

South Seaside Park Homeowners and Voters Association General Membership Meeting

June 25,2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Whiteman. Jim Dellas gave the opening prayer. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

President Whiteman introduced interim officers and directors present.

Reports

Treasurer's Report- Arlene Nora reported that we now have 454 paid members of the association,. Bank balance is \$7,267.05.

Membership Report- Diane Rencenello stressed the need for street captains. Duties would be to pass out flyers and contact people on their street who have not joined the association. Any contact changes such as address , phone, or email should be emailed to association so communication continues.

Roads Tom Drew reported at his time Anchor and 21st Street are scheduled to be paved in the fall. Next year 22nd and 23rd Streets are scheduled. The county roads Bayview and Barnegat were traded and roads in Bayville are now county roads. We were not notified when Berkeley made the change. We have complained often to Council about this matter. They are looking into getting our county status back.

Vice President Jim Fulcomer thanked voters for electing him to the School Board. He encouraged those who can vote to do so in the November election. Usually 33% of the people vote in General Elections and 73% for Presidential. We need to have our voice heard. The Association is not endorsing any candidate for the November Election.

Public Safety- President Whiteman reported that we now have 3 crossing guards on Rt.35 . Dirt has been placed to shore up the bulkhead on 24th. Street, but a better fix is needed. Roberts Ave on the bay side has received a load of black stone added to the yellow already there. This is unsightly and not acceptable

Committee Reports-

By-laws Jim Anderson read the changes proposed to the by-laws. Members were given a copy to review. Voting to accept changes will be at the July meeting.

Nominating Committee- Pat Dolobacs read the slate of officers and directors offered by the committee.

Officers : **President-** Don Whiteman, **Vice President-** Jim Anderson , **Communication Secretary-** Judy Erdman **Recording Secretary-** Pat Dolobacs , **Treasurer-** Arlene Nora **Directors :** **Public Safety –** Dave Brown , **Membership -** Diane Rencenello , **Services and Roads-** Tom Drew **Bay and Beaches -** Bob Nora

Jim Fulcomer asked for nominations from the floor for any office or directorship. There were no

nominations from the floor. Motion was made and seconded to close nominations. All in favor. Vote will be taken at the July meeting.

New and Special Business-

President Whiteman discussed the deplorable conditions in South Seaside Park and lack of interest shown by Berkeley Township. The deplorable conditions discussed concerned our bay front, beaches roads, police, school distance, lack of recreational facilities, distance traveled to meetings, snow plowing, and general lack of maintenance of our area. Lack of services is an important issue with Berkeley.

De-Annexation- (Services not provided)

President Whiteman reported that the Officers and Directors of the Association had voted unanimously to look into de-annexation. Over a dozen law firms were contacted. Most firms were not interested because they had no expertise and the process would be too long. The Board met with three firms that agreed to represent us when we are ready to move forward. It was suggested that before we hire a law firm, we first hire a cost analyst to determine whether it is feasible for us to proceed. The Board is in the process of finding and hiring an analyst. The cost would be between \$2,000.00 and \$4,000.00.

President Whiteman outlined the steps for de-annexation.

1. Cost Analyst to see if feasible to continue. 10% or under is the magic number.
2. A Petition must be signed by 65% of the voters of SSP stating wish to leave Berkeley. We would like 90% and as many homeowners as possible
3. The petitions would be given to the town clerk. Berkeley has 45 days to respond.
- 4 .Court case would be heard in Toms River followed by appeals court.
5. Seaside Park must give approval for acceptance.

The cost will be \$80,000.00 to \$100,000.00 plus. The process will take from 5 to 7 years. If we have 500 households in the association, the assessment fee per household would be \$200.00 to \$250.00 over a 5 to 7 year period plus the \$20.00 yearly dues.

There were many questions from members. Discussion ensued. We need to sell ourselves to Seaside Park! We are more culturally similar to Seaside Park than to Berkeley.

President Whiteman took a moment to thank members for their help:

Chris Anderson for setting up the web site

Ed Noble for volunteering to be our accountant

Union Church for use of the facilities

Bob Budesza for legal expertise

Bob Schwartz for setting up original data base of homeowners
The Dolobacs' for use of their home

Next meeting will be July 16, 2011

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted Pat Dolobacs