

A meeting of the Executive Board of the TCTANJ was held on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, Toms River. President Effie Pressley called the meeting to order at 10:04 A. M. The flag salute and invocation were done by Eugenia Poulos. Sonia Schulman did a roll call and a quorum check, and we had enough votes for a quorum.

| Executive Board: | Name | Present/Absent | Voting Member |
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| 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 | P | 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 |
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| Regional Rep – Region #1 | Trisha Greco | A | Y |
| Regional Rep – Region #2 | Terrance Whelan | P | Y |
| Regional Rep – Region #3 | Constance Ludden | A | 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 |
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| County President – Atlantic | Jessica Snyder | A | Y |
| County President – Bergen | Patricia Miller | A | Y |
| County President – Burlington | Julia Edmondson | P | Y |
| County President – Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem | Mark Godfrey | P | Y |
| County President – Cape May | Deborah Lindholm for Terrance Graft | P | Y |
| County President – Hudson, Essex, Union, Passaic | Annmarie Corbitt-Stacey Carron | A | Y |
| County President – Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Mercer | Abelardo Conesa- for 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 |
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| Past Presidents: | Name | Present/Absent | Voting Member |
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| 2022 -2021 | Carl Dileo | P | Y |
| 2019-2020 | Linda Canavan | A | 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 | P | N |
| 2005 | Adeline Schmidt | P | N |
| 2001 | Gerald Vitarello | P | N |
| 1998 | Josephine Prisco | A | N |

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

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| GFOA | John Antonides | P | N |
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| Atlantic City Conference | Jodi DeMaio/ Eugenia Poulos | P | |
| Newsletter | Chris Assenheimer | P | |
| PERS | John Antonides | P | |
| Saul Wittes Seminar | Tyrone Young | p | |

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the September 19, 2023 meeting was approved on a motion from Maureen Cosgrove, seconded by Carl Dileo.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer’s report was accepted as presented on a motion by Elizabeth Villano, seconded by Paul Lesniak.

Budget: Louis Palazzo – We have collected 91% of dues and 100% of the Spring Conference. Registrations have lagged and will have to adjust it in the budget. He also stated that he is still working on getting the audit completed.

1st Vice President – Paul Lesniak

Correspondence: - Louis Palazzo – Thank you notes received from Angela Homa, Mark Pfeiffer and Mary Testori.

League Affiliate: No report

Legislative – Chris Assenheimer- December 1st meeting cancelled. He stated that we are revamping the Legislative Committee. No other report

Resolution/By-laws – Carl Dileo & Gerald Vitarello- Electronic Voting was approved at the meeting that took place at the League of Municipalities. Gerry stated that the Board must make a decision every year as to whether or not to allow it. 10 days after the vote, the decision must be sent to the members. Also discussed was that the bylaws need to be amended to include the update.

Technical Review – Carl Dileo – No report

Spring Conference – Margaret Saharic- Still looking for ideas for new speakers. Maureen then spoke about Rutledge doing two seminars. The cost is \$3,500.00 not including meals and a room. Most motivational speaker fees are over \$10,000. A motion by Colleen Lapp and seconded by Carl Dileo for the Board to hire him not to exceed \$4,000.00 value. It was approved unanimously. We will be asking that one of the seminars focus on customer service. Paul Lesniak spoke about sending a letter to the ABMs now for sponsorship.

2nd Vice President – Maureen Cosgrove

Atlantic City Conference – Jodi DeMaio – Everything went well during the conference. She wished to thank Eugenia Poulos for all her hard work.

ABM – Connie Ludden-No report

Newsletter/Public Relations – Chris Assenheimer – discussion about changing the system by doing an email blast instead of the Criterion. The cost will be around \$400.00 per issue plus the initial set up fee. Also discussed that JPEGs are needed to upload pictures. A vote took place not to exceed \$700.00 per issue. It was moved by Colleen Lapp and seconded by Louis Palazzo and carried unanimously. The winter issue will be out in mid-January. Maureen also discussed pictures she found in the storage unit.

PERS – John Antonides – No report- then Maureen Cosgrove gave a fun fact that our pension is funded by the lottery.

Scholarship – Maureen Cosgrove – Currently have \$9,773.64 and the applications for new scholarships will be available soon.

Archives, Records Management —Maureen – Thanked Linda Canavan and Paul Lesniak for their help in cleaning the storage facility. A motion to approve a new storage unit not to exceed \$6,000 was moved by Carl Dileo and seconded by Jodi DeMaio carried unanimously.

3rd Vice President- Liz Villano

Calendar/Meetings/Facilities – Louis Palazzo – No report – except the correction of the January meeting should state 1-11-24. The next meeting will be January 11th The meeting will be in person and by Zoom.

Good & Welfare – Eugenia Poulos – gift basket sent to Mark Pffeifer.

Northeast Regional TCTA – Mary Testori – The NRTCTA will be hosting a webinar December 14, 2023.

CEU Chair – Rita Carr - Our CEUs have been renewed.

Saul Wittes Seminar – Tyrone Young- reported that there were 77 attendees. One of the speakers could not make the seminar, and rescheduled. Keith picked replaced Bill Homa for a session. Tyrone also wished Connie & Abe good luck next year as Chair & Co-Chair for 2024.

GFOA – John Antonides- No report

County President's Reports

Atlantic – December 5 held their holiday meeting and sponsored Toys for Tots.

Bergen – Holiday party is December 14 and they are collecting toys for a hospital.

Burlington – Meeting on December 12 and Fran Ballak will be speaking on foreclosures.

Camden/Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem – Meeting held on December 6 and they hosted between 30 – 40 people. There will be a revision to their bylaws.

Essex/Hudson/Passaic/Union – Meeting held on December 6

Middlesex/Somerset/Hunterdon/Mercer – Meeting to be held on December 11. Susan Jacobucci will be the speaker.

Monmouth/Ocean – Meeting will be held on December 8 at the Springlake Manor. They will have games and prizes as they are celebrating their 60th anniversary. Their reorganization meeting will be on January 18, 2024.

Morris – Their meeting is scheduled for December 13 and they are offering 2 credits.

Sussex/Warren – No report.

Cape May County – Meeting is on December 7.

President's Report - Effie E. Pressley – Effie discussed a change to Vince Belluscio's position to "Consultant to the TCTANJ". Effie referenced his vast institutional knowledge as an asset to the organization with still much to contribute.

Effie also stated that all professional contracts will be sent to the membership prior to the January meeting for review & transparency. Margaret Saharic will be stepping in as "Interim Executive Director". Effie wanted everyone to keep Vince, Mark and all our members in their prayers. She also wanted to thank all the members, past presidents, the Board, and all current members who take pride in our profession. She then wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Executive Director's Report – No report

Counsel's Report – Keith Bonchi- thanked Maureen Cosgrove and Sonia Schulman, along with the rest of the team for pushing through S4142. Also wanted to thank Lori Epstein for the introduction on November 30, 2023. There has been no In-Rem foreclosures since May because of the Tyler v. Hennepin County ruling. Foreclosures cannot move because there has been no movement on the bill. He asked Sonia Schulman to speak to Senator Stack about expediting the bill. Since the legislature is currently in lame duck, laws are passed without much discussion such as the Vacant Property law. We need to make sure that the correct bill is passed with regards to Tyler. Also, they are looking to change the amount of attorney fees in foreclosures because those are capped at \$500.00 which is only a fraction of the actual costs. They are pushing to get reasonable legal fees and the cost of the Sheriff Sale introduced into the courts as the lienholders are losing money with foreclosures. This will have terrible ramifications to municipalities since we will then lose bidders.

If a homeowner does not request a Sheriff Sale, there will be no presumed equity in the property. Also, last Monday, there was a motion to vacate a foreclosure in Paterson caused by the Tyler case. The appellate Court said that Tyler applies to New Jersey for both the towns and the lienholders. It is not retroactive. He also stated that the amount of bidders are down throughout New Jersey and Premiums are getting readjusted. He stated we need reasonable Counsel fees or we will not be getting lienholders.

Membership Services Director – Rita Carr – 2024 forms are available and going out January 1. Currently there are 707 for \$69,575.00 – stated we are staying even. Paul Lesniak then reported that he was working with the GFOA in trying to send out TCTANJ membership applications to their members so that they can also join our organization. John Antonides said that he would discuss it with the new president of the GFOA.

Division of Local Government Services – No report

Rutgers’s Report – Pam Morley-Chappelle – There are currently 109 students and 29 in the review classes. The full spring schedule is available and classes will run from January 27 – June 1. All course remain virtual and they are trying to develop courses to be more interactive. They will be using the Canvass platform. They hired instructional designs and they are meeting with instructors to make interactive. They are still looking for 2 more instructors and will be conducting interviews next week. She stated that the courses are more difficult online and so they are looking to make the classes smaller.

Old Business – deadline for the newsletter for 2024 will be as follows:

- March 1, 2024– Spring
- June 1, 2024 – Summer
- September 1, 2024 – Fall
- December 1, 2024 - Winter

New Business – none

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM

**Respectfully Submitted,
Sonia Schulman**