



## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – 12:00 p.m. | Virtual Meeting

**Attendees (23):** Kevin Aberant, Moorestown Township; Julia Applegate (MBA Board) Moorestown Friends School; Rita Bulk, Moorestown Living; Marybeth Caracci, South Jersey Driving School; Candace Coleman (MBA Board, Secretary), MoorArts; Craig Dennin (MBA Board, Vice President), Moorestown AutoBody; Nicole Gillespie, Knowles Teacher Initiative; Jake Heisler, Quaker Wealth Management; Kathy Hiltner (MBA Board, President), Liberty Bell Bank; Theresa Krouse, Fox & Roach Realty; Andrew Mackerer, Mackerer Law; Sue Mammarella, Moorestown Town Council; Annette McGuire (MBA Board), Customer Diagnostics; Alinda Morrison, Alinda's Healing Hands; Paul Schultz, Leonard, Sciolla, Leonard & Tinari; Joan Serpico, Moorestown Public Library; Tom Sheckels, Sheckels Creations; Wolf Skacel, EnviroCOP; Debra Tedesco, The Evergreens; Wayne Urffer, The Recycled Designer; Bridget Wiese, Republic Bank; Kate Wilson, Moorestown Democratic Committee; Noam Yalon (MBA Board, Treasurer), 941 Payroll & Timekeeping.

**Call to Order:** President Kathy Hiltner called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

**Minutes:** Craig Dennin made a motion, seconded by Annette McGuire, to approve the minutes from the 9/29/2021 General Membership Meeting. The motion carried.

**Welcome:** Kathy Hiltner welcomed guests and thanked all MBA Diamond and Platinum level sponsors.

### MBA Activities Update:

- **Autumn in Moorestown:** Kathy Hiltner congratulated Event Chair Craig Dennin for his hard work on this very successful event. Mr. Dennin reported that after a slow start, a substantial number of vendors and classic car owners registered to participate, and the street was full of attractions for attendees. He thanked the many volunteers who helped make the event run smoothly.
- **Candlelight Stroll:** Kathy Hiltner reported that preliminary planning has begun for this Dec. 4 event which will kick off at the end of the Lion's Holiday Parade. Event Chair Christine Dash has already lined up an appearance by Santa and horse and carriage rides on Main Street.
- **Sponsors:** Kathy Hiltner encouraged members to consider sponsoring 2022 MBA events, and to do so by mid-January to receive the benefit of being recognized in the printed MBA directory.
- **MBA Board:** Ms. Hiltner also asked any members interested in serving on the MBA Board to contact her this month.

**Member introductions and Announcements:** Kathy Hiltner recognized MBA Board members and invited all attendees to introduce themselves and share news and events about their organizations.

**Speaker:** Moorestown Township Manager, Kevin Aberant

Mr. Aberant greeted guests and noted his long affiliation with the MBA, including serving as the association's president from 2001-2004. Prior to taking the position of Township Manager, he was a partner in a Moorestown law firm. Mr. Aberant spoke to the group about matters of concern to the business community, including:

- An ordinance on Town Council's agenda to make outdoor dining a permanent option for Moorestown restaurants.
- A bid has been accepted for a liquor distribution license (package store), location TBD.

- The township is still looking for microbreweries to apply for business permits.
- Recreational cannabis use is now legal in New Jersey. Council passed an ordinance, based on the research and recommendations from an appointed subcommittee, to allow all six categories of cannabis sales in Moorestown.
- Revisions to BP1 and BP2 zoning with fewer restrictions.
- Coordinating with Moorestown Directory of Community Development to create a screening committee to review applications for potential business development. The goal of this committee will be to streamline processes and help to make Moorestown more welcoming to incoming and existing businesses. The committee will probably become active in early 2022.

Following his presentation, Mr. Aberant took questions from attendees.

**November Membership Meeting:** Annette McGuire announced that Kelly Flynn, Moorestown's Assistant Director of Communications, will be the speaker at the November 17 membership meeting.

Annette McGuire made a motion, seconded by Kathy Hiltner, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Candace Coleman, Board Secretary*