

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
June 5, 1997

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on June 5, 1997 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Chaplain Berry.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 15 and the Special Meeting held on May 19, 1997 had been made available for review by the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Filippone moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on the minutes from May 19 since he was not present.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of MAY, 1997 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle application made by the following:
 - a} Legal Aid Society of Monmouth County, to be held on July 5, 1997, 50/50 on premise.

The Clerk advised that the required fees had been paid and the paperwork was found to be in order, after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

- b} Oceanport Hook & Ladder Ladies Auxiliary, to be held Nov. 30, 1997, 50/50 off premise.

Again, the Clerk advised that the required fees had been paid and the paperwork was found to be in order, after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN GEMMA: Councilman Gemma reported that there will be an application in front of the Planning Board which will deal with the proposed zoning amendments, which are going to be approved by the Governing Body at our next meeting on June 23, 1997.

Councilman Gemma also advised that recently Oceanport Firemen, who belong to the Elks Club, had requested permission to take one of the Rescue Trucks down to Wildwood and after consulting with our insurance carrier, it was determined that this could not be done, since it was not the function of the vehicle.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone called for the introduction of an ordinance amending the present zoning ordinance, in accordance with the recent Master Plan Review by the Planning Board and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE "BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT ZONING ORDINANCE" PASSED AND APPROVED JULY 3, 1969.**

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe & Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on June 23, 1997 beginning at 8:00 P.M. and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe & Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilwoman Filippone offered her appreciation and thanks to Cliff Hepburn for his assistance with the Memorial Day Parade and commented that he did a great job, as well as did the other volunteers and she also thanked Fort Monmouth for sending an excellent Guest Speaker and to Earle for the great Color Guard they supplied to the Parade and she was very appreciative of everyone who helped out with this and stated that the Grand Marshal was Joe Bova.

Councilwoman Filippone commended Police Sgt. Don Ross, who is now the Coordinator of the Oceanport Blood Bank and stated he held his first blood drive last week and had 16 people show up and 15 were accepted and the next blood drive is scheduled for September 15 and she urged anyone who was able to give, to try and do so.

Councilwoman Filippone also congratulated Julia Geiger for her outstanding services to the seniors in Oceanport as well as the Senior Citizens Club.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported that the WaterWatch Committee took water samples on both May 10 and 24 and the results were very good and the water quality was quite good as were the samples from Branchport Creek taken by Chris Widdis. He continued, unfortunately, that

the samples taken on May 28 contained three sites with coliform numbers 1,600+ near the Casa Comida Bridge, Troutman's Creek and opposite Wardell Circle and he hoped that the next set of samples would be better, since we had a lot of rain when the samples were last taken.

Councilman Miller reported that attached to the Police Report for the month of May, there were several certificates of completion for the following members of the Department: Sgt. Thomas Hendley on Police Professionalism and Cultural Diversity and to Jared Murphy on the completion of a course in NJSP Incident Command System.

Councilman Miller moved to appoint Jonathan Tucci to the position of Dispatcher in the Oceanport Police Department effective June 6, 1997. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

R-97-45

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-97-45** authorizing the submission of a Drug & Alcohol Grant application for 1998, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Taylor reminded residents who have children in grades K - 4th, should bring the children to Rodeo Safety Day at Wolfhill School this Saturday morning and he continued that the Police Officers have a safety course set up for the kids, the PTO will be giving out bike flags and the Drug Alliance will be handing out sunglasses and the members of the VFW will be inspecting the bikes.

Councilman Taylor advised that on May 31 he attended the Strategic Planning Committee meeting, which began almost two years ago with various committees being set up to look into the future educational needs of our children and he commented that it was a very good meeting, which ran from 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM and commended the job done by Ron Flannery, who chaired this meeting and kept everything moving smoothly and on course. He commended the Committee for doing an excellent job addressing the future needs of our children.

R-97-46

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-97-46** granting a senior citizens tax deduction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

R-97-47

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **#R-97-47** granting a veteran's tax deduction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to release a bond in the amount of \$750 to John Guyer, Block 8, Lot 19, upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth reported that we are in the process of receiving bids for the roof on the Old Wharf House and she explained that at first we thought we could make these repairs ourselves, but the job was more involved than first thought.

Councilwoman Silkworth also advised that we are taking bids for concrete work on the sidewalks at the Community Center, which needed to be addressed from a safety standpoint as well as a recommendation from our insurance carrier, after a recent inspection.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: NO REPORT.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might wish to make, but as no one cared to be heard, Mayor Cavanagh closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated June 5, 1997. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$602.17. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS \$122,697.83. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$84,270.87. TOTAL 1997 OPERATING FUND \$206,968.70. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$10,125.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$253.20. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,611.25. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-GARDEN STATE ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS \$2,546.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-STATE TRAINING FEES \$503.79. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

At 8:16 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn the regular meeting in order to go into Executive Session to discuss some personnel matters and following those decisions, we will return to the work shop meeting and complete that meeting, before returning to the regular meeting to possibly take action and adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

At 9:41 P.M. Mayor Cavanagh stated for the record that the regular meeting was back in session and all Councilpersons were present on the dais.

Councilman Miller moved to appoint Mike Chenoweth to the position of Patrolman V in the Oceanport Police Department effective June 6, 1997 to begin work as soon as he is able to start and his swearing in ceremony to take effect at the meeting scheduled to be held on June 23, 1997. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

At 9:43 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting to be held on June 23, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK