

**Fairness In Taxes**  
**Meeting Minutes 07-05-17**

**Board Attendance:** Leo Burke, Bill & Sheila Hartranft, Dave & Marie Hayes, Michael Hinchman, Suzanne Hornick, Don Kerns, Vic Staniec & Jim Tweed

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 P.M. with welcome by Jim Tweed.

**Treasurer – Bill Hartranft**

- \$6,245.00 in dues has been collected so far for 2017. Though the amount is slightly higher than the same time last year, it represents less than 40% of our membership.
- Savings account balance is approximately \$17,942.00 and CD's are at approximately \$13,000.00.
- Suzanne Hornick requested additional monies for "No Wake Signs"; some discussion ensued. Suzanne made a motion to approve the monies, up to \$300.00, seconded by Bill Hartranft, unanimously carried.
  - Comments – Mike Hinchman; are questions put to city council on their efforts so far? Jim Mallon does reply to direct questions. City does not seem to have a capital expense committee---are they gathering 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> estimates with advice from a paid professional?
  - Bill Hartranft; the members of O.C. Flooding a sub-committee of FIT are not joining and paying dues. There seems to be city-wide apathy. Leo Burke agreed they should be supporting FIT and paying membership dues.
  - Don Kerns; with regard to the pumping station (s) and the delay—each time they come up with a location, too many people objecting.
  - Michael Hinchman; suggested someone get together with Donna Moore and contact the Department of Community Affairs in Trenton to help facilitate the acquiring of data.
  - Leo Burke; on paving in the north end it appears they are laying porous surface over concrete. Doug Bergen to get back to us as to porous v. macadam in road repaving.

**O.C. Flooding – Suzanne Hornick (see attached)**

**Education – Vic Staniec**

- At this time School Choice is frozen. State funding seems to be chaos.
- The new formula for subsidies is based on number of students – under that scenario, Cape May County will lose \$'s and Atlantic County will gain. In Cape May County, Ocean City will be the only district to gain at only \$1,800.00. The other towns will have pony up for the lost \$'s. Egg Harbor Township will benefit due to increased enrollment.
- A new 3-year contract for teachers was approved prior to the end of current contract which ended 6-30-17. It provides for \$2.8 salary increase in each of the 3 years.
- There will be a savings on health care, but is largely due to a 50% increase in co-pays from \$10.00 to \$15.00.

**Income & Expenditures – Michael Hinchman**

- Nothing new to report.

**Speakers – Marie Hayes**

- Working on speakers for the fall meetings. Some possibilities at this time are a representative from FEMA, a Hydrologist (see O.C. Flooding report), and N.J. American Water Co. Suzanne Hornick suggested the possibility of having the O.C. High School students give a presentation on water conservation based on one of their projects.

**Web Communications – Dave Hayes**

- Nothing new to report.

**Old Business – Jim Tweed**

- Any follow up questions to city council should be forwarded to Jim & Dave Hayes.
- Any follow-up on the search for a new president should be sent to Jim Tweed. An ad will be placed by August 15 to see if anyone from the general public is interested. If this does not get a response, we go to Plan B and look to the current board for a replacement.

**New Business – Jim Tweed**

- Michael Hinchman’s ad on the Public Safety building with changes was reviewed. A motion was made by Sheila Hartranft to go forward and place the ad; quarter page in the Sentinel and half page in the Gazette. The motion was seconded by Bill Hartranft and unanimously approved by the board.

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**General Comments – Donna Moore**

- Donna suggested we recommend at a council meeting or to the mayor and council to have native self-sustaining landscaping at the community center thereby eliminating the need for irrigation, especially as the current irrigation system is not functioning and would require repair or replacing.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sheila Hartranft  
Secretary