

South Seaside Park Homeowners and Voters Association

General Meeting

July 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 Whiteman, Vice President Jim Anderson, Communication Secretary Judy Erdman, Treasurer Arlene Nora, Recording Secretary Pat Dolobacs, Directors Bob Nora, Tom Drew

Minutes of the June General Meeting were read. Jim Fulcomer made a motion to accept. Linda Wisneski gave the second. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Arlene Nora gave a detailed report. Current balance is \$7,778.88. (Report Attached) Jim Anderson made a motion to accept and Jim Fulcomer gave the second. Motion carried.

Communication Secretary- Judy Erdman thanked members for their support and help. Volunteers are always needed. Please let us know of any Email changes so information can reach you.

Vice President- Jim Anderson stressed the importance of members marketing our movement with neighbors and friends to achieve our 60% approval. South Seaside Park has built up over the years and our assessed value is \$534 million dollars. We have approximately 440 registered voters, and certainly can influence what happens in Seaside Park when we join them.

President Whiteman thanked members for paying dues. We have had lawyer and municipal accountant fees plus our regular expenses for insurance, mailings and postage, and we have not had to ask members for more money! The more members we have in our association the lower the cost of de-annexation will be. We have approximately 217 signatures on the petition for de-annexation.

Special Business-

By-law changes were read. Jim Fulcomer made a motion to accept the changes. Maryann Meneghin gave the second. Motion carried.

Since there were no nominations from the floor at the last meeting, the secretary cast one ballot the slate of directors as presented by the nominating committee. Jim Dellas and Bob Swartz are our new directors.

Old Business-

Our attorney Joe Michelini, has provided us with a petition to be signed by registered voters and one to be signed by homeowners to show approval for de-annexation.

Minutes of General Meetings are posted on our web site and read at our meetings to inform members and reduce copying costs.

New Business-

A new budget will be prepared for our August Meeting. Assessments might be needed as soon as our 60% approval has been reached. Assessments will not be every year only when the money on hand is depleted. The Planner's fees will be approximately \$10,000 to \$12,000.

Discussion of problems with Berkeley ensued. We have two children who attend Central Regional and three who attend private school. Our total cost for education is 5 million dollars. Seaside Park pays

\$112,000 per child.

Berkeley Township bought 5 new ambulances and new fire equipment for the mainland. They also purchased a beach rake. All these we have not seen here.

There are activities available for seniors. Unless we make the trip over to Berkeley we do not know exactly what is available. In order to participate, again it requires an 18 mile ride to the mainland.

Bob Nora stated that Berkeley mainland has approximately 18,000 voter voices and we have 440. Seaside Park has approximately 1,000 voter voices. We have a much better chance of being heard in Seaside Park. We need people willing to write letters and share problems they have had or are having with Berkeley.

Jim Anderson reported that Berkeley's fire department is covering Ocean Gate at no charge. They were also going to clean their beaches.

Nick DeMarco asked if we can file to become our own borough if Seaside Park doesn't want us. The State of New Jersey is pushing for consolidation of towns.

Police response is slow. Seaside Park responded to a fire on the dunes. Crossing guards are provided on weekends now

Shore Water Co. is a private company that services us. Bob Budesha shared that the franchise would not change. In order not to have meters, Shore Water must inspect homes regularly for leaks.

Jim Fulcomer stated that the sewerage is an autonomous body and there would be no change.

Berkeley Beach would become Seaside Park. Midway would stay the same unless Seaside bought them out.

There is now a fence that the State put up around the Marina. Berkeley is not telling them to move the fence back.

Roberts Ave has black stone and permits are needed to fix the bulkhead.

A question about reevaluation was asked. Seaside Park and our reevaluation happened at the same time. State law reevaluation should take place every 10 years.

Bob Budesha stressed that he could not imagine a downside, either socially nor financially to us joining Seaside Park.

Announcements Fish Fry

Next General Meeting August 18, 2012.

50/50 was donated back to the assoc.

Council Meeting are held in Berkeley the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Pat Dolobacs Recording Secretary