

Notes – HTA Spring Membership Meeting Saturday, June 27, 2015

The meeting with the Commissioners was called to order at 10:05 am and Dan Macone introduced Mayor Joe Mancini. Mayor Mancini stated that the budget was increased by .4 of a cent. The main reason for the increase was due to the inability to get \$5 million in reimbursements from FEMA for costs incurred by the Township as a result of Superstorm Sandy. He stated that he now expected beach replenishment to begin in December in Holgate and Holgate would be the last area to be completed. He also stated that he was working on an effort to get the sand from Little Egg Harbor Inlet instead of the offshore site. The benefit of this to Holgate is that the quality of sand will be better and more like the sand currently on the beaches. Eight buses are up and running and there is an extra hour on the schedule. He requested that riders make “folding money” contributions for the service when they use it. The money collected will be used for the service and not salaries for the drivers. Mayor Mancini stated that for three years he was in negotiations with the owners of the ACME to keep the store on the Island. Now that they have opened a brand new and modern store, he requested that residents support the store and do their shopping on the Island. He stated that once the temporary health department office next to the ACME is moved to the new Shackleton building in Ship Bottom, additional parking will be added and picnic type benches will be installed in that area. The Township has secured 3.5 acres of land and designated it as conservation land. They are calling this area Hide-Away Bay Park and nature trails etc. will be added. Following the Mayor’s presentation, the meeting was opened for questions:

- The handicap area has been constructed at the end of McKinley (next to the new bathhouse) and there are currently no plans for the reconstruction of the Washington Avenue platform area. This can be looked at again if funding is available.
- The Mayor agreed to follow-up regarding the newly installed speed indicator on the Blvd. between Beck and Rosemma. It was stated that the strobe light and flashing speed indicator would flash even though one is driving less than 35 mph. *The Mayor asked Dan to make a note of this item and follow-up with him next week.*
- There are no plans to designate a dog friendly area in the Township. Past experiences have shown that it doesn’t work well.
- It is planned that once beach replenishment is completed, the dune buggy road from the wooden jetty to the wildlife area will hopefully be straightened out and a fence will be installed along the dunes.
- At this time, there is no agreement amongst all the Mayors on the Island to have one beach badge for the entire Island. Mayor Mancini supports

the initiative to have one beach badge and one beach patrol but two Mayors do not.

- It was stated that along West Avenue, between Washington and McKinley Avenues, that the alternate side parking is not being enforced. As a result, residents' mail boxes are being blocked and larger vehicles, buses, have a difficult time making the turn onto West Avenue from Washington. *The Mayor asked Dan to make a note of this item and follow-up with him next week.*
- The storm drain at the corner of West Avenue and McKinley is clogged and needs to be cleaned out. *Dan will follow up with Commissioner Bayard next week.*
- Contractors are required to have dumpsters at construction sites and debris needs to be picked up. If the situation is unsafe or unhealthy, one needs to contact the health department.
- People who are seen trampling the sand dunes should be reported to the Police Department or to the homeowner if the homeowner is known.
- The current regulation in place is for cars to stop for pedestrians who are crossing in designated crosswalks even where there are four travel lanes. However, the Mayor stated that the Police Department will issue summons to pedestrians for jaywalking for crossing when there is a green light.
- At the bay end of W Tebco Terrace, there are no plans to cut a path to the Bay because of safety reasons.

Commissioner Ralph Bayard spoke about the problems that had occurred with the sewer project. He apologized to the residents who had been inconvenienced and stated that efforts to eliminate the problems would be made when the project is resumed in the fall. He said some of the mains were 14' to 20' deep requiring dewatering. He explained that on Janet Road there was a forced main line that pumps to the OCAU. The streets remaining to be done are Joan, Jacqueline, Carolina, Inlet and Holgate. The Commissioner explained that they had problems with the bathroom contractor but were able to get the work done to open by Memorial Day weekend. The contractor has a punch list of items remaining to be completed. The work on the water tower will begin in July. Removal of the antennas and all external equipment will be completed during the summer and repairing and repainting will be done in the fall. There should be no interruption of service to the residents. The Pump Station on Janet Road will be reconstructed this fall and a meeting with local residents is scheduled for July 2nd to review the final plans. The trash collection contract with Pinto Brothers has been assumed by Meadowbrook Industries. Drivers for Pinto Brothers, who want to continue to work for Meadowbrook, will be taking a \$7 per hour pay cut and they are not

happy. If anyone is having any issues as a result of this change, the Commissioner said to call the Township at 361-6676. Following the Commissioner's presentation, the meeting was opened for questions:

- There is no road being planned to go from Janet Road to West Avenue. The current path is for construction vehicles and it will be closed off in the future. They will be constructing a path from the end of Janet to Bond's park.
- The major issue with the sewer project was lack of communication to the affected residents. It was suggested that a plan to address the problems be put in place that would improve communications and quality of life issues (noise), and would reduce damage to properties. Commissioner Bayard stated that he would be willing to work with HTA and the Contractor on this. There was a request by a resident that the resumption of work not occur before the 18 mile run weekend. The Commissioner said he would look into that suggestion with the contractor.
- The Commissioner made a note of a comment made by a resident concerning the "bike lane" from Tebco to about Jacqueline that needed to be repaired and restriped as the current situation is a safety concern.
- The Commissioner stated that he would follow-up on a comment made by several residents regarding the lack of a hard pack at the entrance to the beach at W Tebco Terrace.

Following a short break, the HTA Membership Meeting was called to order at approximately 11:05 am. Trustees in Attendance were Dan Macone, Tom Beaty, Ted Stiles, Bill Cannon, Eileen Bowker, Al Vallese, Marianne Hurley, Bill Hutson, Tony Rocca, Doug Shearer, and Jim Merritt. The meeting began with Dan announcing that the HTA would be utilizing a contribution made by "Friends of the HTA", to purchase a Memorial Bench to recognize past presidents of the HTA. As everyone knows, former President, Steve Jelich, passed away earlier this year and this was an effort to honor him and others who willingly gave their time and talents to the community. He went on to state that communications with the members was a goal of the Association and thus, it was important that members make sure the Association has a current e-mail address. He stated that several items have recently been brought to fruition that the Association had been working on with the Township. A stop sign has been installed at the intersection of McKinley and S. Long Beach Blvd. at the entrance to the south parking lot, direction of travel signs for pedestrians and bicyclist have been installed along the boulevard from Beach Haven to the south parking lot, an aesthetically pleasing fencing was installed along the west side of the south parking lot and the Association is actively

engaged with the Township regarding the rebuilding of the pump station at the bay end of Janet Road. Lastly, the HTA and the Township have a good working relationship.

Bill Hutson reported on the status of the greenhead traps. He stated that 153 traps were numbered in Holgate. The traps were baited and will be baited again at the end July. The HTA allocated \$2,000 for greenhead traps in 2015 and Bill stated that he was keeping within the budget. He said that if anyone had a trap that was not numbered, needed repair or needed bait, they should call him at 609-492-6363.

Dan Macone introduced Bill Cannon. Bill was commended by Dan for doing such a great job with the Association's books. Dan also mentioned that Bill was "key" in getting PayPal introduced and officially obtaining the Association's non-profit status. Now that the Association has officially received its non-profit status, Tom Beaty audited the books earlier this year and Tom was very impressed with Bill's work. Bill reviewed the 2014 budget and actual expenditures and presented a budget for 2015. Income was based on receiving dues from 180 members. The budget included costs for newsletters, insurance, greenhead trap maintenance, and sponsored events such as clean-ups, the fall BBQ, surf contest and chili cook-off. In addition, \$6,600 remains in the reserves for dune plantings expected to be completed after the beach replenishment project is done. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the 2015 budget. The membership unanimously approved the 2015 budget. A question was asked regarding the availability of "Keep off the Dune" signs. Dan stated that the Association's supply had been exhausted last year and that he would touch base with the Township to see if they had any. If not, the Association will purchase another 1,000 signs.

Tom reported that he and Bill Cannon were on the membership committee and they welcomed others to join in the effort to try to attract new HTA members. Tom presented the new HTA logo to the members and gave credit to Carol Jelich for its design. He said that his main goal was to make Holgate residents aware of HTA and its purpose in an effort to increase membership. He has planned a surf contest on August 8th, either at the end of Washington Avenue or at the wooden jetty. The event will be free for HTA members and their families and a fee will be charged to non-members. It was suggested that the event be advertised in the "Mailbag", "Sandpaper" and on Facebook. HTA currently has a web page but as of this week, it now has a Facebook page. Current information regarding Holgate will be posted on the Facebook page. The spring clean-up was postponed until the fall due to all the sewer construction taking place this spring. A motion was made for year round residents who rent, and are not taxpayers, to be eligible to be an HTA member and also to be a trustee of the Association. It was seconded and discussion followed. The discussion centered on the clauses in the amendment section of the by-laws. According to the by-laws, recommended changes must be mailed to each active member at least 30 days prior to the next regular membership meeting. Any further action on the motion was postponed until the September 12th BBQ /membership meeting.

Judy LoBrutto, owner of the Jolly Roger, gave a short history of the Chili Cook-off event. As a result of the expression of her thoughts, a motion was made and duly seconded to withdraw the motion passed during the May 8th trustees meeting. That motion stated that the HTA would be organizers of the chili cook-off event with a budget of \$200 to be contributed by the HTA. This motion was inconsistent with the desires of the organizers of the event. Following an extensive discussion period, a motion was put forth that HTA would sponsor the chili cook-off event in the amount of \$200. For the contribution, the Holgate Taxpayers Association name would be included on the T-shirt and a table for recruiting new members would be set up. Also, the HTA is welcome to enter a chili in the contest. A vote was taken and the membership agreed unanimously to the motion.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 pm. The motion passed unanimously.