

TAX COLLECTORS & TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF BERGEN COUNTY

Regular Meeting March 31, 2023

Season's Catering Venue
664 Pascack Rd.
Washington Township, NJ

The March 31, 2023 meeting of the Bergen County Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association was called to order at 12:09 pm. by President Conchita Parker who welcomed everyone and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Patti Miller.

President's Report:

- The Township Committee of South Hackensack was called forward to make presentation honoring Mary Terraccino's retirement. The tax assessor spoke on behalf of the Mayor and Council and presented Mary with gifts. Mary spoke to express her thanks.

Speaker Presentation:

Christine Campbell, Director of the NJ Office of Information Privacy since April 2022, an office established to carry out the mandates of Daniel's Law, presented on ever-changing navigation of Daniel's Law. She discussed the following key points:

- What is Daniel's Law and who is covered by its protection (and that the list/type of people covered is constantly expanding)
- NJ is the first state with such a law, but other states are interested in following NJ's lead
- More info can be found at www.danielslaw.nj.gov
- Discussed the roles and responsibilities of the appointed redactors
- Addressed some issues during the question and answer segment, but strongly advises speaking to municipal attorneys for clarification on most matters

Committee Reports:

- Membership
 - None
- Nominating
 - None

- Legislative

Frank Berardo reported on the following:

- **A-3928:** Makes total property tax exemption for 100% disabled veterans retroactive to effective date of determination of total disability; requires State to reimburse municipalities for reimbursement of property taxes paid to veteran.
- **A-4104:** Clarifies exceptions regarding requirement for person seeking to be made party in certain foreclosure actions.
- **ACR-163:** Proposes constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities, by ordinance, to provide partial property tax exemption on primary residence of certain volunteer first responders.
- **ACR-170:** Proposes constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to provide partial property tax exemption to certain first responders disabled as a result of World Trade Center recovery medical condition.

- **ACR-171:** Proposes constitutional amendment to authorize municipalities to provide property tax credit of up to 100% for primary residence of volunteer firefighter or volunteer first aid squad member.
- **S-259 Scs:** Converts senior freeze reimbursement into credit applied directly to property tax bills
- **S-762 Sa:** Concerns certification of tax collectors
- **S-2526:** Permits certain local units and authorities to reduce water, sewer, and stormwater fees and other charges for low-income persons; appropriates \$200,000.
- **S-3254:** Excludes Class Three special law enforcement officer salary from tax levy and appropriation cap.
- **S-3319:** Amends Fiscal Year 2023 annual appropriations act to extend ANCHOR Property Tax Relief Program eligibility to homestead owners and tenants who made payments in lieu of taxes.
- **S-3333 Sca:** Prohibits water utility from taking certain actions if utility fails to participate in Low Income Household Water Assistance Program.
- **S-3612:** Adjusts bid threshold amounts on certain public contracts.
- **SCR-140:** Proposes constitutional amendment to increase amount of veterans' property tax deduction from \$250 to \$2,500 over four years.

- Grievances
 - None
- Programs
 - None
- By-Laws
 - None
- Social
 - None
- Good & Welfare
 - None
- Website
 - None

Treasurer's Report:

Patti Miller submitted the Treasurer's report:

Opening Balance TD Bank (Jan. 1, 2023)	\$13,256.83
Deposits (Jan. – March 30)	\$ 6,890.00
Expenses (Jan. – March 30)	<u>\$ 3,336.50</u>
Ending Balance TD Bank (March 30, 2023)	<u>\$16,810.33</u>

Membership Total 84 Members (78 Regular, 6 Business, 0 Retired)

State Report:

Jodi DeMaio reported the following:

- The President asked the County to provide quarterly meeting dates so that she can try to attend.
- Reminder to send in membership applications if you haven't already
- The slate of officers were read, including those from Bergen County: Liz Villano, 3rd Vice President; Chris Assenheimer, Treasurer; Jodi DeMaio, Assistant Treasurer.

- Voting will be done electronically.
- Regarding the Spring Conference – Hotel booking is open and conference registration will start 4/1/23.
- On 4/6/23, the Northeast Regional TCTA is having an online workshop on Tax Sale
- Saul Wittes is slated for 10/6/23 at the Clarion in Toms River.

New Business: None

The meeting was Adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Mazarella
Recording Secretary