

A meeting of the Executive Board of the TCTANJ was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, Toms River. President Effie Pressley called the meeting to order at 10:01 A. M. The flag salute and the invocation was done by Eugenia Poulos. Sonia Schulman did a roll call and a quorum check, and we did have an enough votes for a quorum.

Executive Board:	Name	Present/Absent	Voting Member
President	Effie Pressley	P	Y
1 st Vice President	Paul Lesniak	P	Y
2 nd Vice President	Maureen Cosgrove	P	Y
3 rd Vice President	Elizabeth Villano	P	Y
Treasurer	Chris Assenheimer	P	Y
Assistant Treasurer	Jodi DeMaio	A	Y
Corresponding Secretary	Louis Palazzo	P	Y
Recording Secretary	Sonia Schulman	P	Y
Sergeant-at Arms	Paula Ferreira	A	Y
Chaplain/Good & Welfare	Eugenia Poulos	P	Y
Legal Counsel	Keith Bonchi	P	Y
Executive Director/Past President	Vincent Belluscio	A	N
Membership Services Director	Rita Carr	P	N
Assistant Director	Margaret Saharic	P	N

Regional Representatives:	Name	Present/Absent	Voting Member
Regional Rep – Region #1	Trisha Greco	P	Y
Regional Rep – Region #2	Terrance Whelan	P	Y
Regional Rep – Region #3	Constance Ludden	P	Y
Regional Rep – Region #3	Lisa M. Truppa	A	Y
Regional Rep – Region #4	Louis Palazzo	P	Y
Regional Rep – Region #5	Mark Godfrey	P	Y
Regional Rep – Region #6	Renee DeSalvo	P	Y

County Presidents	Name	Present/Absent	Voting Member
County President – Atlantic	Jessica Snyder	P	Y
County President – Bergen	Patricia Miller	P	Y
County President – Burlington	Julia Edmondson	A	Y
County President – Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem	Mark Godfrey	P	Y
County President – Cape May	Terrance Graft	P	Y
County President – Hudson, Essex, Union, Passaic	Annmarie Corbitt-Stacey Carron	A	Y
County President – Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Mercer	Abelardo Conesa - Connie Ludden	P	Y
County President – Monmouth/Ocean	Colleen Lapp - Adeline Schmidt	P	Y
County President – Morris	Mary Ann Murphy	A	Y
County President – Sussex/Warren	Christine M. Rolef	A	Y

Past Presidents:	Name	Present/Absent	Voting Member
2022 -2021	Carl Dileo	P	Y
2019-2020	Linda Canavan	P	Y
2017-2018	Michele Adams	A	N
2015-2016	Kammie Verdolina	P	Y
2013-2014	Jo Anne Lambusta	A	N
2011-2012	Mary L. Testori	P	N
2010-2011	Ron Zilinski	A	N
2006-2007	Randy Bahr	A	N
2005	Adeline Schmidt	A	N
2001	Gerald Vitarello	A	N
1998	Josephine Prisco	A	N

Liaisons:	Name	Present/Absent	Voting Member
Division of Local Gov. Services	Fran Iliadis	P	N
Associate Business President	Joseph Piesecki	A	N
Associate Business Members	Darren Lowe	P	N
Center for Gov. Services	Pam Morley-Chappelle	A	N
GFOA	John Antonides	A	N

Atlantic City Conference	Jodi DeMaio/ Eugenia Poulos	P	
Newsletter	Mary Jo Gilmour	A	
PERS	John Antonides	A	
Saul Wittes Seminar	Tyrone Young	P	

Previous Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the June 22, 2023 meeting were approved on a motion from Chris Assenheimer, seconded by Carl Dileo

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer’s report was accepted as presented on a motion by Carl Dileo, seconded by Louis Palazzo

Budget:

We have collected 99% of the Spring Conference revenue. We spent \$1,147.50 more than we raised. We need to look into raising additional revenue for next year. We also discussed looking into putting money into CDs or higher interest money market accounts.

1st Vice President – Paul Lesniak

Correspondence: -Vince Belluscio sent a heartfelt thank you to the TCTANJ for the gift he received wishing him a speedy recovery. Stated he is in for a long recovery.

League Affiliate: No report

Legislative –

Chris Assenheimer will send an email to the Board about upcoming legislation.

Resolution/By-laws – Carl DiLeo

Discussion took place about amending the By-laws to allow for electronic voting. Currently, we were doing so because of Covid and we would like to incorporate it into the by-laws. A vote was taken to present to the membership at the League of Municipalities in November.

Motion by - Linda Canavan – Seconded by Colleen Lapp

Technical Review – Carl DiLeo, - no report

Spring Conference – Margie Saharic –

Asked for volunteers – Sonia Schulman has agreed to be a co-chair. Also, Louis Palazzo and Tracey Gregoire have agreed to assist. Paul Lesniak spoke about trying to get more ABM sponsorships

by targeting the GFOA sponsors. He will distribute a letter to them at their conference. Also, Colleen Lapp agreed to pass out the letters at the North East Regional Conference.

2nd Vice President – Maureen Cosgrove

Atlantic City Conference – Eugenia Poulos

Only 25 room reservations were requested. The Hard Rock Hotel has been sold out. Paul Lesniak is working on the slide presentation for the Tax Collector's Booth.

ABM – Darren Lowe

Waiting to hear back from Chickie's & Petes for their event at the League.

Newsletter/Public Relations – Maureen Cosgrove

Mary Jo Gilmour is stepping down. Currently, there is no one to take over. A Committee is being formed to see if we still want to publish the Criterion. It is not cost effective. The committee is going to be made up of Carl Dileo, Colleen Lapp, Mary Testori and Maureen Cosgrove. Maureen also stated that she scanned all the Criteria published in 35 years. It is on a thumb drive and will be uploaded soon.

PERS –no report.

Scholarship – The amount in the account is \$10,773 after the 3 scholarships were given.

Archives, Records Management – Maureen Cosgrove

Paul Lesniak stated that the files are ready for destruction but the company needs someone at the storage unit so that it can be done. Linda Canavan and Maureen Cosgrove agreed to go on October 27, 2023 and Paul will schedule the destruction. Also, since there were no requests for the old projectors, they will be thrown out. Paul received quotes for a smaller storage unit. It would be a savings of approximately \$90.00 per month.

3rd Vice President- Liz Villano

Calendar/Meetings/Facilities – Dates for the meetings for 2024 are as follows:

11/11/24 – PM meeting via zoom and live

3/21/24 – PM meeting

5/29/24 – 5/31/24 – Spring Conference

No June meeting

9/19/24 – AM meeting

12/12/24 AM meeting

The afternoon meetings will serve lunch at noon and then the meeting will start at 1:00 PM

The morning meetings will start at 10:00AM with lunch to follow.

Good & Welfare – Eugenia Poulos

John Antonides is recovering from knee surgery.

Vincent Belluscio has been ill and in/and out of the hospital. We hope they both have a speedy recovery.

Northeast Regional TCTA – Mary Testori

Conference will be at the Atlantic Sands hotel in Rehoboth Beach, DE from 9/24/23 – 9/27/23. Mary Testori will now serve as president of the association. A hearty congratulations was given to her.

CEU Chair – no report

Saul Wittes Seminar – Tyrone Young

The date of the seminar is October 6th and we are all ready to go. We are hoping for more registrations to take place.

GFOA – Conference to take place 9/26-9/28

County President's Reports

Atlantic – Atlantic County/Cape May County held a joint mini conference in June. It was very successful and they plan on doing so again next year. Next meeting is December 5th.

Bergen – Next meeting is Friday, September 22nd and the speaker is Holly Schepisi

Burlington –

Camden/Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem – Held a meeting on September 13th and the next one will be in December

Essex/Hudson/Passaic/Union – Meeting held on July 24th and the next one will be October 18th.

Middlesex/Somerset/Hunterdon/Mercer – Meeting on September 22nd with Real Auction

Monmouth/Ocean – Meeting held on 9/8 with 50 people in attendance. There were 3 speakers including Keith Bonchi and Armando Riccio.

Morris – no report

Sussex/Warren – no report

Cape May County – Joint mini-conference with Atlantic County in June. The next meeting will be in December.

President's Report - Effie Pressley reported that Vince has been in and out of the hospital and that he is trying to do what he can. She stated Vince is trying to do what he can to answer his emails and will take certain calls as necessary. Margaret Saharic has been stepping up since Vince's absence due to illness. She gave a special thank you to everyone the Board especially the VPS, for all their hard work and coming tougher as a team to keep responsibilities to our members moving forward. She stated that she and Maureen have been trying to go to as many County Association meetings as possible and encouraging more people to get involved. The conversation turned to next year's meeting scheduled. A handout was given it with the dates. She stated that in order to accommodate more people, we were switching up the times for those individuals that cannot make morning meetings. The meeting was turned over to Carl to explain the removal and/or creation of a committee pursuant to the bylaws under Article V section 1-Standard Committees. Carl stated that he spoke to Gerald Vitarello that stated that there were no changes in the by-laws needed since there are 7 standard committees in the by-laws and the other committees are at the discretion of the President.

A motion was made by Colleen Lapp and seconded by Liz Villano to remove the Bank and Mortgage Committee.

A motion was made by Carl Dileo and seconded by Chris Assenheimer to add the Committee on Webinars to the 3rd Vice-President's duties.

Executive Director's Report – no report

Counsel's Report – Keith Bonchi spoke at the Supreme Court decision of Tyler v. Hennepin County and the ramifications of the status of cases in New Jersey. He stated that on July 10, 2023 the Chief Justice called a meeting with all interested parties regarding what New Jersey will be doing as a result of this

case. He decided that all In Rem foreclosures had to be personally served and be re-done. He also stated that they had to serve the entire foreclosure package when presenting Final Judgment. The cost of service for the City of Trenton alone is over \$12,000.00 He also stated that each person must be personally served for the Order Setting Time and Place. He stated that Judges will be meeting this week to discuss new procedures. He is also working on writing a draft bill to accommodate the Tyler ruling. He does not expect any movement on the Bill until after the November election. The bill being sponsored by Senator Brian Stack will allow any taxpayer the right to a Sheriff sale if they request one. The bill also offers internet sales if necessary. However, he cautioned that he does not want this to allow what Florida does with their sales. The internet option was the request of the League of Municipalities. He also stated that there has been push back on increasing the legal fees, but that Judge Grant was more amenable to this now. He stated that the current tax sale law created because of the Martin Act, prior to this, foreclosures were done during a jury trial. He also spoke about on October 18th he will appear before the appellate court for the City of Paterson.

Membership Services Director – Rita Carr stated there are currently 3 people who have not paid for the Spring Conference. She also stated that the mailing done to try to recruit new members was not effective.

Division of Local Government Services – Fran Iliadis stated that Director Jacquelyn Suarez has been now named Commissioner of DCA. She also reported that LIHWAP is out of funds but does not have any other information.

Rutgers's Report – Pam Chappelle – no report

Old Business – Louis Palazzo reported that he will get in touch with the auditor to find out when the audit will be available.

New Business – Chris Assenheimer wished to thank everyone for their good prayers and wishes for his recovery.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM

**Respectfully Submitted,
Sonia Schulman**