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Senior Coalition of Berkeley Township

May 1, 2025, Meeting

MINUTES

Host: Holiday City Berkeley HOA

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Mike Signorile. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for our active military, first responders and our retired Veterans.

Roll Call: Present: President Signorile, Vice President De Chiaro, Secretary/Treasurer Pakay, HC Berkeley, HC Carefree, HC South, HC West, Hol Hts., SRP East, SRP North, SRP West, SRPP Westerly, Sonata Bay. All Associations were present.

Acceptance of the Minutes – Judi Pakay:

Minutes from the April 3rd meeting were distributed to all members, prior to the meeting. No additions or corrections were expressed. Motion to accept the Minutes of April 3rd was made and seconded. The Minutes stand as read.

Acceptance of the Financial Report ending April 30, 2025:

SCofBT Financial Report for Month Ending 4/30/2025

Opening Balance as of 4/1/2025	\$4,442.29
Revenue Generated	\$0
Interest Earned	\$ 0.04
Expenses Generated	\$0
Closing Balance as of 4/30/2025	\$4,442.33

No additions or corrections were expressed. Motion to accept the Financial Report was made and seconded. The Financial Report is filed.

Guest Speaker – Office of Senior Services: Director Maria LaFace:

Older American's Act Revisions:

- Concerns regarding the proposed changes to the Older Americans Act (OAA) and potential cuts in funding for services to the 200,000 seniors in Ocean County. Under the Executive Branch's draft FY2026 HHS budget, the Older Americans Act programs and funding will be divided amongst two separate agencies, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) and the Administration for Children & Family Services (ACF). The budget draft also outlines plans to zero out many critical aging programs including health promotion and disease prevention and elder rights efforts to prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

- The OAA has been a tremendous success because of the coordination of services designed to assist older adults maintain their independence offering in-home services, transportation, meals on wheels, social engagement and much more. The proposed breakup of the programs up will not only be less effective, but it will also drive costs up by increasing the administrative burden on federal, state, and local aging agencies.
- As staunch advocates for older adults, we need to ask our Legislators that they do all they can to ensure that federal administration of the OAA programs is consistent with the legislative intent of the law and that the act remains intact.
- The best way to accomplish this is to move OAA programs, formerly under the Administration for Community Living, to the Administration for Children & Family Services. Keeping them under one agency will ensure that the programs and services remain coordinated and designated to meet the needs of older adults, please ask our Legislators to oppose any cuts to funding or elimination of critical services to older adults. Petitions were distributed to all ten (10) HOAs opposing the cuts to the FY26 portion of the Older American's Act. HOAs should contact Judi to pick them up or mail them to 33 Oakfield Road, no later than May 17th.
- Berkeley Township Council will prepare a Resolution opposing these changes.

Ocean County Senior Services Mobile Units:

Senior Services now has two mobile units that are fully equipped. To schedule a mobile unit, visit to your community. To apply go to www.co.ocean.nj.us/seniorservices website.

Guest Speaker: Provident Bank – Maureen McDonnell:

Maureen made a very informative presentation on Senior Scams.

- A copy of her slide presentation was sent to all members. Another is attached.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mike Signorile

PAS-1: PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FILING:

- See attached informational sheet.

PAAD:

- Income level was raised.

THINK ENERGY:

- Save 20% off of your JCPL bill when you sign up for Think Energy.
- Berkeley Township Solar Farms will supply electrical energy to your home.
- You do not need solar panels on your roof.
- Another copy of the previously distributed informational flyer is attached.

TUNNELS TO TOWERS GROUNDBREAKING:

- May 7, 2025 – 11:00. Ceremony should last approximately 1 hour.
- Shuttle Service will be provided from the Bayville Volunteer Fire Department and the Berkeley Township Recreational Center. If needed St. Barnabas Church will be added.
- Sloops Creek, Bayville is the first Veterans Village to be built in NJ.
- Prefabricated models will be available to tour.
- NY Fire Department will supply lunch and grillers.

CONGRESSMAN VAN DREW'S PRESS RELEASE:

- The toll contracts for the Garden State Parkway and the NJ Turnpike are China affiliated.
- The Berkeley Township will be preparing a Resolution supporting Congressman Van Drew's proposed legislation. (Press Release Attached.)

BERKELEY TOWNSHIP NEW SPEED LIMITS:

- **Public Notice - **New Speed Limit****
- Effective immediately, the speed limits for both directions of traffic along County Road #91 (Grand Central Parkway – Pinewald Road – Surf Avenue – Admiral Avenue) in the Township of Berkeley and the Borough of Beachwood have been established as follows:
- Zone 1. 45 MPH between Forest Hills Parkway in Berkeley Township and Seaman Avenue in Beachwood Borough. Except for 30 MPH when flashing signs are operating when passing through the Toms River Intermediate School South zone, during recess when the presence of children is clearly visible from the roadway, or while children are going to or leaving school, during opening or closing hours.
- Zone 2. 35 MPH between Seaman Avenue and Ensign Avenue in Beachwood Borough.
- Zone 3. 30 MPH between Ensign Avenue and State Highway Route 166 in Beachwood Borough.
- Stay alert while traveling in the area as we all adjust to the new changes to the speed zones.

ROBO CAN UPDATE:

- The cans are in the production stage. Delivery to homeowners is anticipated at the end of May or early June.
- Once received, homeowners should put their old cans out with their garbage.

SILVER RIDGE PARK WEST TOWN HALL MEETING:

- The meeting was cancelled for security purposes.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025, COALITION MEETING - GUEST

- Karl Meth of Becker Law will speak about the age-restricted community status.

VICE PRESENT'S REPORT – Vince De Chiaro:

- Vince had no report this month.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT – Judi Pakay

- Judi wished all of the ladies a very happy and blessed Mother's Day.

NEW BUSINESS: - None**OPEN DISCUSSION:** None

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Pakay

Secretary/Treasurer