

# TAX COLLECTORS & TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF BERGEN COUNTY

Regular Meeting June 24, 2021

Via ZOOM

The June 24, 2021 meeting of the Bergen County Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association was called to order at 10:05 am. by President Jodi DeMaio who welcomed everyone and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Patti Miller.

## President's Report:

- The October Quarterly Meeting is expected to be held in person.
- The League of Municipalities Conference is scheduled for November 2021. The NJTCTA will have a booth. Volunteers are needed, anyone interested should contact Liz Villano or Jodi DeMaio.
- BCTCTA dues must be paid by June 30, 2021
- The Minutes from March 19<sup>th</sup> were Approved

## Committee Reports:

- Membership
  - None
- Nominating
  - Slate of Officers for 2022 will remain the same as 2021.
- Legislative
  - Chris Assenheimer, NJ League of Municipalities Legislative Committeeman, reported on the following:
    - **A-4222** The Interest Rate on Tax Liens to be capped at 9%. Legislative Committee opposed.
    - **A-4126** Permits local units and authorities to waive interest and lien enforcement for certain Delinquent water and sewer utility payments during emergency circumstances. Committee opposed.
    - **A-5393**- COVID Relief Aid Grants to be dispersed. Committee feels this pits towns against each other.
    - **A-5343** Requires public community water systems to inventory and replace lead service lines within 10 years; provides for recoupment of costs by investor-owned public water systems
    - **A-5474** Farmland Assessment-Provides certain noncontiguous acres of land may be eligible for farmland assessment under certain circumstances.
- Grievances
  - None
- Programs
  - None
- By-Laws
  - None
- Social
  - None

- Good & Welfare
  - None
- Website
  - None

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Ada Vassallo gave the Treasurer’s report:

Opening Balance TD Bank	\$13,713.37
Deposits (April- May 31st)	\$ 525.00
Expenses (April – May 31st)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Ending Balance TD Bank	<b>\$14,238.37</b>

Membership Total 72 Members (68 Regular, 3 Business, 1 Retired)

The Treasurer’s Report was accepted and approved.

**State Report:**

Linda Canavan reported the following:

- Executive Order 220 prohibiting the inclusion of water or electric delinquencies in Tax Sales remains in effect until December 2022.
- Jodi DeMaio & Liz Villano are organizing a meeting for Tax Collectors at the League in November
- Saul Wittes Conference is scheduled for Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Clarion Hotel
- Tax Collector and CFO Licenses renewal is extended for another year

**New Business:** None

**Speaker Presentation:**

**Keith Bonchi**, the TCTANJ Legal Counsel, and principal of Goldenberg, Mackler, Sayegh, Mintz, Pfeffer, Bonchi & Gill, presented on Bankruptcy and How to Use the PACER Program. He discussed the following key points:

- U.S. Bankruptcy Court, NJ District ([njb.us.courts.gov](http://njb.us.courts.gov)) provides access to all NJ Bankruptcy cases
- Bergen County is under the jurisdiction of the Newark Bankruptcy Court (all cases are being heard via telephone at this time due to COVID)
- Information available on the PACER site
  - Glossary of all Bankruptcy terms
  - Individual Case Information
  - Filing dates, Schedules A & D, Proofs of Claim, etc.
- The site is free if less than 30 pages are printed per month

The meeting was Adjourned at 11:33 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Patricia J. Miller  
 Recording Secretary