

March 24, 2022 Executive Board Meeting of the Tax Collectors and Treasurers Association of New Jersey.

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m. by President Carl DiLeo followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Linda Canavan and the Invocation by Vincent Belluscio.

There were seventeen voting members in attendance. L. Villano read off the roll call. Roll Call showed the following Officers in attendance:

**OFFICERS:**

President C. DiLeo  
First Vice President: Excused.  
Second Vice President: Paul Lesniak  
Third Vice President: Maureen Cosgrove  
Treasurer: Bonnie Fleming  
Assistant Treasurer: Liz Villano  
Corresponding Secretary:  
Recording Secretary: Liz Villano & Chris Assenheimer  
Sergeant-at-Arms: Excused.  
Chaplain/Good & Welfare: Danielle H.  
Legal Council: Keith Bonchi  
Executive Director: V. Belluscio  
Membership Services Director: Rita Carr

**REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:**

Region One: Sonia Shulman  
Region Two: Absent  
Region Three: Connie Ludder  
Region Four: Louis Palazo  
Region Five: Mark Godfrey  
Region Six: Renee DeSalvo

**COUNTY PRESIDENTS:**

Atlantic: Jessica Snyder  
Bergen: Absent  
Burlington: Absent  
Camden/Cumberland/Gloucester: Tracy Gregoire  
Cape May: Deborah Lindholm  
Essex/Hudson/Passaic/Union: Stacey Carron  
Middlesex/Somerset/Hunterdon/Mercer: Abelardo Conesa  
Monmouth/Ocean: Hope Ingram-Lewis/Diane Lapp (?)  
Morris: Absent  
Sussex/Warren: Dana Mooney

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**PAST PRESIDENTS:**

2018-2020: Linda Canavan  
2017-2018: Absent  
2015-2016: Kammie Verdolina  
2013-2014: Absent  
2011-2012: Mary Testori  
2010-2011: Absent  
2006-2007: Absent  
2005: Adeline Schmidt  
2001: Gerald Vitarello  
1998: Absent

**LIAISONS:**

Division of Local Government Services: Margaret Saharic  
Associate Business Members: Absent  
Associate Business Member's President: Absent  
Center for Government Services; (Rutgers): Absent

**First Order of Business:** The Board approved a Motion enabling the ascending of Officers due to resignations and or retirements.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes from the previous meeting were approved on a Motion by M. Cosgrove, seconded by P. Lesniak. (The minutes were e-mailed out for review prior to this meeting).

**TREASURERS REPORT:** The 2021 Audit was approved. On a Motion by C. Assenheimer, seconded by Sonia (?), the Treasurers report was accepted as presented. (The report was prepared by Jeanette Larrison and emailed prior to this meeting).

**BUDGET:** The budget was discussed by L. Palazo who recommend that Professional Services be increased to \$90,000.00; Webinars should be detailed separately on the spread sheet; Insurance should be increased to \$9,500.00. The Board approved the budget

**Correspondence:** Thank you note from J. Larson and family on the passing of Jeannette's Mother.

**OFFICERS REPORTS:**

President C. DiLeo thanked all for attending today's meeting. Discussed the Vineland Resolution. Discussed a sample Resolution on an energy bill. Will be attending a League Affiliate meeting on April 12, 2022 with Effie Pressley.

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C. Assenheimer reported on Legislation: S-330: Increases the 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% the amount of rental payment's defined as rent constituting property taxes for purposes of deduction from gross income for property tax payments.

A-1662: Allows shoe municipalities to provide spouse and dependent children of veterans free or reduced cost to access beaches. Also, NJ League Meeting on April 1, 2022 in Princeton.

Resolutions and By-laws: There was a discussion regarding the ability of retired Past Presidents to have a vote on the Executive Board. J. Vitarello stated that "A Past President does not have a voting privilege once retired. The issue is whether a Past President can vote as a designated representative for a County." The main purpose is to reach a quorum for a Board Meeting. A discussion occurred after the By-Law Committee did not recommend any changes to the current By-laws regarding this issue. For clarity purposes, the discussion at the Board Meeting was that the Past President cannot vote as a retired Past President but would be able to vote as a designated representative for a County since there are no requirements as to how or who can serve as a designated representative in the current By-Laws. The Board approved to leave the By-Laws the same, "In the spirit of the By-Laws."

Technical Review: K. Bonchi to report under Council.

Spring Conference: M. Cosgrove reported that everything is ready to go, 170 signed up so far and 6 ABM members. Darren Lowe is working on attracting more ABM members. Hard Rock Hotel and Casino has been very helpful.

Second Vice President P. Lesniak:

NJ League of Municipalities Conference, (NJLOM): M. Cosgrove reported that our booth will cost \$850.00. The Board approved \$850.00 to "purchase" a booth for the NJLOM Conference. The Board approved to move our hotel location to the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino for the NJLOM Conference, November 15-17, 2022. This must also be approved by the NJLOM.

Historical/Archives-C. Assenheimer reported progress. P. Lesniak reported that he cleaned up the storage unit in Kenilworth; there are four, (4) overhead projectors in storage and if anyone can use them, they are available, or we should get rid of them. Also there are laptops that are in storage that need to be wiped clean and then tossed that are old and cannot be used. There are five, (5) bins that need to be shredded, price for shredding is \$550. . The Board approved the quote of \$550.00 for the shredding. The Board also voted to donate the overhead projectors to a worthy organization.

ABM Membership: Fran Iliadis reported that they are moving forward with Spring Conference.

Newsletter/Public Relations: Criterion will be available soon.

PERS: V. Belluscio reported that there is discussion about splitting PERS from PFS.

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Scholarship: P. Lesniak reported that application's are due by April 18<sup>th</sup>. Balance is \$10,900.00. Scholarships should go to High School Seniors or freshmen in college for CTC or CFO Classes.

Third Vice President M. Cosgrove. Mary Picariello reported that the next meeting is here on 6/23/2022. The Clerks Conference is in May and they will have a wine wall and a basket raffle. (Tricky Tray table). They give all a welcome bag. M. Cosgrove reported that if it is OK that we will continue to hold meetings at this location. Board approved.

Good & Welfare: C. Assenheimer reported that all supplies and information has been turned over to D. Peacock. Plaques that were given out will be repaired and sent out.

North East Regional TCTA: A. Schmidt & M. Testori reported that the 2022 Conference is on 8/28-8/31 at the North Conway Grand Hotel in New Hampshire. All is set. Check out the web site for information including application to attend.

Finance & Tax CEU's: Chairman V. Belluscio reported that he has the list from the NJLOM.

Saul Wittes Seminar: T. Young reported that the seminar will be on October 7, 2022, (Friday) at this location.

## **COUNTY PRRESIDENT REPORTS:**

Atlantic: J. Snyder reported that their last meeting was on 3/2 and A. Riccio was the guest speaker.

Bergen: J. DeMaio reported that their next meeting is on 3/31 and Bergen County Clerk John Hogan is the guest speaker.

Burlington: It was reported that their next meeting will be a Zoom type meeting in early April and that K. Bonchi is the guest speaker.

Camden/Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem: T. Gregoire reported that next meeting on April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Cape May: D. Lindholm reported that K. Bonchi did a presentation in Wildwood at their last meeting.

Essex/Hudson/Passaic/Unions: It was reported that a meeting was held last night and that M. Saharic was the guest speaker.

Middlesex/Somerset/Hunterdon/Mercer: A. Conesa reported that they will be hosting a Zoom type meeting next Thursday.

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Monmouth/Ocean: H. Ingram-Lewis/D. Lapp reported that Hope is retiring on 3/11 and that K. Bonchi will be the guest speaker at their next meeting.

Morris: It was reported that the next meeting will be in Chester and that V. Belluscio will be the guest speaker.

Sussex/Warren: Dana Mooney reported that the February meeting was cancelled and that they will try to have a meeting in April. The mini conference that was scheduled for April has been cancelled.

President C. DiLeo thanked our Council K. Bonchi for writing the two, (2) opinions, Thanked M. Cosgrove for doing a great job setting up the Spring Conference. Thanked L. Palazzo for doing a great job with our budget.

Executive Director: V. Belluscio reported that we have booth # 405 at the NJLOM in Atlantic City. We need to establish new positions with job descriptions for an Executive Assistant to the TCTANJ so that they can be trained.

Council: K. Bonchi reported that there is legislation on vacant properties; (Seven, (7), months from January to enact). S2856: is on a fast tract. Discussed case from East Orange regarding an In-Rem Foreclosure.

Membership Services: R. Carr reported that as of today we have 577 members; 205 Signed up for the Spring Webinar and 170 signed up for the Spring Conference.

Rutgers Center for Government Services: Absent-no report.

Division of Local Government Services: M. Saharic reported the ANCHOR program will be delayed and that there is a taxation issue with the Homestead Rebate. Also the following Bills were discussed: A1314-Errors & Omission due to an Assessment mistake-town will have to refund up to three, (3) years back due to wrong payments that were made. S2285: Disabled Veterans that were not 100% disabled-check on 10/31 for delinquent Veterans Taxes M. Saharic will not be retiring on April 1<sup>st</sup> as was previously reported.

Unfinished/Old Business: L. Canavan congratulated all new officers; M. Picariello is stepping down as Vice President.

New Business: M. Cosgrove discussed running two, (2) webinars as fund raisers and that she will run both webinars. The Board approved this. Also discussed was that we usually have 800 members, and we are at 577? The Association is down almost 300 members as of this meeting.

There was nothing else to be discussed so on a Motion by M. Cosgrove, seconded by C. Assenheimer the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m. Next meeting is on June 23, 2022.

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Meeting minutes were taken by L. Villano and transcribed by C. Assenheimer