

TAX COLLECTORS & TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF BERGEN COUNTY

Regular Meeting June 30, 2023

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

The June 30, 2023 meeting of the Bergen County Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association was called to order at 12:15 pm. by President Conchita Parker who welcomed everyone and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Patti Miller. The previous meeting's minutes were approved.

President's Report:

- President Parker expressed her appreciation for all in attendance, with a special thank you to Diane Holden and Jodi DeMaio for their contributions.
- Gave a brief summary of the Spring Conference.

Legislative and State Report:

Jodi DeMaio reported on the following:

- A series of bills had been introduced (but not yet assigned to a committee) that would change OPRA's written laws and regulations. This is in response to complaints regarding the 7 day requirement and labor cost involved in completing these requests.
- Legislature has come to an agreement with the Governor regarding the ANCHOR program that would result in an increase to the money given to senior citizens. There is also talk of possibly reducing property taxes for seniors by up to \$6500.00 per year.
- Keith Bonchi has spoken about the U.S. Supreme Court case (Tyler v. Hennepin County) in Minnesota regarding In Rem Foreclosure as a result of tax sale. Under his legal counsel, he feels that we need to revise the tax sale law to deal with ramifications of a decision of a case like this.
- There will be a LIWAP meeting held via Zoom on July 5th. Admittance will be limited to the first 500 responders to the invitation.
- Room requests for the League are currently available online and must be submitted by August 15, 2023.
- State officer elections close as of today, June 30th.

Speaker Presentation:

David N. Grubb, Senior Partner for PERMA Risk Management. Mr. Grubb oversees PERMA Risk Management Services and J.A. Montgomery Risk Control. He discussed the following key points:

- Gave a brief explanation of the Joint Insurance Fund (JIF).
- Provided the dictionary definitions for "ethics"
- Presented multiple criminal case citing example of ethical conflicts.
- Discussed Ethics Act's key provisions and ways to enforce; also discussed penalties and prohibitions.
- Gave several examples of ethics violations as well as exceptions.
- The cure for any conflict of interest is recusal.
- Addressed any questions from meeting attendees.

Treasurer's Report:

Patti Miller submitted the Treasurer's report:

Opening Balance TD Bank (March 31, 2023)	\$16,810.33
Deposits (April – June 29)	\$ 4,885.00
Expenses (April – June 29)	<u>\$ 4,975.34</u>
Ending Balance TD Bank (June 29, 2023)	<u>\$16,719.99</u>

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

Report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

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

New Business:

- The President asked for any new speaker suggestions for upcoming meetings.
- There was a brief update on the status of the 2023 tax rates. The County budget is set to be voted on 7/19/23.
- Next meeting is to be held 9/29/23.

The meeting was Adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Mazzarella
Recording Secretary