

**BERGEN COUNTY TCTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**September 22, 2023**

**9:30 am**

**Suburban Diner (Paramus, NJ)**

**Attendees:**

Conchita Parker, President

Diane Holden, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Ada Vassallo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

Patricia Miller, Treasurer

Jessica Mazarella, Recording Secretary

Meena Sivakumar, Corresponding Secretary

Past Presidents, Jodi DeMaio, Linda Canavan, Chris Assenheimer, Liz Villano

President Parker called the meeting to order at 9:42 am.

**President's Report**

- Third quarterly meeting of the BCTCTA will be held Friday, September 29, 2023 at Seasons. A minimum of 40 people is required. As of today (9/22), 37 people are planning to attend.
- Discussed the fourth quarter meeting, a.k.a. our Holiday Luncheon, to be held 12/14/23 at Seasons. Possible entertainment options were mentioned: comedian, pianist, background music, sing-a-long, games, etc. Also discussed collecting donations at the luncheon, possibly for the Center for Food Action. Ten \$25 Valley Bank gift cards will be given out as prizes.
- Also discussed 2024 quarterly meetings. Meetings will continue to be at Seasons, but dates should be planned to avoid falling on Fridays and holidays for minimal scheduling conflicts. Thursdays would be best, preferably the week after the State meetings.
- Discussed the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting and the order of events:
  - Diane will introduce Senator Holly Schepisi
  - Possible topics of discussion will include senior issues, tax sale law changes, general tax issues, etc.
  - Following Holly, Jodi DeMaio will give a brief presentation on the tax sale process and address various issues that we have been encountering in our individual offices.

**Treasurer's Report**

Patti Miller submitted the Treasurer's report:

Opening Balance TD Bank (July 1, 2023)	\$16,719.99
Deposits (April – June 29)	\$ 2,180.00
Expenses (April – June 29)	<u>\$ 2,376.43</u>
Ending Balance TD Bank (June 29, 2023)	<b><u>\$16,523.56</u></b>

Membership Total 87 Members (81 Regular, 6 Business, 0 Retired)

Report was accepted as presented.

### Committee Reports

- Membership
  - See Treasurer's Report
  - The County maintains a list certified tax collectors; maybe we should reach out to those on the list that are not members of the Bergen County TCTA.
- Nominating
  - No change proposed to the executive board
- Legislative (Chris Assenheimer reported)
  - ANCHOR payments are scheduled to go out the first week of November
  - Possibility that the State might adjust the bid threshold amounts on certain public contracts from \$17,500 to \$50,000.
  - There is a bill being discussed that would prohibit government entities from using technology products and services from companies in certain foreign countries
  - The current amount of \$250 for veterans deductions might increase to \$2500 over four years
  - Discussion of multiple Acts that could affect tax sales, liens and redemptions
- Grievance
  - Nothing to report
- Programs
  - Nothing to report
- Social
  - Nothing to report
- Good & Welfare
  - Nothing to report
- Website
  - N/A

### **State Meeting: (Linda Canavan reported )**

- Changes were made to the bylaws regarding elections
- The Criterion may be discontinued due to the retirement of Mary Jo Gilmour
- The 2024 TCTANJ meeting dates: 1/11, 3/21, 9/29, 12/12; Spring Conference to be held 5/29-5/31
- Keith Bonchi spoke at the meeting regarding delays in the Foreclosure process

### **Old Business:**

- N/A

### **New Business:**

- N/A

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Mazarella  
Recording Secretary