

## **Fairness In Taxes**

### **Meeting Minutes 7-10-15**

**Board Attendance:** Leo Burke, Sheila & Bill Hartranft, Michael Hinchman, Don Kerns, Dale Nicholas, Vic Staniec & Jim Tweed

Meeting opened by Michael Hinchman with Pledge Allegiance at 3:00 P.M.

#### **Education – Vic Staniec**

- Vic noted that the proposed new 2-story prison bids were not low enough. Will submit plans eliminating the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to see if it meets the budget. Currently on hold.
- Choice students – 135 in the high school with a total of 192 in all three schools.
- An employee was escorted from the High School by the Cape May Prosecutors office recently. No students were endangered. There is no further information.
- There will be five openings for the School Board:
  - Ray Clark – to be replaced until November election by Tiffany Prettiman.
  - Greg Whalen will replace Ed Price due to his election to council.
  - The other three yet to be determined.
- Athletic Director is retiring.

#### **OC Flooding – Eric Sauder**

- OPRA requests are in for the original Baker report and the Hatch Mott report.
- The original Baker report for the Merion Park bulkheads and pipes was estimated at 4m, the contract was actually for 3m; 2.5m for bulkheads and pipes and .5m for the pump station.
- So far, the Mayor has declined to meet with the OC Flooding committee.
- With regard to the Hatch Mott report on check valves, we have not been able to determine how many there were done.

#### **Miscellaneous Items – Michael Hinchman**

- There will be a Work Shop regarding the Historical district at 6:00 P.M., July 16<sup>th</sup>. Notices were sent out to residents in the Historic District.
- Attended the Library meeting, but arrived too late public comment.
- School Board member John Battistini chastised them for the \$110,000 Bookmobile. I commented that the activity of the Bookmobile should be tracked.
- Considering going to the state authorities regarding the Theater at 15<sup>th</sup> & West. People are beginning to come forward, though anonymously, with regard to other questionable issues. People may be afraid to come forward for economic/business reasons.
- Ocean City Pops should not be so sacrosanct. They received \$100,000/year from the city.
- Dredging – they've contracted to the tune of \$16,500 to have someone "read" the documents.

At the close of the meeting Michael Hinchman suggested we invite John Loper, of the Historical Commission Planning Board to be our guest speaker in August.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 P.M.

Next meeting scheduled for August 7, 2015

Respectively submitted by  
Sheila Hartranft  
Secretary