

South Seaside Park Homeowners and Voters Association General Meeting

July 20, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President Whiteman. Jim Dellas led us in an opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mr. Joe Michelini, our lawyer and Mr. Scott Bauman, our planning Consultant spoke to our members about what is and will be happening along our road to de annexation. (Information attached)

Roll Call- Present: Officers- President Don Whiteman; Communication Secretary, Judy Erdman; Treasurer, Arlene Nora; Recording Secretary Pat Dolobacs; Directors- Jim Dellas Bob Swartz, and Bob **Minutes** from the General Meeting of June 2013 were read. Betty Saloom made a motion to accept, and Joan Haldane gave the second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Arlene gave a monthly report of income and expenditures for the year. (Attached) There is a balance of \$7641.58. Jan Shalayda made a motion to accept and Maryann Meneghin gave the second. Motion carried.

Communication Secretary- Judy thanked those members in attendance and volunteers. Members were again asked to forward to us any correspondence or complaints sent to Berkeley Council/Mayor. Please reach out to new people on your blocks. We need new members!

Don reported that there was a police presence on the beach this year during the July 4th fireworks. Bay front from 20th to 24th Streets will have curbs, plants etc. The State will be working on drainage to help with flooding problems. Don had need of police when bike was stolen. Berkeley was tied up on the main land. Seaside Park responded and the bike was found and returned. There have been break ins on Roberts Ave.

New Business- By-Law changes. The by-law committee recommended changing the fiscal year. The changes would be made to Article I Section 2A change ... dues of 20..... on or before first day of Sept to on or before first day of Jan. Article VIII Fiscal Year Section I change fiscal year from September first and ending August 31st to From January first to December 31st. This will be voted on at our August meeting.

Jim Fulcomer was not able to attend but had submitted a slate of Officers. Don Whiteman President, Jim Anderson Vice President, Arlene Nora Treasurer, Judy Erdman Communication Secretary, Pat Dolobacs Recording Secretary. Maryann Meneghin made a motion to accept the slate and Joan Haldane gave the second. Motion carried.

At the August meeting a new budget will be presented.

50/50 winner **Rocky** donated his winnings of \$56.00 back to the assoc. Thank you, Rocky.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted Pat Dolobacs

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Mr. Michelini, our lawyer, began our meeting with a review of the de-annexation procedure. Approximately 74% of the voters have signed the petition in favor of de annexation. The petition will be given to Berkeley sometime in January 2014 and they will have 45 days to respond. When they deny, we will proceed to court. Mr. Bauman, our Planner, and Mr. Moore, our Municipal Accountant, will be ready to testify. Sandy set everything back, or we would have begun this January.

Mr. Moore will redo the financial aspect by updating the numbers. He has already begun this task. He will analyze the assessments, tax rates and debt for Berkeley Township and Seaside Park Borough. This will show the impact of a de-annexation of South Seaside Park will have on Berkeley and the impact annexation of us to Seaside Park will have to them.

Updated assessment information will be available in January. The percentages of net taxable value that our properties represent to Berkeley can be determined. The assessment values of our homes will be post Sandy. Our values should be lower and could result in lowering our percent of net taxable rate. We have to show that there would be no detriment to Berkeley financially if we leave.

We cannot officially make an application to Seaside Park until the Judge rules in our favor. There can and should be unofficial dialogue with Seaside Park officials and voters about taking us in. Our understanding is that they are favorable. If we win and Seaside Park will not take us, we can sue. Probably not the best way to join. Mr. Moore could not attend but Mr. Michelini gave information about his part.

Mr. Bauman spoke to our members about his part in the process. He will address the effect/impact of de annexation on the economic and social well being on us and on the residents on the mainland. His report will take into consideration public safety issues, geographical and demographic issues including seasonal adjustments, residential density, and environmental restraints. The report will include an analysis of quality of life issues including noise complaints, snow and trash removal, parking enforcement, littering, recreational facilities, commercial centers, social religious and fraternal institutions for residents including those for children and senior citizens.

He is seeking a compilation of complaints made to Berkeley Township over services and infrastructure failures. Please let us know of instances of help from fellow citizens, or from adjoining municipalities when Berkeley could not be relied on.