

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 21, 1992

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on May 21, 1992 at 8:02 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Raffle license applications made by the Monmouth Park Charity Fund, Inc. as follows:
 - a} Sept. 6, 1992 - prize is a mink coat
 - b} May 30, 1992 - 50/50 cash raffle - on premise
 - c} June 13, 1992 - 50/50 cash raffle - on premise
 - d} July 25, 1992 - 4 days, 3 night trip to Disney World for two

As the Clerk reported that the fees had been paid and the paperwork was found to be in order, Councilman Terra moved to approve these raffle license applications. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark commented that someone in Oceanport dropped off a flyer for him with regard to recycling of the drink boxes and it was signed from a "concerned citizen" so he cannot respond other than publicly and hope they can find out that the Borough has been attempting to recycle everything possible in Oceanport, if we can find a recycling market for the item, but if it is going to cost us more money to recycle it than throw it away, it does not make sense for us to recycle certain materials. He stated that there are several areas that are not recyclable within Monmouth County and in some instances, no where in New Jersey. He continued that the plastic bags that the Asbury Park Press comes in read that they are recyclable, but there is no one around that accepts those thin plastic bags. Councilman Clark suggested that the residents contact their Legislators and urge them to find markets to recycle these types of items that are not being recycled.

Councilman Clark reported that this year we will be able to recycle our old telephone directories and in the Red Bank area the 1993 directories are scheduled to be delivered the week of June 15 and shortly thereafter, we will have a trailer out next to the newspaper trailers which will be only for telephone directories and we will have the Public Works personnel take them over to Tinton Falls to dispose of them. He advised that we will publicize the dates that the trailer will be here for the purpose of disposing of the telephone books. He stated that for everyone's information within the Red Bank, Asbury Park, Freehold area, there are almost 1200 tons of paper which goes into making the telephone directories and it is about 400 cubic yards of landfill space we can save.

Councilman Clark stated there is a meeting on Thursday, May 28, 1992 in Wall for the "cut it and leave it" volunteers and there is also a meeting tonight in Tinton Falls and he hoped everyone would try to make one of these meetings.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra advised that the Bulletin has been typed and will be going to the Printer's tomorrow, so if anyone on the Council has something they want to get in this issue, he can still submit it if he receives it tonight.

Councilman Terra reported we will be having our annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 25, 1992 at 10:30 a.m. and the groups that will be marching should be at Blackberry Bay Park by 10:00 a.m. He continued that the parade route will be out to Comanche Drive and then turning on to Monmouth Blvd. and over to the Borough Hall, where the ceremonies will be held at approximately 11:00 a.m. He encouraged everyone to come out and watch the parade as well as march in it if they would like to participate.

Councilman Terra called for the introduction of an ordinance regarding NJ Bell Telephone Company and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY 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.

Councilman Terra moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilmen Clark, Terra, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Terra moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the next Council meeting scheduled to be held on June 4, 1992 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilmen Clark, Terra, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller under the Water Watch Committee, on May 9, 1992 the Committee did sampling and reported the following statistics: Site 1 which is west of 7 Bridges Road the water quality index was average, but the fecal coliform was 460; Site 2 which is off Gooseneck Point, the water quality was average and the fecal coliform was only 5; Site 3 which is at the mouth of Blackberry Bay Park the water quality index was 55 and the fecal coliform was 104; Site 4 which is off Sommers Park the water quality index was average and the fecal coliform was only 8; Site 5 which is just north of the bridge going into Long Branch the water

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quality index was average to bad and the fecal coliform was 2230, which is ten times higher than it should be; Site 6 which is just south of that same bridge the water quality index was bad and the fecal coliform was 1335.

Councilman Miller advised that on April 23, 1992 the Monmouth County Board of Health began their sampling within the track and stated that the low area was the bridge over Oceanport Avenue west of the track was 110 and as you come in the opposite direction, the bridge east of Branchport Creek was 1300 and this was prior to the horses coming into the track.

Councilman Miller stated that our third sampling will be done this Saturday at about 7:00 a.m. and ending around 10:30 a.m. after our analysis.

Councilman Miller explained that the Water Watch Committee and Waterways Committees are two different committees and stated that the Waterways Committee is involved with cleaning up the floatables and navigational hazards and debris from the river as well as participating in any shoreline clean up. He stated the first meeting of the Waterways Committee will be held on Saturday, May 30 P.M. at the Community Center. He pointed out that this is a tentative date at the present time.

Councilman Miller reported he has received signs from the Monmouth County Board of Health regarding polluted water and he is going to wait until the next sampling results and he and Councilman Terra will decide where to place these signs.

Councilman Miller commented under the Shade Tree Committee, the transplantings of trees from the Brookview area to Trinity and Blackberry Bay Park are completed and Trinity Park looks great. Councilman Miller also reported that in connection with Arbor Day and Earth Day at the Wolfhill School, we donated 200 Willow Oaks saplings by the Committee and it was worked into a program for the students.

Councilman Miller reported under the Recreation Committee we will be taking bids for the resurfacing of the basketball courts at Evergreen Park and we are going to try and keep up with our five year program and try and do something in each of the parks every year. He continued that when the basketball court is completed, we will be taking care of a fencing problem along the neighborhood side to take care of some security problems and we will be raising the fence.

Councilman Miller commented last night that at Maple Place School, we had our first meeting of the Oceanport Drug Alliance Program and it was a jump start from the old group and we had participation from a group from Shore Regional, students and members of the Community and Council and it was very edifying to see the find kids that we have in Oceanport interacting with the adults.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor stated he attended the Monmouth County Task Force on Drunken Driving meeting this past Monday where we met Jerry Hamlin, the new Coordinator for the County and he will be coordinating programs at the County and he will be working with Mr. Hamlin setting up programs through the County that he will bring back to Oceanport.

Councilman Taylor congratulated Terra Battistez who is a student from Shore Regional High School for having her don't drink and drive poster selected to be on the Monmouth Task Force calendar for next year.

Councilman Taylor stated as Councilman Miller reported, last night he and Councilman Miller and Mayor Cavanagh attended the jump start meeting of the Oceanport Drug Alliance at Maple Place School and there were some 53 young people who attended and he felt we were off to a very good start. He continued that as Councilman Miller stated at the meeting, we can't go into this full force, but must take our time and get our feet wet before we can get the program going in a successful direction. Councilman Taylor felt very inspired by the attendance last night and reminded everyone that the next meeting will be this Wednesday at the Maple Place School and he thanked everyone who came out and attended the meeting and offered a special thanks to Ed Kelly and his staff and the students from Shore Regional.

Councilman Taylor gave a brief example of what took place at the meeting regarding the interaction between the students and the adults as to why people drink to both the young people and the adults and the answers were very interesting and enlightening.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reported that the Public Works Department have prepared the parks in the Borough for the spring/summer season and have just a bit of painting left which should be completed in the near future and thanked them for their quick response to the repairs that were needed and commented that they are now cutting grass which should continue until October.

Councilman Wolfe advised that last week we had the Borough wide street sweeping take place of all the streets and we had a new contractor this year who did an excellent job and did the firehouses and Borough Hall parking area as well as all the park areas.

Councilman Wolfe also commented that last week we had the State Clean Shores program taking place which is the clean up of various sites along the water front and there was a massive clean up at Seawaneka Park, the end of Horseneck Point and at Old Wharf Park and down along Bridgewater Drive and they removed over 200 tons of heavy debris.

Councilman Wolfe thanked Mike Giordano for the nice flower plantings that was done in front of Borough Hall in preparation for the Memorial Day ceremonies.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-41 accepting the 1991 audit, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and approved by those Councilpersons present, with the exception of Councilman Terra who was not on the dais at the time of the vote.

Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-92-42 amending the 1992 temporary budget, after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by those Councilpersons present, with the exception of Councilman Terra who was not on the dais at the time of the vote.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh read a proclamation proclaiming May as Older Americans Month and stated that we will forward this on to one of the senior groups so that they can display it at the Old Wharf House Senior Center.

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

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Richard Barnes, 95 Paddock Court, stated that his home and his neighbor's homes face new Oceanport Avenue between Main Street and Port au Peck Avenue and every morning during the week beginning at 5:30 a.m. Academy Buses are pulling up along Oceanport Avenue and standing there waiting to start their runs. He stated at 5:30 a.m. we can all hear their diesel engines and hear them testing their air brakes before they pull out to begin their daily commuter runs into Little Silver and with the warm weather and the windows open, we can smell the exhaust fumes. He commented that they are right on the roadway and stay there from approximately 5:30-6:30 a.m.

Mayor Cavanagh asked both the Clerk and Councilman Wolfe to look into this matter and perhaps contact the Academy Bus Company because they do not have any type of centralized location within the Borough that he is aware of and stated we will look into this matter and get back to him.

Joseph Schiavone, 60 Itaska Place wanted to comment on the Water Watch report and asked if anyone knows what the Chem Lawn people are spraying on the lawns, since after they are finished they place signs up that say to keep children and animals off the lawn for a certain amount of time and could this be running off into the river.

Councilman Miller stated it is running off into the river and continued that it is not only Chem Lawn, but anyone who uses the broadcast spreaders because it goes everywhere and it throws rocks everywhere. He stated that even in the normal fertilizers they contain nitrates, phosphates and pot ash and these are toxic chemicals, which is the reason they have to put those signs up because some people are allergic to them and dogs and young children are allergic to them and even people who use normal fertilizer, but over fertilize, make the same type of problems that Chem Lawn causes. Councilman Miller stated that we are not saying to stop fertilizing, but to do it in a rational manner and to spot kill the weeds rather than spreading weed killer everywhere and the cut it and leave it program for the grass is great and he had a different blade put on his mower which now cuts the grass clippings several times, so when it hits the ground, it is all tiny pieces and when it breaks down it is going to put nutrients back into the soil, which will cut the amount of fertilizing you will have to do.

Mr. Schiavone stated his concern is that he has well water at his home and he wonders if the chemicals could pollute the wells, since there are many people in the Borough that use well water in their homes.

Councilman Miller stated if he had a well on his property he would have the water tested by a lab for coliform and other things and he would not drink from the well unless he had it tested on a regular basis.

Mr. Schiavone also commented he would like to see from the railroad tracks near the race track on Port-au-Peck Avenue and although he understands it is private property, one side of the street is all treed and the other side there is nothing and wondered if they could be requested to beautify that roadway a little bit.

Councilman Miller stated that at the last Shade Tree Committee on Tuesday night that very idea was discussed and he plans to speak with the Mayor about this matter in the near future.

Councilman Clark commented that the cut it and leave it program that we are working with through the County of which we are one of 13 other communities and if you cut your lawn and leave the clippings on the lawn,

you can cut your fertilizer down by at least half and the clippings are in fact good for the lawn and are not what creates the thatch problems. He also advised that there are pamphlets available in Borough Hall on this program and for composting.

Mr. Charles Caparn, 34 Wardell Circle just wanted to comment that five years ago he had Chem Lawn services and one of the most beautiful lawns in the area and in August the windows were open and they had their attic exhaust fan bringing in the cool air and he was taken to the hospital and was unable to swallow one small pill and the Doctor asked him how long he had been living on a golf course and this is just one example of what the chemicals can do.

Councilman Miller stated that one of the things we are doing on the Water Watch Committee is continual education and all we can do is try to make people understand and there is something in the Bulletin almost every time telling what the citizens can do to help our environment and the newspapers have been reporting on our programs.

Mr. Barnes asked how he can become a member of the Oceanport Drug Alliance, to which Mayor Cavanagh stated we had run an advertisement several times in the Bulletin asking for interested volunteers to send in their names for this Committee. Councilman Taylor stated that Wednesday night at Maple Place School at 7:30 P.M. is the next meeting and invited Mr. Barnes to attend.

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

Councilman Wolfe moved to appoint Councilman Miller to the Finance Committee to sign one voucher made payable to himself for reimbursement. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated May 21, 1992. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on the vouchers due himself, Ad Pro and Clayton Block Co. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS \$801,007.75. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$59,776.37. TOTAL 1992 OPERATING FUND \$860,784.12. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$91.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$30.97. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$449.25. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$148,425.20. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - LIEN \$54.50. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - LIEN REDEMPTION \$13,581.85. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER - DWI \$302.50. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:37 P.M. Councilman Terra moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on June 4, 1992 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK