

TAX COLLECTORS & TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF BERGEN COUNTY

Regular Meeting September 29, 2023

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

The September 29, 2023 meeting of the Bergen County Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association was called to order at 12:08 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 2 quarterly meetings' minutes were approved.

President's Report:

- President Parker reminded everyone in attendance that our Holiday meeting would be held on December 14, 2023, and let everyone know that we will be collecting for the Center for Hope
- She also announced that the BCTCTA is offering a \$1000 scholarship opportunity and that more information could be found on our website.

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)	<u>\$16,523.56</u>

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

Report was accepted as presented.

State Report:

Linda Canavan reported on the following information from the State TCTA meeting on 9/19/23:

- Possible changes to bilaws regarding the election process
- She suggested that the association President be invited to all quarterly BCTCTA meetings.
- The *Criterion* might be discontinued
- The 2024 quarterly TCTA meeting dates have been finalized: 1/11, 3/21, 9/19, 12/12

Speaker Presentation #1:

Holly Schepisi, NJ State Senator; attorney and Partner with the law firm of O'Toole Scrivo, LLC. She discussed the following key points:

- Gave a brief explanation of the legislative process
- Detailed the number of bills (over 10,000) being discussed at any given time.
- Recommends getting ahead of bills being discussed before they actually pass.
- Discussed a few new laws that may affect tax collection.
- Discussed NJ property tax credit methods are up to the discretion of the commission. (Commission has yet to be formed.)
- Senior Freeze being issued as a credit is still pending.
- Mentioned the possibility of increases to the veteran's deduction over the course of 4 years.

- Discussions are happening regarding pensions and the possible increase due to cost of living adjustment.

Speaker Presentation #2:

Jodi DeMaio, CTC for the City of Englewood and instructor for Rutgers Municipal Tax Collection Program. She discussed the following key points regarding the tax sale process:

- Accelerated vs. standard
- Parcels in bankruptcy can't be sold
- Tax sale list guidelines
- Notice of sale guidelines
- Mailing vs. ads
- Online tax sales
- What happens after the sale
- Redemptions

Committee Reports:

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

New Business:

- Next meeting is to be held 12/14/23.

The meeting was Adjourned at 1:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Mazzarella
Recording Secretary