

MINUTES

for the general meeting of the Holgate Taxpayers Association
Saturday, June 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by Robert Nehring, president. Forty one members were in attendance. The first speakers were Chief of Police, Michael Bradley and Lt. Deeley. They summarized the current situation regarding the winter burglaries in Holgate. No arrests but there is a person of interest. Residents were encouraged to call the police TIPS line, 361-2080, to report suspicious activity. A neighborhood watch was discussed. There is concern that a watch may not be possible because so few people reside in Holgate during the winter months. Rob Nehring will follow up with Bill Knarre to learn about the Brant Beach neighborhood watch. It was suggested that police patrols vary their route of travel and not travel down the same roads during patrol.

Joe Mancini spoke next. As new mayor he wants everyone to know that he and the other commissioners are working well together. A meeting with Frank Little, Town Engineer, is planned. Oceanfront property owners will be invited to attend the meeting and ask questions about beach replenishment and the easement that must be signed.

Diane Gove spoke next. She is in charge of revenue and finance for the Township. She reported that the tax rate is down 0.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

Ralph Bayard reported on the state of public works and water and sewer. New garbage and recycling containers have been placed along the beach and in parking lots. Greenhead traps have been placed in Holgate. Cmsr. Bayard has been in contact with the Mosquito Control Commission and the Marine Science Center regarding greenhead control. Erosion in front of the tennis court at the Old Coast Guard Station will be addressed. There are plans to fill the beach in the future and put in a new walkway. Cmsr. Bayard asked for input and a sub-committee was formed. Ted Stiles will lead the committee. Members include Bill Hutson (Lorry's Island End Motel owner) and two property owners who adjoin the park – Chris Strahan and Margaret (last name?).

((Follow up cmte report: **Coast guard beach report** . Bill and Ted met with Ralph, Joe Mancini and Andy Baran on Mon morning June 9

on both the parking lot by Jolly Roger and the Coast Guard beach .

After much discussion they will do the following:

1. remove poison ivy from walkway
2. design a new walkway with more benches and submit drawings first to us. (this most likely will not get done before the fall)
3. Pile up the white beach sand and fill with road fill and re-cover with the white sand .
4. clean the beach
5. research a new multi purpose playground piece to replace the hated Purple dino / slide))

After the presentations ended, the regular meeting was begun. Al Wheeler was recognized for 14 years as Corresponding Secretary. Pat Powers delivered the treasurers' report and discussed old business. Our balance stands at \$2,598.06. Results of the beach replenishment survey: 34 No Opinion; 11 Oppose; 161 Favor. A majority of survey responders in opposition are beachfront property owners.

A voice vote was taken on HTA donations to charity. Approved was \$100 SOCH; \$150 Beach Haven First Aid Squad; \$100 LBT Beach Wheels; \$50 ALO; \$150 Beach Haven Fire Dept.. There was a motion to donate \$100 to Barnegat Light restoration and it passed by voice vote. Another motion for \$100 donation to the LBT concert was voted by a show of hands because some members questioned it. The donation will be made on a one time basis.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.