

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
June 4, 1992

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on June 4, 1992 at 8:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Clark, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Rabbi Daina.

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 meetings held on May 7 and May 21, 1992 had been made available for review by the Mayor and Council, Councilman Terra moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Council. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council with the exception of Councilwoman Filippone who abstained from voting on the minutes from the meeting of May 21 since she was not present.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police Report for the month of MAY, 1992 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Membership applications to the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Company made by Andrew D. McOrmond, Laurence Youmans, Jeffery Griffith.

Councilman Terra moved to approve said applications. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

3. Taxi license application made by Arthur Russomano t/a PARAMOUNT CAB CO.

The Clerk reported the required fee had been paid and the vehicle had been inspected and approved by the Police Department, after which Councilman Miller moved to approve said application. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

R-92-43 COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-43 regarding the continuation of the Clean Communities Program, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Clark commented there was an article in last week's Atlanticville discussing Mr. Jeremiah Regan's home where a telephone call was received from Bill Clinton and he wanted to state that he was not present at Mr. Regan's home nor was he invited.

Councilman Clark reported this Saturday Middletown will be sponsoring Earth's Well Fair Day which is an environmental happening and we will have

a flyer on the front door of the Borough Hall and also they are having their magazine and mixed paper recycling drive on Saturday from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. so anyone who would like to get rid of their magazines, should try and go over there.

Councilman Clark advised there was an article in the recent Bulletin by the Postmaster of Oceanport who stated that junk mail pays for itself and he wanted to point out the fact that it was placed in the Bulletin because the Postmaster requested it, but if the junk mail pays for itself, he questioned why it costs so much to send a large package or letter. He also commented that we would like to keep the junk mail out of the County landfills and that is one of the reasons we are trying to do something with junk mail.

Councilman Clark reported we recently had an audit of our recycling drop off center by the Monmouth County Board of Health and they found the site to be "neat and well maintained; aluminium, glass and bi-metal are co-mingled and plastic is separated". He thanked the employees in the Public Works Department for their assistance in maintaining this site.

Councilman Clark offered his congratulations to Amy Freestone, who was his Counter-Part during the Student Government Day program and she was recently selected to be the District Student Achiever for the 1992/93 school year.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance with regard to NJ Bell Telephone and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and proposed ordinance by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION OF NEW JERSEY BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO USE THE VARIOUS PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AVENUES, HIGHWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS IN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR ITS LOCAL AND THROUGH LINES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS THEREOF. ORD.# 622

Mayor Cavanagh then asked the Borough Attorney to briefly explain what this ordinance deals with.

Mr. Margalotti stated that basically this ordinance renews the existing franchise to which the NJ Bell Telephone Company is entitled by virtue of State law to erect poles, wires, cables, etc. throughout the public rights of way of public properties throughout the Borough in order to provide telephone service to the Borough and it makes provisions for restoration of property if any damage takes place.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might have on this subject only.

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilwoman Filippone moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Terra then moved to adopt this ordinance on final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, Terra, Filippone, Miller,
Taylor and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Terra commented that we are in receipt of the Police Report for the month of May and once again pointed out that the Police Department is doing its usual fine job and patrolled over 10,000 miles during May. He stated that the Dispatchers received 508 calls, to which 199 were responded to by our Patrolmen. Councilman Terra commended Patrolman Jared Murphy for completing a course on Traffic Accident Reconstruction.

Councilman Terra reported that the Fire Department, under the leadership of Chief Sweger, Stu Briskey and Pete McOrmond most of the trucks have been properly maintained and we are very pleased that the new officers are putting in a good maintenance schedule, which hopefully will continue in the future.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone reported the Oceanport First Aid Squad report for the month of APRIL, 1992 shows they received a total of 15 calls and gave 85 men/women hours and she stated they are strictly volunteer and they do a tremendous job and the members of the Squad are constantly up grading themselves with additional training and commended all of them as well as Joann Campbell who is Captain this year.

Councilwoman Filippone thanked the community for the fine support given to the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies and she particularly wanted to thank her Co-Chairman, Cliff Hepburn who is the Commander of the VFW Post and also wanted to make special mention of some of the other people who participated heavily in the program and stated that Fred Phillips was our Grand Marshal who was selected by our VFW Post and Mr. Phillips was blinded in the 2nd World War and those who watched the parade, could see that he had his seeing eye dog with him; she also thanked the VFW members, Rick Sweger, Stu Briskey, Cheryl Moore, Nancy Sheridan, Joann Campbell and Tommy Braumuller for the fine job they did in helping her put the parade and ceremonies together and shows what good community spirit we have in this Borough. Councilwoman Filippone also gave special thanks to Rabbi Daina, who is an integral part of our program and this year we also had Col. Aubrey Craig as our key note speaker and he is Chief of Staff at CECOM at Fort Monmouth and we were very honored to have him with us on Memorial Day.

Councilwoman Filippone also advised that at the ceremonies, we had a dedication of a tree in honor of Ski Budinski, and it was donated by the Brummer family and it was planted just a few days before the parade, so we had a wreath placed in front of Ski's tree and he was a Coast Guard veteran.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that Memorial Day as well as any of the other holidays that honor veterans is very special to her because her dad was wounded in the First World War in the trenches of France and her family was very much aware of the special holidays associated with the war memorials.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported under the Water Watch report, he has handed out copies of the latest ambient sampling results to the reporter and if anyone in the audience would like to review the report

after the meeting he would make it available and copies have been given to the Borough Council.

Councilman Miller advised that the Waterways Committee held a meeting on May 3, 1992 and we are probably as organized as we have ever been and we have a Saturday morning group of five people who will be going out and rotating their efforts during the summer months and will begin this Saturday and when the Litterbug is done with the ambient testing, there will be another group of four people to go out and pick up any debris in the Shrewsbury. He also stated there is a Wednesday A.M. or P.M. group that will be taking place from mid June to early September and there are a group of about five involved with that program and we will also be starting on Tuesday, June 23, our early morning sampling of the Branchport Creek to monitor the coliform from the manure problem emanating from the track.

Councilman Miller stated that he gave Councilman Clark a copy of a report he had received from Mr. Minton from the Monmouth County Planning Board and it seems that the State DEP has empowered all the counties to start a Citizens Waterways Audit type of report form and our Waterways Committee will be involved as well as citizens who live on the water and are able to report something going on in the river that is out of the ordinary and you fill it out and give it to Councilman Clark who is our Clean Communities Coordinator and he sends it in to the County and the State keeps a record and hopefully something positive will come out of these reports.

Councilman Miller reported that we are receiving a donation of another pontoon boat from the Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club and he thanked them and we will be placing an article in the Bulletin in the near future to ask for a donation of a 25-40 hp engine to power this boat. He stated we will continue to use our Litterbug as a working boat and he foresees the new boat will probably be used for continued sampling.

Councilman Miller stated that the bids received for the second time for the reconstruction of the boat ramp are again too high and we have asked our Borough Engineer to talk to the contractors to see if there are some items we can remove from the specs to lower the cost so that we can have a workable ramp.

Councilman Miller reported under Recreation we have done a geological survey of Sommers Park so that if funding becomes available we might be able to get money to turn it into a very nice passive park with trees, bushes, benches, gazebo, etc.

Councilman Miller congratulated Councilman Wolfe on getting the ramp and safety signs around town near the water and it is very obvious now where there are dangerous areas and hopefully all of our drivers will know where there are ramps.

Councilman Miller advised all the residents that on June 29, Monday evening the Oceanport Lions Club will be holding their annual Strawberry Festival at the Maple Place School beginning at 6:00 P.M. and urged everyone to support this program and commented that you can bring your own container and take some home and the tickets are \$3.00 per person.

Councilman Terra read a letter he had received from the Shrewsbury Sailing & Yacht Club Commodore, Talbert Ingram, in which he presents the donation of the pontoon boat to the Borough and stated in the letter that

he had learned from members Richard Gruskos and Bob Kelly that the Borough does various environmental functions along the waterways and he was pleased to donate this vehicle for the worthy cause of making our waterways cleaner and safer for all the local communities and acknowledged the leadership role of the Borough of Oceanport is playing in the critical task of preserving our precious river and our estuaries.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that he will direct a letter back to the Commodore and the Club thanking them for their generous donation and recognition for our programs.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported that the Oceanport Alliance Group met again last Wednesday, which was their second meeting and there were approximately 40 adults and students who attended and it was another outstanding turnout. He reported on the highlights of the meeting which included Wolfhill School where they have a Here's Looking At You 2,000 which is a five day in service drug and alcohol plus self esteem which is re-enforced throughout the classes. He stated they also have a Beginning Alcohol and Basic Education (BABE) which is a second week program in which they use puppets and interaction with the younger children.

Councilman Taylor explained that in Maple Place School they go a little bit deeper into the drug and alcohol programs and have the 5th Grade Teachers trained along with the Gym Teacher and also the 7th and 8th Grade Nurse plus the Police work with the children along with Advisor groups and the children use the same Advisor from the 5th Grade through the 8th Grade, which he felt was a very good idea because they get to build up a rapport between the child and the Advisor.

Councilman Taylor stated that at Shore Regional High School they have a core team made up of Teachers as well as Ed Kelly, Doreen D'Elia, Linda Magnotta and they put on an entire program there together with Monmouth County Task Force and other groups in this regard.

Councilman Taylor stated that the school systems have some very good programs in place and we are now trying to get the community involved and reported that we have received the surveys back from the first meeting which revolved around student and adult groups of ten at a table and discussing what the major factors were that contributed to abuse and the number one response given by the students to drink or take drugs was peer pressure out of a listing of ten.

Councilman Taylor also discussed a suggestion which came from both students and team leaders at the meeting, of having the team leaders from Shore Regional would go and speak with the students at Maple Place School about drug and alcohol use and try and become roll models for the younger students and Mr. Morgan thought this would be a good idea and would benefit the younger children, so we are going to try and implement this program.

Councilman Taylor commented that we are trying to build a healthy community by getting all segments of the community involved and thanked all the students and adults who attended the last meeting and the next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 24 at 7:30 P.M. at the Old Wharf House and the following meeting will be on June 30, 1992 at 7:30 P.M. also at the Old Wharf House and we will be discussing many of the programs he described and other programs.

Councilman Taylor reported that today he attended a seminar on funding for Monmouth County which would enable the Alliance to obtain some funding

to be used for various programs and tomorrow he will be attending a seminar in Princeton where there will be representatives from Alliances from all over the State and will share ideas and programs.

Mayor Cavanagh stated we will send Ed Kelly, Linda Magnotta and Doreen D'Elia as well as the Youth Leadership Club, a letter thanking them and acknowledging their efforts because it was an interesting group of very articulate students and he would like the school to be aware of our appreciation for what the students are doing. He stated that he did not feel we could do anything better than getting the students involved and to appreciate what they are doing on their own, which he feels is the key to this program and get them involved in their own program.

Councilman Miller offered his thanks to Councilman Taylor for jumping into this program and doing a great job, which Councilwoman Filippone also agreed with and felt he was doing a terrific job.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-44 amending the 1992 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council. R-92-44

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-45 regarding refunds of tax reductions, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. R-92-45

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-46 regarding the submission of a grant application for DOT funding for East Main Street reconstruction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council. R-92-46

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-47 regarding the submission of a grant application for DOT funding for Hiawatha Avenue reconstruction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council. R-92-47

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-48 regarding the submission of a grant application for DOT funding for Seneca Place reconstruction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council. R-92-48

Councilman Wolfe reported that the installation of signs along the waterfront in the Borough, after our initial fact finding survey which took place a number of months ago, has been basically completed. He commented that certain signs had to be special ordered and took some additional time to come in, but they have been received and have been installed throughout the Borough at more than a dozen areas. He offered his thanks to the Public Works employees who took time out from their busy grass cutting schedule at this time of the year as well as picking up the recycling.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh advised he has received correspondence from the Governor's Office indicating that on June 16, 1992 the Governor will have the pleasure of declaring Ocean Township as New Jersey's Capital of the Day and the Governor and his wife, as well as his Cabinet members, will spend the day in Ocean Township meeting with the residents and he has been invited to join with the Cabinet for an informal breakfast.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that the Two Rivers Council of Mayors meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, 1992.

Mayor Cavanagh mentioned that at our last Council meeting a resident came in to question the Governing Body about a situation where buses were accumulating near his home at 5:30 A.M. and the residents were finding it noisily and distracting and the Chief of Police was good enough to look into this situation for him and the next day the problem ceased. He commented that he has received a letter back thanking the Mayor and Council and states in his letter that it is a pleasure to live in Oceanport knowing that the Mayor and Council care about it residents. Mayor Cavanagh offered his thanks for the note.

Councilwoman Filippone congratulated Brian Valentino, who is one of our young Oceanport residents, who will be graduating from Shore Regional this June and he has been selected to receive the Junior League of Monmouth County Scholarship and the reason he received this was for his community service. She continued that Brian is a very active member of the Oceanport Boy Scouts and though he can no longer be a Boy Scout because of his age, he is still active and has also done a lot of volunteer work for the Borough and she is very pleased that he has received this much deserved honor.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might care to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

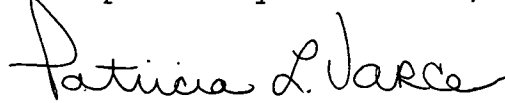
As no one from the public wished to be heard, Mayor Cavanagh closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated June 4, 1992. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Terra who abstained from voting on the vouchers due Ed Brister. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS \$40,945.37. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$13,861.43. TOTAL 1992 OPERATING FUND \$54,806.80. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,050.00. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$130,000.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$172.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-REFUND OF TAX PAYMENT \$340.17. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:40 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss several personnel matters. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

At 9:58 P.M. Mayor Cavanagh reconvened the Regular Meeting with members present at the dais. Councilman Terra moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on June 18, 1992 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,


PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK