

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Oceanport, New Jersey  
May 21, 1998

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on May 21, 1998 at 8:08 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann Silkworth and Mayor Gemma.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Borough Chaplain Berry.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Gemma led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 7, 1998 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

**CLERK'S REPORTS:**

1. Raffle applications made by the following:
  - a} Monmouth Pk. Charity Fund, to be held 9/7/98, off premise-various prizes.
  - B} Lions Club of Oceanport, to be held 6/22/98, 50/50 cash raffle-on premise.

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

2. Application for taxi license application made by Anthony Palmieri t/a Paramount Cab.

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

**COMMITTEES:**

**COUNCILMAN APRUZZI:** Councilman Apruzzi reported that Roseann Pizzulli who had been a member of the Oceanport Recreation Committee had recently submitted her resignation after almost 5-1/2 years and he thanked her for her volunteerism during this time as well as her efforts in her position as the Secretary.

Councilman Apruzzi commented that due to the above resignation, as well as some others the Committee has received he would like to move the following names to fill some of the vacancies:

Brian Cavanagh to fill the un-expired term ending December 31, 2000.  
Marilyn Broege to fill the un-expired term ending December 31, 1998.

Councilman Miller seconded the appointments to the Recreation Committee and they were unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Apruzzi reported that the Recreation Committee has selected a new fireworks company, since we were quite unhappy with last year's event and this year they are promised up to twenty minutes of great fireworks at a cost of \$5,000 and reminded all residents that the fireworks are paid for from donations and no tax dollars are used for this event held at Summer's End.

Councilman Apruzzi advised that the kiddy playground equipment has been ordered and is due in the first or second week in June and the Public Works Department will ready the site and we have many volunteers lined up to assemble and install the equipment.

**COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE:** Councilwoman Filippone thanked both Chief Bebout and Captain Sutton for attending the Senior Citizens meeting and giving a presentation about what to do in emergency situations, especially if you are a senior citizen living alone and she felt that it was a very worthwhile talk and very much appreciated their efforts.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that last week she and Councilman Miller, Connie Savarese of the Board of Health and Richard Gruskos of the Water Watch Committee toured the Monmouth Park Race Track to check on their best management practices and the changes that have been made are drastic improvements as to how things were done in the past and everyone was very pleased with the findings. She also thanked the track representatives who gave the tour and found them to be very helpful during the presentation.

Councilwoman Filippone offered her congratulations to Jim Ryerson, an Oceanport resident for his entire life and a nationally known horse trainer, for being inducted into the Jersey Shore Sports Hall of Fame.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that last Saturday she attended a presentation at Fort Monmouth of their fire equipment and the training building they use and found it to be very interesting and felt we are very fortunate to have them as our neighbors and a part of our mutual aid in case of fire and other type emergencies. She stated that they announced they will be having training courses for all volunteer firemen in the surrounding towns and Fire Chief Schneider has already spoken to them about having some additional training for our volunteers. She also commented that she found it interesting to know that professional firemen and volunteer firemen require the exact training in order to be a fireman, which she was not aware of prior to the meeting.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Historical Society will be conducting a presentation of the 92 Nor'easter presented by Jim Slattery at the Old Wharf House on June 1, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. She stated that Jim has also recently attended a hurricane seminar and advised that he would be willing to have a question and answer period regarding what it looks like for this coming season, if anyone is interested.

Councilwoman Filippone also advised that the Historical Society has reorganized and the President is Richard Bingham; Vice President is Paul Severini; Secretary/Treasurer is Eleanor

Widdis and Marc VanSant will be the Historian. She also commented that the members are very busy doing a complete inventory of all the data and material we have on hand.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded everyone that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25, 1998 beginning from Blackberry Bay Park promptly at 10:30 A.M. She advised that anyone is welcome to march in the parade and if anyone is interested, they should be at the park at 10:00 A.M. in order to line up in the correct area.

**COUNCILMAN MILLER:** Councilman Miller asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-98-36** authorizing the filing of a grant application to the NJ Department of Community Affairs, after which he moved same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council. R-98-36

Councilman Miller then moved to authorize the Borough Clerk to advertise and receive bids for a new computer system for the Police Department. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Miller advised he was invited to attend the last Roller Hockey game, which is played by the coaches and closes out the roller hockey season and he enjoyed the evening very much and it was a great game.

Councilman Miller reported that the Water Watch Committee was out sampling after we had received approximately 7" of water during the past week or so and the numbers were very high, probably due to the fact that the system at Monmouth Park could not handle that much water and at one site near the Case Comida bridge the fecal coliform was over 2300, but the following Saturday, after all the storm drains had been cleaned out from all the rain, the same site had a reading of 233, which shows the difference of what takes place when we have heavy rain.

Councilman Miller advised that effective June 1, 1998 we will have an addition to our Police Department with Michael Kelly coming on board as a Patrolman in Training and in September he will be appointed as a Probationary Patrolman, to take the place of Sgt. Connor who will be retiring effective October 1, 1998.

Councilman Miller then moved to authorize the Mayor and Borough Clerk to execute an employment agreement between the Borough and Michael Kelly. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

**COUNCILMAN WOLFE:** Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-98-37** authorizing the increase of the cash drawer in the Tax Collector's Office from \$100 to \$200, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council. R-98-37

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-98-38** authorizing the Borough to auction off the 1957 American LaFrance firetruck at the meeting to be held on June 18, 1998 beginning at 8:00 P.M., after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council. R-98-38

Councilman Wolfe stated that he wanted to extend his thanks to Fire Chief Schneider for setting up a presentation in front of Borough Hall at the last work shop meeting with a "Quint" fire truck from Tinton Falls, in order to let the members of the Governing Body see exactly what they

wanted as their next piece of equipment and he also thanked the firemen who brought the truck over from Tinton Falls.

Councilman Wolfe reported that the Borough wide street sweeping is just about completed and should be completed by tomorrow, just in time for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday.

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**COUNCILMAN MCGANN:** Councilman McGann called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance regarding escrow accounts and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE "BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT" PASSED AND APPROVED DECEMBER 7, 1967.**

Mayor Gemma opened the meeting to the public for any comments on this subject only, but hearing none, Councilman McGann moved to close the public hearing on this ordinance. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

**AYES:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.  
**NAYS:** None.  
**ABSENT:** None.  
**ABSTAIN:** None.

ORD.#704

Councilman McGann then called for the second reading and public hearing of an amendment to the 1998 Salary Ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICIALS" PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 16, 1939.**

Mayor Gemma opened the meeting to the public for any comments on this subject only, but hearing none, Councilman McGann moved to close the public hearing on this ordinance. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

**AYES:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.  
**NAYS:** None.  
**ABSENT:** None.  
**ABSTAIN:** None.

Councilman McGann called for the introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 41B, Licenses and Permits and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows:  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 41B (LICENSES AND PERMITS) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING OF THE CONDUCT, OPERATION AND PLAYING OF CERTAIN AMUSEMENT GAMES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AT AGRICULTURAL FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS.**

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

The Clerk called the roll:

**AYES:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.  
**NAYS:** None.  
**ABSENT:** None.  
**ABSTAIN:** None.

Councilman McGann then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on June 4, 1998 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi.

The Clerk called the roll:

**AYES:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.  
**NAYS:** None.  
**ABSENT:** None.  
**ABSTAIN:** None.

**COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH:** Councilwoman Silkworth asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-98-39** regarding an emergency appropriation not to exceed \$12,000 for the purposes of the removal of the contaminated water and oil, abandoned underground oil tank and any contaminated soil in regard to the recent oil spill at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council.

R-98-39

Councilwoman Silkworth then moved to award the bid regarding an oil spill at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company to Lawes Environmental Services, Shrewsbury, NJ for an estimated cost of \$8,400. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilwoman Silkworth complimented the employees in the Public Works Department for the planting of flowers recently done in front of Borough Hall and will look better and better as the season progresses.

Councilwoman Silkworth stated the Directory for 1998 should be out shortly and is presently at the printer's.

Councilwoman Silkworth advised that she has been in contact with our insurance agency, Boynton & Boynton requesting they begin looking around to see if we can realize any further savings with our current policies.

Councilwoman Silkworth reported that our Borough Clerk, Mrs. Varca, has sent out a letter to the Court Representatives in the State proposing the use of the office previously used by the Local Assistance Board and hopefully we will hear back from their shortly with a positive response.

**MAYOR GEMMA:** Mayor Gemma stated that recently the Governing Body adopted an ordinance creating the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee and we reached out for volunteers in our community to serve on this Committee. He continued that although we were only looking for four citizens, we received approximately twenty responses, which he thought was great and showed that people are concerned and interested in their community.

Mayor Gemma then offered the following names to serve on this Committee:

Michael Mahon, which term would expire December 31, 1998

Ed Herr, which term would expire December 31, 1998

Kristi Penta, which term would expire December 31, 1999

Robert Kleiberg which term would expire December 31, 1999

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve these appointments to the Capital Improvements Advisory Committee. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Gemma offered his congratulations to Jim Slattery who is our Emergency Management Director and has recently done some revisions to the Borough's Emergency Management Plan and they have been approved.

Mayor Gemma offered his thanks to Fire Chief Schneider for the presentation the other evening with the "Quint" fire truck and also welcomed Michael Kelly on board as a Patrolman in Training in the Oceanport Police Department.

Mayor Gemma stated his last piece of business was a request from the Oceanport Lions Club, for volunteers for the dunk tank and anyone interested, should leave their names with Patti Varca, our Borough Clerk.

Mayor Gemma then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions anyone may have.

#### **PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Betty Berry, Hiawatha Ave., stated as a representative of the United Methodist Church, every year the Mayor and Council are invited to attend their Memorial Day services on Sunday, May 24 at 9:30 A.M. and somehow this year, the letter never got out and she wanted to personally invite everyone to attend.

Jim Gallo, 42 Springfield Ave. asked if the Emergency Management Truck was also going to be auctioned off, but was advised that there was really nothing left inside the truck and it would be sold for scrap.

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

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated May 21, 1998. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Apruzzi abstaining from voting on any vouchers due Lucent Technology. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$50.00. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS \$655,176.13. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$90,617.20. TOTAL 1998 OPERATING FUND \$745,793.33. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$994.00. TOTAL WATER WATCH TRUST ACCOUNT \$63.88. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$957,330.32. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT \$1,375.98. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER LIEN REDEMPTION \$18,781.78. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$174,879.60. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:40 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on June 4, 1998 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA  
BOROUGH CLERK