

South Seaside Park Homeowners and Voters Association

General Membership Meeting

July 16 ,2011

Meeting was called to order by President Whiteman at 7:10. Jim Dellas led us in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call of interim officers and directors

Minutes from the June 25th meeting were read. Jim Fulcomer made a motion to accept and Jean Horner gave the second. Motion carried.

Reports

Treasurer Report- Arlene Nora presented the report. (attached) We have a balance of \$7,418.05. Tom Drew made a motion to accept the report, and Jim Fulcomer gave the second. Motion carried.

Bay and Beach Report- Bay areas are not visually pleasing. There is no beach patrol. Berkeley at one time provided a 4 wheeled police presence on the beach nightly. Fireworks were held on the beach and as illegal and pretty as they might have been, there was no clean up. Unexploded devices were found on the beach the next day.

Vice President’s Report- Jim Fulcomer stressed the need to vote in the November elections if registered here. Applications for vote by mail ballots and voter registration forms were made available to members.

President’s Report- President Whiteman stated that letters went out for property appeals. There should be more comps available for appeals next year. Berkeley Township is bringing litigation against Certified Appraisers. Just what the suit will entail has not been made known.

Special Business-

Jan Shalayda made a motion to accept changes made to by-laws. Maryann Meneghin gave the second. Motion carried.

Since there were no nominations from the floor for officers or directors at the last meeting, the secretary cast one ballot for the slate of officers and directors as presented by the nominating committee.

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| President- Don Whiteman | Bay and Beach - Bob Nora |
| Vice President- Jim Anderson | Roads- Dave Brown |
| Communications Secretary- Judy Erdman | Membership- Diane Rencenello |
| Recording Secretary- Pat Dolobacs | Public Safety- Tom Drew |
| Treasurer Arlene Nora | |

Cost Analysis- Three firms have responded to our inquires. They will contact President Whiteman during the week of July 19th. with intent and costs.

New Business-

We need pictures , letters, and testimonials documenting what Berkeley is not providing for us. A large thank you to Jim Fulcomer for all his guidance and help in establishing and moving our association forward.

Budget- Treasurer Arlene Nora presented the budget for the coming year in the amount of \$3,255.00. (attached) Jim Fulcomer made the motion to accept the budget, and Judy Erdman gave the second Motion carried.

De- Annexation- We have contacted over a dozen attorneys and have sat down with three who are interested to gather information The cost analysis will be the first step and should cost between \$2,000.00 to \$4,000.00. The tax monies are broken into 25% municipal, 25% county,25% regional, and

25% elementary. The municipal and elementary areas as well as what Berkeley has spent on us will determine what percent of Berkeley's budget we represent. A cost analysis will give us that information. If we are 10% or under, then we have a chance in court. We will need 65% of all voters in SSP to sign a petition to leave. We would like 90% plus as many homeowners as possible. The petition is given to the Town clerk and they have 45 days to respond. Then we go to court, assuming Berkeley does not agree to release us. De-annexation will cost 80 to 100 thousand dollars and will take 5 to 7 years in court. If we have 500 members the cost over that time would be 200 to 250 dollars a year plus the yearly fee of 20.00.

There were many questions from members and discussion ensued on our course of action toward de-annexation. Some of the items discussed were: complaining about non-services – if Berkeley provides then it would hurt us- No land is available for Berkeley to provide services to us comparable to the other side like playgrounds, boat ramps, senior centers, parks.

How do we sell ourselves to Seaside Park? Carol Mulchamp made a suggestion to air our cause by direct mail, radio spots, and newspaper items. This should all be done later on in our proceedings. Bob Budesa again reminded us that this will be a long procedure.

Does Seaside Park want us? The climate right now is favorable. Some selling points brought out are: SSP property taxes would be lower, SSP would encompass a larger area and therefore have more political clout, N.J.'s push for consolidation... us or Seaside Heights.

What are our options if Seaside Park doesn't want us? Possible name change to Island Beach

Other discussion

Comps for appeals can be found on line. More houses are being sold below assessed price. We should again appeal in 2012. Allen Carrier shared that you can meet with tax assessor for an appeal without going to court.

Announcements- Fish Fry on Aug 7th. Special collection netted \$80.00 towards cost of hall.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10

Respectfully Submitted Pat Dolobacs