assets

	2014 Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	YTD
Savings Account 2712	20,779.22	20,775.56	18,703.18	23,228.38	25,448.48	25,350.59	25,521.78	25,448.31	25,348.48	25,348.48
Checking Account 4358	5,883.20	5,883.30	5,883.39	5,883.48	5,883.59	5,883.68	5,883.78	5,883.89	5,883.99	5,883.99
Checking Account 5074	5,574.34	5,570.58	3,498.05	6,623.05	8,843.05	8,745.01	8,916.02	8,842.32	8,742.32	8,742.32
CD	7,200.00	7,200.00	7,200.00	8,800.00	8,800.00	8,800.00	8,800.00	8,800.00	8,800.00	8,800.00
	2,121.68	2,121.68	2,121.74	2,121.84	2,121.84	2,121.88	2,121.95	2,122.10	2,122.17	2,122.17

Increase In Assets

	1,317.33	-3.66	-2,072.38	4,525.20	2,220.10	-97.89	171.17	-73.45	-99.83	4,589.26
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Expense Categories

	2014 Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	YTD
Printing	4,530.46	0.00	1708.93			232.83				2043.10
Postage	1,117.24	0.0	383.80			97.24		101.34		480.84
Computer Support	50.69	83.76								258.76
Meeting Refreshments	424.83	0.00		175.00				252.36	120.00	372.36
Advertising of Meetings	136.43	0.00								0.00
P.O. Box Rental	58.00	0.00					60.00			60.00
Donations	400.00	0.00								0.00
Sound Equipment						1047.97				1047.97
Other	32.00	0.00								0.00
Total Expenses	6,749.65	83.76	2092.53	175.00	120.00	1378.04	60.00	353.70	120.00	4363.03