



## Borough of Ship Bottom Council Meeting - SBTA Highlights Summary Form

Town Council Meeting Date: [12/30/2025]  
SBTA Board Member Submitting Notes: [Greg Fath]

Ship Bottom Town Council Meeting December 30, 2025 – call to order 6:30 pm

The regular monthly meeting began with a brief discussion regarding the annual meeting notice review with Kristy requesting two minor changes, which the board. The first item under New Business was a proclamation honoring the 31 years of service for Tom Tallon. The rest of the items were all unanimously approved.

Next up was what brought the vast majority of attendees to the Fire House. The standing room only crowd was prepared to hear public comments regarding the short-term rental tax ordinance. However, in a surprise move, the board voted 5-1 to not move forward with this latest legislation, in essence, cancelling it. At the end of the meeting, a resident questioned if there was going to be a different variation of this ordinance introduced in 2026. President Ed English assured the resident that this issue is closed and there would be no further related ordinances introduced.

Public comments covered a few different topics, with the overwhelming one asking the council to not “punish” the good people. Rather, they are asking for stronger measures to be taken against the “animal house” rentals. Multiple residents expressed a desire to work together. As your SBTA President, I thanked everyone for their support and asked the council to listen to their constituents. One of our taxpayers asked the council to look at other options to reduce costs. A representative from the fire company thanked the council for their support in helping them obtain a new ladder truck. Finally, another resident spoke about the demolition of the elementary school. Evidently, Mr. Pagnotta was supposed to have a sprinkler system temporarily installed to help minimize dust particles and residual construction debris from polluting the air. Councilwoman Basile said she would follow up on that issue.

Circling back to the committee reports, attached are related documents that covered much of what was shared with the public. One area to point out is that the NJDEP completed a storm water inspection and pollution prevention plan and found Ship Bottom to be in compliance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.