

TAX COLLECTORS & TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF BERGEN COUNTY

Regular Meeting March 31, 2022

Via ZOOM

The March 31, 2022 meeting of the Bergen County Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association was called to order at 10:02 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 2018 Homestead Rebate Files are available
- The NJTCTA Conference is May 17 – 19, 2022.
- Due to a scheduling conflict, Marge Saharic of DCA will not be attending today's meeting. She will be at the June meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Membership
 - Total: 60 Members (56 Regular, 4 Business)
- Nominating
 - Slate of Officers for 2023 proposed and accepted.

Conchita Parker	Hasbrouck Heights	President
Diane Holden	Haworth	1 st Vice President
Marilyn Hayward	Alpine	2 nd Vice President
Ada Vassallo	River Vale	3 rd Vice President
Patricia Miller	Glen Rock	Treasurer
Jessica Mazzarella	Park Ridge	Recording Secretary
Meena Sivakumar	Franklin Lakes	Corresponding Secretary

- Legislative
 - Chris Assenheimer, NJ League of Municipalities Legislative Committeeman, reported on the following:
 - S-330: Increases distribution to municipalities from Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief Fund over five years to restore municipal aid reduction; requires additional aid to be subtracted from municipal property tax levy.
 - S-343: Increases, from 18% to 30%, amount of rental payments defined as rent constituting property taxes for purposes of deduction from gross income for property tax payments.
 - A-1662: Allows shore municipalities to provide spouse and dependent children of veterans free or reduced cost access to beaches.
 - A-1314: Requires municipality to return to taxpayer property taxes paid in error due to assessor's or owner's mistake.
 - A-1327: Revises criteria to establish base year for homestead property tax reimbursement after relocation.
 - A-2209: Increases annual income limitation for senior and disabled citizen's eligible for \$250.00 property tax deduction and bases future annual income limitations on annual CPI changes.
 - A-3146: Increases contribution limit by counties and municipalities to volunteer first aid, ambulance, and rescue squads.

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- Grievances
 - None
- Programs
 - None
- By-Laws
 - None
- Social
 - Past President and Webmaster, Becky Overgaard will retire in May 2022
- Good & Welfare
 - None
- Website
 - Becky Overgaard was our webmaster for many years. We thank her for her hard work and dedication. We are looking for a volunteer to take up the maintenance of the website.

Treasurer's Report:

Ada Vassallo gave the Treasurer's report:

Opening Balance TD Bank	\$14,238.37
Deposits (October -December 2021)	\$ 1,470.00
Expenses (October-December 2021)	<u>\$ 2,382.36</u>
Ending Balance TD Bank December 2021	\$13,326.01
2022 Deposits of Membership Dues	\$ 3,025.00
Current Balance	\$16,351.01

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted.

State Report:

Linda Canavan reported the following:

- Bergen County TCTA is well represented on the State level. Jodi DeMaio is now the 2022 Sergeant-At-Arms. She will be Recording Secretary next year.
- Elizabeth Villano is now the Assistant Treasurer and will be the Treasurer in 2023.
- Christopher Assenheimer will continue to be the Chair of the Legislative Committee, as well as Recording Secretary in 2022, and Assistant Treasurer in 2023.
- Saul Wittes mini conference will be held in Toms River on October 7, 2022, they are planning to do this conference remote as well, very exciting for us in Northern NJ.

New Business: None

Speaker Presentation:

John Hogan, Bergen County Clerk since 2011 presented an overview of the services of his office with an emphasis on Land Records Management, Deeds and Mortgages

- Bergen County Clerk's office is customer service oriented and technologically advanced.
- The Clerk's Office is the oldest elected Constitutional Office next to the sheriff and Surrogate
- Last year Bergen County Clerk's Office collected over \$20 million for E Recordings
- Passport Division handles Passports, photo ID cards for Firefighters, Veterans, Senior citizens, etc.
- Election Division (handled over 80,000 "Vote by Mail" ballots in 2021, up from 5,000 previously). Oversees the board of Elections
- Mr. Hogan addressed the questions posed by the BCTCTA regarding Deeds. A copy of the Questions and answers will be sent to those interested
- Land Record dating back to 1896 will eventually all be available electronically
- Bergen County Clerk Mobile office is available to for visits to any town. Call Marilyn to schedule a visit 201.336.7006

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia J. Miller
Recording Secretary