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## COALITION MEETING

May 2, 2024

### MINUTES

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:15 by President Mike Signorile.

**Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:** All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Signorile and for a Moment of Silence remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation, those that are currently serving as active military and police.

**Secretary/Treasurer Pakay:**

**Roll Call:** Present: President Signorile, Vice President DeChiaro, Secretary/Treasurer Pakay, Past-Presidents: Babara Egner and Terry LaCausi. HOAs: HC Berkeley, HC Carefree, HC South, HC West, Holiday Heights, SRP East, SRP North, SRP West, SRP Westerly and Sonata Bay. Absent: Past Presidents: Marietta Kobus and Karen Heck.

**Acceptance of the Minutes for the April 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** The Minutes for the April 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed, via e-mail, to all Coalition members. No corrections or additions were received. Secretary Pakay asked for corrections or additions from the floor. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to accept the Minutes as read. All were in favor. The Minutes of April 4<sup>th</sup> stand as read.

**Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was distributed, via email, to all Coalition members. No corrections or additions were received. Treasurer Pakay asked for corrections or additions from the floor. Hearing none, a motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report of April 4<sup>th</sup>. All were in favor. The Treasurer's Report is filed.

Opening Balance: \$4,001.53

Interest Earned: \$ .03

Closing Balance **\$4,001.56**

## **Guest Speakers:**

Carmine “Chops” Czapla, Department of Veterans Affairs ocean Acres a non-profit organization.

## **The Veterans Transportation Program:**

Offered by the Veterans Transportation Outreach Program (Disabled American Meeting – American Legion 129 – 2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ.:

- The Ocean Inc. Veterans Transportation Program provides a monetary credit in the veterans EZ Ride account.
- Once approved these funds are used to book Uber/Lyft rides to and from medical appointments, grocery/retail shopping, military organizational socials, and any other community events.
- A spouse/caregiver is able to ride with the veteran.
- Participants must own a cell phone to utilize the program.
- This program is at no cost to the veterans.
- If you or someone you know is a veteran and requires transportation services, contact the Ocean Inc. Veterans Transportation Coordinator, Carmine “Chops” Czapla at 732-496-3704 or via email at [cczapla@oceaninc.org](mailto:cczapla@oceaninc.org).
  - During the registration process, be sure to have available a copy of your DD214 form.

## **Seniors Isolation Prevention Program:**

- Through the Ocean Inc. Senior Isolation Transportation Program, qualified Ocean County seniors can get out and about to regular outings, for social functions, exercise, visit friends, medical care, shop at public places. The purpose of this program is to help them become connected. They can get involved in their community – try a new (or old) hobby, join a club, enroll in a study, or learn a new skill, and volunteer to help others to feel connected to their community.
- The seniors who receive transportation must meet the income guidelines (200% or below poverty Guidelines). The 2023 CSBO Poverty Guidelines are as followings:
- Must be age 62 or older.
- For a Household of 1: Annual income of: \$27,180.00
- For a Household of 2: Annual income of: \$36,620.00
- Social Security Award Letter
- Bank Statements
- Cell Phone is Required
- For more program information, please call (732) 244-5333 Ext. 1116

(Provided by Senator Amato’s Office): This is a link to the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs website for transportation services:

<https://www.nj.gov/military/assets/documents/NJ%20Veterans%20Transportation%20Guide.pdf>.

This is a link to the Ocean, Inc. Senior Isolation Transportation Program:

<https://www.oceanresourcenet.org/search/ocean-inc-senior-isolation-transportation-program/>.

## **SCofBT.org Demonstration – Bill Kirms Senior Publishing:**

- Since Senior Publishing publishes 7 of the 10 HOAs newsletters, Bill has the capability to pull the event flyers directly from the HOA newsletters. Others need to send their flyers directly to Bill.
- Bill demonstrated how to maneuver thru the website to find information.
- We are adding “Bingo” events to the website.
- If an event is for residents only, please indicate that on the flyer.
- Let Judi know if there is information that you would like to see included on the website.
- Encourage residents to visit the website. Useful to see events for all 10 HOAs in one (1) place.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **ADR – Barbara Egner:**

- 3 new people and 2 experienced mediators attended the ADR Training Class on 4/23/24.
- We now 14 individuals willing to perform an ADR mediation.

### **JBMDL - Parade of Wreaths – Judi Pakay:**

- Parade of Wreaths Ceremony will be held on the McGuire side of the JBMDL on 5/23.
- Wreath flyers were distributed to each of the HOAs. Any HOA that is donating a wreath should let Judi know so she can notify Protocol. The following have made donations:
  - Senior Coalition of Berkeley Twp., Holiday Heights, and Silver Ridge Park North.

### **AARP Safety Driving Class - Bob Mattson:**

- The gentlemen who taught the classes in the past is no longer doing so.
- Bob has checked online for group classes and has been unsuccessful to find any.
- Bob is considering taking the certification class and teaching it for us.

### **President Mike Signorile:**

#### **HR-7084**

- Petition Signing : You Earned It! You Keep It! Please continue to show your support by having your residents sign the petition.
- Legislators are adding amendments to the bill on how and who will be funding this bill.
- Currently the bill is stalled in Congress.

### **NJ Department of Motor Vehicles Mobile Unit**

- On Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> the DMV mobile unit will be at HC South. We will advise you of the time when we know.
- Residents must sign up. Reservations for 60 residents only. After 60 a waiting list will be created. We will need the Resident’s Name, Address and Telephone Number. Please submit your resident list to either Mike or Judi.
- Residents will be able to renew driver’s license, car registration or apply for a Real-ID. Real-ID’s are for identification only.
- You will need to show identification at the time of your appointment. More details to follow as we are updated.

## **9<sup>th</sup> District at Work for Us:**

**Sanctuary State Appeal:** Our 9<sup>th</sup> District has created legislation on abolishing NJ as a Sanctuary State. This is the link to the Delegation's press release on its anti-sanctuary state legislation: <https://www.senatenj.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=299>.

**9<sup>th</sup> District Legislative Update Form:** The form that appeared in an update was distributed to the Coalition membership for distribution in their communities. Residents can also register online.

**Department of Labor:** The article "DOL Raises the Minimum Salary for Overtime Eligibility, Judi received from Hill Wallack was distributed to the membership for information purposes. This applies to HOAs who have paid employees.

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **Holiday City West – Bob Mattson:**

- Eliminating the pool monitors this season saves the association \$14,000.
- We have been first aid and a-e-d trained by the BT First Aid Squad.
- Installed the Straightline" pass code entry system and recognition cameras as a line of security.
- Installed a maintenance system that monitors the chemical levels and automatically adds chemicals as needed.

### **Holiday City Carefree – Marie Persichilli:**

- Memorial Day: **remember to honor the moment of silence at 3:00 pm.**
- Carefree recently learned that stores can no longer sell poppies. Stop by the Carefree Office, poppies are available for a donation.
- On Memorial Day the Board of Directors have set up a table near the Office
- Marie distributed the article she wrote on "The Purpose of Memorial Day".

Mike wished all the ladies a Happy Mother's Day.

Our next meeting is on June 6, 2024, at Silver Ridge Park East.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25.

Respectfully submitted,

*Judi Pakay*

Secretary/Treasurer