

The Ewing Township Democratic Club

Minutes – May 11, 2011

Treasurer's Report – Balance \$2372.93, we have 64 paid members. A deposit of \$115 was made. The money was from the 50/50 and the sale of ties (Obama).

Howard Greenberg – Club President started the meeting with a discussion about the Fourth of July parade. The trolley now cost \$745 and thought it too expensive. GH commented that the treasury is now higher than ever before and we should spend the money. Joanie Applebaum asked if the candidates could help sponsor the trolley. Howard also thanked Bill Bennett for the success of the Duffers outing.

Council

Kathy Wollert – Thanked the Board of Education candidates for getting the budget passed. The 2012 budget is changing from a fiscal year to a calendar year. The former GM lot is now part of a new redevelopment area. Kevin is a good addition to the Council and they are moving forward with election plans. The trash issue still has a couple of bumps in the road. They are working it out.

Les Sumiel – There is a lot going on with Council. Ewing places # 7 among the nation in an Internet survey. Council is working diligently and economic development is looking promising. The public is looking to them to hold the line on taxes.

Kevin Baxter – Thanked everyone who came out to the golf outing. He is listening to the community; Council is still hashing out the trash ordinance. Ask the membership to let their neighbors know about the changes. Kevin is now part of the Green Team. They meet the fourth Wednesday of the month. He is looking for everyone's support in November.

Joe Murphy is unavailable tonight.

Jack Kemler – Acting Sheriff, had a fund raiser on April 20 that was good. The fugitive unit is doing very well. A counterfeit \$20 bill has been seen in the area. Pay attention to your money. The Secret Service is involved and handling the investigation.

Diane Gerofsky and Paula Sollami Covella are not available tonight.

Liz Muoio – County Chair, the Conventions are done for now John Sakson of Stark & Stark was a help. There will be open County meetings on May 21 and in July. There are six candidates running this year.

Freeholders

Tony Carabelli – They have a good team, all with different expertise. Sam Frisbee is a good addition to the team.

Lucy Walter – The Republicans are looking for a candidate. There is a fund raiser coming up at Freddie's, \$50. Check out the new Court House. The Community College has a new solar field that will pay 80 % of the energy cost.

Sam Frisby – The newest member now has 100 days in office. First fund raiser next Saturday, May 20 at the Trenton Country Club. He is working hard for the community

Bob Dorio – Township Chair, Congratulations to Carl and Jackie for a good race. The first campaign meeting for Kevin Baxter will be May 19. Ewing is pivotal this year. We are all proud of the President for getting Bin Laden. Bob asked for the clubs support to get a Sponsorship signs at Moody Park for \$200; *Ewing Democrats Support our Kids*. GH made a motion that was seconded by Allen Lee. The motion passed.

Bonnie Watson Coleman & Bert are unavailable

Senator Turner – Will be running against Don Cox in the election. The Legislative is the top of the ticket this year. Ewing is the battleground. The 15th District changes will make it more competitive, harder to get out the vote. Governor will say Do Nothing Dems because they have not passed his tool kit. It is the best of times for millionaires in N.J. He is doing nothing for the working class. He wants to privatize education and voucher programs. He wants unions to give back collective bargaining. On June 15 will be the annual golf outing and picnic. Seventy two percent of people in NJ agree with taxing millionaires. We are not getting our message out.

Previous months minutes were approved.

New member – Joseph Mirabella

Club scholarship for \$500 was awarded to Samantha Walters. Scholarship is awarded to a High School graduate related to a club member.

Ben Dworkin, Director of the Rebovich Inst. of NJ was our guest speaker. He discussed the politics of the Governor and a brief history of NJ politics.

50/50 went to GH, \$18.