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Borough of Saddle River



**TAX COLLECTORS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY**

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1st Vice President  
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3rd Vice President  
Paul M. Lesniak, CTC/CMFO  
City of Elizabeth

On Thursday, January 16, 2020 the Executive Board Meeting was held at the APA Hotel, Woodbridge, New Jersey.

Call to Order by President, Linda Canavan at 10: 06 a.m.

Flag Salute led by President, Linda Canavan. Invocation led by Mary Picariello, Chaplain.

Voting Members Present (20).

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS**

<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>
President	Linda Canavan	P	Y
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Carl DiLeo	P	Y
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Effie Pressley	P	Y
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	Paul Lesniak	P	Y
Treasurer	Jeanette Larrison	P	Y
Assistant Treasurer	Maureen Cosgrove	P	Y
Recording Secretary	Bonnie Fleming	P	Y
Corresponding Secretary	Keri Stencel	A	Y
Sergeant-at-Arms	Elizabeth Villano	P	Y
Chaplain	Mary Picariello	P	Y
Legal Counsel	Keith Bonchi	A	N
Executive Director/Past President	Vince Belluscio	P	N
Membership Services Director	Rita Carr	P	N

<b>Regional Representatives:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>
Region #1	Sharon Curran	P	Y
Region #2	Daryn Cashin	P	Y
Region #3	Lisa Truppa	P	Y
Region #4 Rep	Jeffrey Elsasser*	P	Y
Region #5 Rep/County President	Anne Deeck	P	Y
Region #6	Renee DeSalvo	A	Y

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<b>County Presidents:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>
Atlantic	Jessica Snyder	A	Y
Bergen	Gennaro Rotella	P	Y
Burlington	Julie Edmondson	P	Y
Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem	Gail Capasso	A	Y
Cape May	Paula Doll	A	Y
Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Union	Annmarie Corbitt	A	Y
Middlesex, Somerset, Hunterdon, Mercer	Michael Pitts	P	Y
Monmouth, Ocean	**April Yezzi	P	Y
Morris	***Mary Ann Murphy	P	Y
Sussex, Warren	****Terry Beshada	P	Y

\*\*Colleen Lapp \*\*\*Paula Ferriera \*\*\*\*Theresa Schlosser

<b>Past Presidents:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>
2017-2018	Michele Adams	P	N
2015-2016	Kammie Verdolina	A	Y
2013-2014	Jo Anne Lambusta	A	Y
2011-2012	Mary Testori	P	N
2010-2011	Ron Zilinski	A	N
2006-2007	Randy Bahr	A	N
2005	Adeline Schmidt	P	N
2001	Gerald Vitarello	P	N
1998	Josephine Prisco	A	N

<b>Liaisons:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>
Division of Local Government Services	Margaret Saharic	P	N
Associate Business Members Liaison	Darren Lowe	P	N
Associate Business Members President	Joseph Piesecki	A	N
Center for Government Services	Pam Chappelle	P	N

President, Linda Canavan began the meeting with introductions for the benefit of new members.

**1. Minutes:** prepared by Bonnie Fleming, from the December 5, 2019 TCTA Executive Board Meeting and previously e-mailed to voting members for review, were requested to be approved.

Motion to approve: Carl DiLeo

Second: Paul Lesniak

All in favor, none opposed

## **2. Contracts with Professionals:**

Motion was made by Mary Picariello to increase contract for Rita Car, Membership Services Director, currently at \$16,100 to \$18,000 for 2020. Seconded by Colleen Lapp.

All in favor, none opposed.

Motion was made by Carl DiLeo to renew the existing contract for the Executive Director and Webmaster position for \$16,000 and \$6,000 respectively. Seconded by Mary Picariello.

All in favor, none opposed.

Providing legal advice to members only was discussed as a means of reducing the cost of retainer for Keith Bonchi. Motion was made by Elizabeth Villano to renew the existing contract for Legal Counsel, Keith Bonchi for one year at \$37,000. This contract will combine legislative work under the general retainer. Seconded by Carl DiLeo.

All in favor, none opposed.

The contract with Marc Pfeiffer to watch legislative issues at \$3,600/yr. will be reviewed with Chris Assenheimer to determine if it should be renewed. 30-day notice is required to cancel the contract.

## **3. Treasurer's Report:** report prepared by Jeanette Larrison was reviewed.

Motion to approve: Sharon Curran

Second: Effie Pressley

Draft Budget for 2020 prepared by Colleen Lapp was presented and reviewed. The Final budget will be prepared for a vote at the March meeting.

Motion to approve: Sharon Curran

Second: Jeannette Larrison

All in favor, none opposed

## **4. Corresponding Secretary:** Keri Stencel, absent.

Notes of appreciation from Decker family were acknowledged by President, Linda Canavan.

## **REPORTS**

### **5. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report: Carl DiLeo**

**Finance/Budget** – as reported by Colleen Lapp

**Legislative**-Chris Assenheimer absent-Carl reported on A1044 which has passed both houses. Vince reported on new bill, S895 seeking changes to tax collector certification law which would allow courses to be offered by State/County colleges.



Vince Belluscio reported on statistics from last legislative session. 11,457 bills were introduced, 1228 passed through the House, 1819 passed through the Senate, 804 made it to the Governor's desk and 558 were signed into law. 4.87% of the original bills introduced became law cost. This amounts to @\$3K per bill.

**Resolutions/By-Laws-** Jo Anne Lambusta-absent-no report

**Technical Review-**Kammie Verdolina-arrived late-no report

**Spring Conference-**Maureen Cosgrove is looking for a DJ for disco night. Tropicana contract is up. The choice of the Committee, consisting of Linda, Darren, Colleen and Maureen is the Hard Rock for a replacement. Spoke with Municipal Managers Association about their experience which was very good. Motion to change 2021-2022 venue for Spring Conference to the Hard Rock was made by Jeannette Larrison. Seconded by Sharon Curran  
All in favor, none opposed

## **6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President's Report: Effie Pressley**

**Atlantic City Conference-**Jeanette Larrison-organizational meeting set for March.

**ABM Membership-**Keri Stencel-absent-no report

**Newsletter/Public Relations-**MaryJo Gilmour-seeking meeting dates from County Presidents to include in the upcoming newsletter. March 1 is deadline for Spring issue. President, Linda Canavan asked that County Presidents promote newsletter to members to make sure they are still reading it now that it is delivered electronically.

**PERS-**Ron Zilinski-absent-no report

**Scholarship-**Paul Lesniak-application deadline is April 17

**Archives/Records Management-**Chris Assenheimer-absent-no report.

## **7. 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President's Report: Paul Lesniak**

**Calendar/Meeting Facilities-**April Yezzi-absent-no report

**Good and Welfare-**Mary Picariello reported on retirements and condolences.

**Mortgage Bankers Liaison-**Elizabeth Villano-no report

**Northeast Regional TCTA-**Mary Testori/Adeline Schmidt-looking at sites in Cape May or Long Beach Island. Dates not yet set.

**GFOA Representative-**Carl DiLeo reported that Sharon Smith, CFO in Toms River is retiring due to health issues. Gennaro Rotello was asked to fill-in as GFOA Rep.

**Finance and Tax CEU's-**Vince Belluscio-has list from League on credits-remove position from Committee Listing.

**Saul Wittes Seminar-**Lee-looking for assistant and ideas for speakers.

## **8. County President's Report:**

**Atlantic County**-no report

**Bergen County**-Gennaro Rotello-Holiday party-Dec.-items were donated to Women's Shelter Center for Hope and Charity, Jan 23 Exec Bd Mtg, March 12 - 1<sup>st</sup> regular meeting of 2020.

**Burlington County**- Julie Edmondson -last meeting Dec-Toys for Tots collection. New members were sworn in. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting this year will be in March.

**Camden/Cumberland/Gloucester/Salem**-Anne Deeck-collection of socks at Dec meeting

**Cape May County**-no report

**Essex-Hudson-Passaic-Union Counties**- Sharon Curran- last meeting was cancelled. New President, Ann Marie Corbitt to be sworn in at next meeting.

**Middlesex/Somerset/Hunterdon/Mercer Counties** -Michael Pitts-last meeting was in Dec-Toys for Tots collection was held. Jeopardy Tournament was a lot of fun. Exec Bd meeting Jan 6. New President next year will be Nancy Costa. First meeting this year will be in March.

**Monmouth/Ocean Counties**-Colleen Lapp-re-org meeting two nights ago. Need new Chaplain. March meeting is the 13<sup>th</sup>. Two breakfast meetings will be held this year. Donations were made to Spring Conference, State Scholarship Fund and the North East Regional Association. Trying to promote mentoring program.

**Morris County**-Daryn Cashin-Dec meeting - Vince attended and spoke on legislation-donations were collected for the food pantry. No change in officers.

**Sussex-Warren Counties**-Theresa Schlosser-Dec 7- Donations were collected for Project Self Sufficiency, Feb 21. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in 2020, April - mini conference for Scholarship fund.

**9. Division of Local Government Services:** Margaret Saharic reported 63 people sat for the last exam, 27 passed with licenses, 7 passed State Fiscal section. 1 person received a score of 99. Regarding the new bill concerning changes to the certification program, this would pertain to fiscal year classes only.

**10. Rutgers-Center for Government Services Report:** 50 registrations received for courses ending May 16. Instructors workbook is being updated. A Students Workbook of problems will be created. Tax Collector 1 Manual is being re-done and will be ready soon. There will be one on-line offering of Tax Collector 3 class.

**11. President's Report:** Policies and procedures are still under review. By-laws are on the web-site. Recording Secretary would be offered next position of Treasurer. The order was recorded incorrectly in the By-Laws. The membership will need to vote on any change to the By-Laws at the next annual meeting in May. Motion to correct order in the By-Laws of Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary was made by Colleen Lapp. Seconded by Sharon Curran. All in favor, none opposed.

2020 Meeting dates are on the website. Saul Wittes conference is scheduled for October 8. County Presidents were asked for submissions requested by the auditors. Still looking to fill positions for Saul Wittes co-chair, Budget, The Criterion, and Legislation.

**12. Executive Director's Report:** Vince Belluscio reported new legislation session starts today. Many of the same bills from last session are being re-introduced. Michael Cerra will most likely be named new Director of League.

**13. Legal Counsel's Report:** Keith Bonchi reported on Amicus brief filed last month on Nov 2019 Supreme Court Case: Winbury vs. Rutherford. Delinquent tax payer/ licensed attorney, asks Collector for immediate redemption calculation. Collector states she needs the request in writing, and a few days to calculate. Civil Rights case was filed for not providing immediate redemption figures. Opinion issued said, Collector was not liable but criticized her for not giving instant answer. Policy was to verify costs with lien holder. Certification of Collectors through Education process includes enforcement of decision to verify amounts with the lien holder.

Nominating Committee was charged by President, Linda Canavan. Past President, Michele Adams stated she will be reaching out to County Presidents to set slate of officers for 2021.

**14. Membership Services:** Rita Carr -membership application is out, check information in directory for accuracy.

**15. New Business:** none

**The next TCTA Executive Board Meeting will be held on March 19, 2020.**

Motion to adjourn: Maureen Cosgrove

Second: Sharon Curran

All in favor, none opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42p.m.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Bonnie A. Fleming, Recording Secretary**