

TAX COLLECTORS & TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF BERGEN COUNTY

Regular Meeting June 30, 2022

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

The June 30, 2022 meeting of the Bergen County Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association was called to order at 12:14 pm. 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 Bergen County Tax Administrator's Office has stated that the County budget will be adopted and approved in late August 2022. Please do not call their offices to inquire about the status of the Tax Rates.
- The League of Municipalities Conference is scheduled for November 2022 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. The NJTCTA will have a booth. Volunteers are needed, anyone interested should contact Liz Villano or Jodi DeMaio.
- Thank you to Anna Kalata of Midland Park for volunteering to be our Website Coordinator.
- The Minutes from March 31, 2022 BCTCTA meeting were accepted and approved
- The next BCTCTA meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2022

• Committee Report

- Legislative Update

Chris Assenheimer, NJ League of Municipalities Legislative Committeeman, reported on the following Legislation that was discussed at the NJLM on June 20, 2022:

- A-3746/S-2423: Allows local government deferred compensation plans to invest in collective investment trusts. Committee voted to approve this legislation.
- A3833/ S2592 & ACR -139 / SCR-109: Increases amounts of property tax deductions for Seniors, Disabled persons, and Veterans from \$250.00 to \$500.00 in tax year 2024. This legislation is subject to voter approval of the State Constitution amendment. The Committee voted to approve this legislation.
- A-3866 / S-2149: Lowers the age of eligibility for a surviving spouse in the Property Tax Reimbursement program from 65 years to 62. The Committee voted to oppose this legislation.
- S-2620: Adjusts certain public contract bid thresholds. The Committee sees a conflict with "Pay to Play" and believes that thresholds should be coordinated.
- A- 4166 / S-2640: Authorizes local government to provide voluntary contributions to certain non-profit veteran's organizations. Permits a voluntary contribution of not more than \$70,000 annually to a duly incorporated nonprofit veteran's organization. Permits an additional contribution of \$35,000 to any duly incorporated first aid, emergency, volunteer ambulance or rescue squad. The committee opposed this legislation as it is a violation of the NJ Constitution.

- ANCHOR program, (Affordable NJ Communities for Homeowners and Renters) a new property tax relief program that will replace the Homestead Rebate program in 2023. Will increase the number of beneficiaries from 470,000 to 1.8 million. Includes renters and homeowners with incomes between \$75,000 & \$250,000.

Speaker Presentation:

Diane Holden welcomed our presenter, NJ State Police Detective Sergeant Eric Acosta. The program was entitled, Cyber Security Best Practices. Sgt. Acosta touched on many topics of Cyber Security including:

- Government risk and compliance
- Cyber threat Outreach and partnership for individuals
- How to protect your PII (Personal Identifiable Information)
- Ransomware threats
- Password protections & managers
- Multifactor Authentication
- Backing up data & external hard drives

Sergeant Acosta offered to make similar presentations to Police Departments, Schools or Municipalities. His contact information is:

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Committee Reports (continued):

- Membership
 - None
- Nominating
 - Slate of Officers for 2022 will remain the same as 2021. Motion to close Nominations was accepted.
- Grievances
 - None
- Programs
 - None
- By-Laws
 - None
- Social
 - None
- Good & Welfare
 - None
- Website
 - Anna Kalata of Midland Park is our new website manager

Treasurer's Report:

Ada Vassallo gave the Treasurer's report:

Opening Balance TD Bank	\$16,397.69
Deposits (April – June 30)	\$ 115.00
Expenses (April – June 30)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Ending Balance TD Bank	<u>\$16,512.69</u>

Membership Total 73 Members (68 Regular, 4 Business, 1 Retired)

The Treasurer's Report was accepted and approved.

State Report:

Linda Canavan reported the following:

- Marge Saharic of DCA will be retiring at the end of the year 2022
- Bill Houma, Tax Collector Cedar Grove retiring on June 30, 2022
- Deadline for submissions to The Criterion is September 1, 2022
- The next TCTANJ meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2022

New Business: Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 29, 2022

Susan Corrado of Tenafly Borough shared a personal experience of a recent Cyber Security “hack” to the municipality in June of 2022. She echoed the words of caution and warning relayed by our presentation.

This meeting was Adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia J. Miller
Recording Secretary