

TAX COLLECTORS & TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF BERGEN COUNTY

Regular Meeting October 10, 2019

At Season's in Washington Township

The October 10, 2019 meeting of the Bergen County Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association was called to order at 12:15 P.M. by past President Chris Assenheimer who welcomed everyone and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Patti Miller.

Oath of office given by Chris Assenheimer and submitted a new slate of officers:

Jodi Demaio	1 st Vice President	City of Englewood
Diane Holden	2 nd Vice President	Borough of Haworth
Ada Vassallo	Recording Secretary	Township of River Vale

Linda Canavan from the TCTA gave presentations. Liz Villano and Linda Canavan will be sworn in at the Tropicana at the League of Municipalities on Wednesday, November 20th.

Local Finance Notice 2019-7 wording on billing must be on the Added Assessment bills. Linda Canavan present Mary Jo Gillmore with a retirement plaque.

Liz Villano TCTA Atlantic City Conference Committee is asking for volunteers for the 2019 League of Municipalities.

Jodi Demaio presented the scholarship awards to Lisa Krivoruk, CTC and Anum Qureshi for CMFO. Motion approved to increase scholarship amount from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 for 2020.

Motion for the June 6, 2019 minutes acceptance.

Diane Holden introduced speaker Anthony Mazzola from the Bergen County Tax Board.

Speaker Presentation:

Anthony Mazzola discussed the following key points

- Duties and responsibilities of the Bergen County Board of Taxation
- The Office staff
- The County Board of Taxation main duties of Administration and Appellate
- The Road to Municipalities Tax Rate

Legislative Report:

Chris Assenheimer gave the Legislative report. Chris discussed the following bill numbers:

A-5594/S-3924: Concerns sign fabrication prevailing wage requirements, and project labor agreements. Committee voted to oppose.

A-5699: Concerns tax appeals made directly to Tax Court. Committee voted to approve. (This Bill makes technical corrections to two statues relating to direct property tax appeals to the New Jersey Tax Court. The previous Bills had inconsistencies in it and this Bill corrects them).

S-3847: Requires municipal authorities to include veteran's organizations in class of taxpayers charged lowest rates. Voted to send back to get "cleaned-up" as it is inconsistent.

S-3943: Requires local contracting unit to award local public contract to most responsible bidder. Sub Committee to meet with Bill sponsor for clarification of intent.

S-4041/A-5722: Permits counties and municipalities to bond for alternative fuel vehicles. This was voted to oppose.

S-4065/A-5801: Concerns responsibility of owners for wage claims against subcontractors. This was voted to oppose.

S-4091/A-5792: Exempts small businesses from apprenticeship requirement under "The Public Works Contractor Registration Act". This was voted on to hold for more information on increasing the number of employees.

Local Finance Notice 2019-11 contains additional wording that must be printed on tax bills on or after September 17, 2019: *"For information about State Property Tax Relief Programs, including eligibility criterion and potential deduction or credit amounts, please visit the Division of Taxation's website: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/relief.shtml>. "*

The voters of New Jersey will decide a ballot measure to expand property tax deductions on the November 5, 2019 election. This constitutional amendment, if approved, would extend the \$250.00 deduction to otherwise eligible veterans and surviving spouses who live in continuing care retirement centers. The retirement centers would receive the deductions on behalf of the veterans and surviving spouses living there and be required to pass the deductions on to veterans and surviving spouses in the form of a payment or credit. The Office of Legislative Services estimate projects that the expanded deduction would cost between \$350,000 and \$550,000 per year.

Report of Committees presented by Linda Canavan presented nominations of:

Ada Vassallo	Recording Secretary	Township of River Vale
Pat Miller	Corresponding Secretary	Borough of Glen Rock
Conchita Parker	Treasurer	Borough of Hasbrouck Heights
Marilyn Hawyard	3 rd Vice President	Borough of Alpine
Diane Holden	2 nd Vice President	Borough of Haworth
Jodi Demaio	1 st Vice President	City of Englewood
Gennaro Rotella	President	Township of River Vale

Motion approved Chris Assenheimer

Treasurer's Report:

Conchita Parker gave the Treasurer's report.

Beginning Balance 5/31/19	\$15,315.05
Deposits	2,140.00
Expenditures	2,612.63
Balance 9/30/19	14,842.42

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Chris Assenheimer

Report of from DCA Margie Saharic:

Tax Collectors:

- Additional wording that must be printed on tax bills on or after September 17, 2019

Treasurer:

- Mid October there will be a FAST module 2019 budget information so it rolls in 2020 budget. There will be training for budgets and "how to" from mid-October to November EGG notice with time and places to follow
- AFS training in mid-December mid-January details to follow
- All audits coming in will be done in FAST, paperwork must be mailed to DCA
- User to have a balance sheets verified and submitted by December 1

Our next quarterly meeting will be held on December 4, 2019 which is the holiday party.

Meeting adjourned the meeting at 2:00 P.M. A motion to adjourn was made by Chris Assenheimer and seconded by Diane Holden. All were in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Ada J. Vassallo

Recording Secretary