

## South Seaside Park Homeowners and Voters Association

### General Meeting

June 23, 2012

**Meeting** was called to order by President Whiteman. Jim Dellas opened with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

**Roll call of Officers and Directors- Present** President Don Whiteman, Vice President Jim Anderson, Communication Secretary Judy Erdman, Treasurer Arlene Nora, Recording Secretary Pat Dolobacs, Director Bob Nora.

**Minutes** of the August General Meeting were read. Jim McTieran made a motion to accept. Second given by Jim McQuaid. Motion Passed

**Treasurer's Report-** Arlene Nora read the report and a balance of \$7,482.88 is on hand. (report attached) Motion to accept made by Russ Kienney and second by Jim Anderson. Motion carried.

**Communication Secretary-** Judy thanked those in attendance for their support. She expressed the need for volunteers to help with petition signing.

**Bay and Beach-** Bay area has erosion and lots of debris, old tires, black top, etc needs to be cleaned up. There was a discussion on loss of county road way to mainland Berkeley. Some of our roads have been paved. The 24<sup>th</sup> Street basketball court as dedicated to the memory of Sgt. Lyons.

**Vice President** Anderson discussed marketing ourselves to Seaside Park by telling them our purpose and direction informally.

**President Whiteman** stressed that if we obtain 60% approval from our voters then we can proceed with de-annexation. When this happens we will hire a planner.

A large turnout of voters from S. Seaside Park and Pelican Island turned the tide of the election for a new mayor. The Court will ask why we want to leave Berkeley and lack of services must be stressed.

Thanks to Don Whiteman for attending the twice monthly Berkeley Council Meetings to air our concerns and needs.

#### **Special Business-**

Arlene Nora read the suggested changes made to our by-laws by the committee. Administration change to 9 people; 5 Officers and 4 Directors...Directors reduced to 4 people, quorum of 4 people. Title change Communication Secretary. And a statement about dissolution of the assoc. suggested by the IRS...There will be no private inurement from operating the organization and upon dissolution all assets must be transferred to another non-profit organization. Vote to change by-laws in July.

**Nominating Committee** offered their slate of Directors Bob Swartz and Jim Dellas. There were no nominations from the floor so nominations were closed. Election in July.

#### **Old Business-**

President Whiteman read a long list of problems found in S. Seaside Park. We have not received services to remedy problems such as... condition of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Garbage, lack of bay facilities, flooding, traffic into Island Beach Park to name a few. Your Officers and Directors voted unanimously for de-annexation.

**New Business-**

Our attorney Joe Michelini, has drafted a petition for voters and one for homeowners to sign if they wish to move ahead with de-annexation.. We need 60% of our voters' approval. We have a cost analyst, Ken Moore, ready to begin working and a planner, Mr. Bauman, will be hired if 60% is achieved.

The law states: 60% of voters must sign a petition. The petition is then given to Berkeley, who has 45 to 60 days to approve or deny. If denied the case goes to court . Seaside Park must give their approval to take us. The cost will be anywhere from \$90,000 to \$120,000 and will take 4 to 6 years.

The \$20.00 membership fee and an assessment of \$150.00 will be used until money is used up with court costs. We may then have to ask members for more money. Dues are largely used for postage and mailings.

Volunteers are needed to attend Berkeley Council Meetings and letters about concerns, problems that have occurred, and lack of services are needed. Don't complain...write your concern down and give to an officer or director.

We have many social issues not found on the main land in Berkeley ,but which are compatible to Seaside Park. We are both beach communities with the same type of problems both in winter and summer.

**Announcements-** Next General Meeting July 21<sup>st</sup>. Clam bake July 14<sup>th</sup> Our 50/50 money was donated back to the assoc.. Thank you. This helps pay for the use of the hall.

**Member Open Question** time.....Some items discussed

Process for de-annexation

Reasons not successful 30 years ago

Assessed value of S. Seaside Park

Education Costs and Seaside Park's educational problems with Berkeley

State consolidation push for communities

Pelican Island not part of our effort....would join adjoining Seaside Heights or Toms River

Suggestions for petition carriers - .have bullet points to inform signers , leave post-it when not home

Water company is private...would not change

**At 8:35** Jim Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Gail Whiteman gave the second. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted Pat Dolobacs Recording Secretary