

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 19, 2005

REGULAR MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on May 19, 2005 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Gatta stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson Gallo, Chaump, Sharkey, Briscione and Mayor Gatta.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Martin A. McGann.

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.

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

As copies of the minutes from the workshop meetings held on March 14, 2005, April 7, 2005 and April 18, 2005 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Chaump moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Sharkey and Councilwoman Kahle who abstained since she didn't really have a chance to look at them fully so she couldn't really say yes or no so she abstained. Councilman Sharkey voted no.

As copies of the special meeting held on April 14, 2005 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, the Mayor moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was approved by Councilwoman Chaump and seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council with the exception of Councilwoman Kahle who abstained because they were very extensive and she didn't have a chance to read them yet and Councilman Sharkey who voted no. Councilman Johnson asked that the record reflect that the comments made by Councilman Sharkey in the minutes of the April 14, 2005 special meeting were his opinion only and she'd like the record to reflect that. Councilwoman Chaump wanted a statement read into the minutes that Councilman Sharkey expressed his opinions and views only. She disagreed with Councilman Sharkey's statements concerning public officials, the borough attorney and the borough auditor. Councilman Briscione wanted to clarify for the record the statements made by Councilman Sharkey at the special meeting on April 14, 2005 relative to professionals reflect Councilman Sharkey's opinions. His statements in no way reflect his opinion individually or the collective opinion of this counsel.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 21, 2005 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, the Mayor asked for a motion to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was moved by Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Chaump and approved by Council with the exception of Councilwoman Kahle who abstained because for the April 21, 2005 meeting she noticed an error and the Mayor advised her a second set of minutes were resent to the Council. Councilwoman Kahle abstained as did Councilman Sharkey

who said after receiving them two months after the fact with two days to review it is inadequate time so he voted no.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of April, 2005 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle license applications made by the following:

A} Middlesex County College Foundation, On-premise 50/50 raffle to be held July 24, 2005 at Monmouth Racetrack. The clerk advised that the appropriate fees had been paid and the applications found to be in order after which Councilwoman Johnson moved to approve the same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.

B} Raffle license for Monmouth Park Charity Fund, Inc., Off-premise merchandise raffle to be drawn on September 4, 2005 at Monmouth Park Racetrack. The clerk advised that the appropriate fees had been paid and the applications found to be in order after which Councilwoman Kahle moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.

C} The Monmouth County Historical Association, an off-premise 50/50 raffle to be held July 13, 2005 at 93 Gooseneck Point Road, an on premise merchandise auction to be held July 17, 2005 at 93 Gooseneck Point Road. The clerk advised that the appropriate fees had been paid and the applications found to be in order after which Councilwoman Kahle moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.

D} Raffle license for Monmouth Park Racetrack, On premise 50/50's to be held May 18, June 11, July 2, July 24, August 7 and August 28 at Monmouth Park Racetrack. The Clerk advised that the appropriate fees had been paid and the applications found to be in order after which Councilman Kahle moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson, followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.

The Clerk asked for a motion to appoint Daniel M. Russomano as a member of the Oceanport Fire Department. His application was received, the police background check has been received and all paperwork is in order. Councilwoman Johnson moved to have the motion approved and it was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle. The counsel unanimously approved.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle reported that the he Water Watch will be having a community cleanup day, Saturday, June 4th at 8:30. They will be meeting at Blackberry Bay to clean up the waterways over Blackberry Bay where the reeds are and then some of the small parks. They had this a couple years ago and had a very nice turnout so they're hoping for another one. If anyone is interested, if you could meet there on Saturday it would be appreciated.

Councilwoman Kahle reported that for buildings and grounds she gave an update on the Old Wharf Senior Center. As you know, there was a fire. The insurance agent was in. The building doesn't have to be razed but some of the support beams will have to be replaced. There was a figure of \$243,000 that they will be putting toward that building to fix it. At the workshop meeting it was decided that what Council would like to do is see if an architect can be hired and try to reconfigure the building to try to take advantage of the view, the water and the deck and reconfigure it a little bit better than it was. So she is looking into that

with the monies that the Borough will be getting from the insurance agency and she will keep the Council posted on that. Also in the municipal building, they are still waiting for Eric Wagner to come back with some plans to move forward with renovation of this building. So as soon as she has news she will let the Council know. The Mayor asked if she knew when they could expect that report and Councilwoman Kahle said it would take a few more weeks and she would be calling him again on Monday.

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Councilwoman Johnson reported regarding the Board of Health, they will be scheduling a walk through at Monmouth Park Racetrack in June. No date has been set yet but it is done every year and they have yet to come up with a date for that.

Councilwoman Johnson reported that Ocean Hook & Ladder had a meeting May 10th. And before the meeting, they had a defensive driving drill. A new member, Lenny Santos was voted in on May 10th. They will also have a walk through at 2 Crescent Place which will be held in the near future. No date has been set for that but it should be sometime in June. A ladder drill at Wolfhill School will be held in June. There is a tentative date of June 24th which is a Saturday. Also on May 11th and 12th the Explorer Class was held in which two new members of Hook & Ladder, Lenny Santos and Sam graduated. Also on June 21st, Mike Paterson and Mark Russomano will be graduating from the fire academy. So we wish them the best of luck.

Councilwoman Johnson continued that on Sunday, May 22nd, between 8-1, the Explorers will be holding a pancake breakfast at the Oceanport Hook & Ladder and asked everyone to attend since this is a good fundraiser for the Explorers. She reported that a tentative date for an extraction drill will be held at the Hook & Ladder on Tuesday, May 24th at 6PM and will be reaching out to the First Aid to participate in that drill.

Councilwoman Johnson asked the Clerk read resolution **R-05-61** approving Margaret F. O'Donnell as registrar in the Borough of Oceanport for an unexpired term ending December 31, 2006 after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo reported that he attended the First Aid meeting May 19th and the squad received an award from West Long Branch; a plaque for continued support by responding to mutual aid calls to their community. He welcomed new member, Mike Savarese, also an EMT and wished him good luck as well as Carl Seraldi and Jonathan Ryan who passed their EMT course. The squad agreed to have voting take place there and the general election in November while the Old Wharf House is being repaired.

Councilman Gallo reported he attended the Senior meeting and spoke to them about the Council exploring the idea of total renovation of the Old Wharf House versus just repairing it and that the Council will make a decision between the two as soon as all the information is received.

Councilman Gallo reported for special events, the annual Memorial Day Parade will begin 10:30 and will March down Monmouth Blvd to Borough Hall and all the committee groups have been invited and there will be a guest speaker. He invited all the residents of Oceanport to attend and support the community.

COUNCILWOMAN CHAUMP: Councilwoman Chaump asked the Clerk to read Resolution **R-05-62** allowing Veteran's Tax Deductions for 2005 after which she moved to approve it. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilwoman Chaump asked the Clerk to read Resolution **R-05-63** authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Coastal Alliance after which she moved to approve it. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council. Councilwoman Chaump explained to the Council and to the public the \$65,800 is partly a cash match. Thirty two thousand nine hundred are the funds, \$8,225 is a cash match that fifty percent comes from Long Branch, 25 percent comes from Oceanport and 25 percent comes from West Long Branch. There is also \$24,675, which is in kind so that makes the total.

Councilwoman Chaump asked the Clerk to read Resolution **R-05-64** regarding the defeated public questions for Shore Regional High School after which she moved to approve the same and it was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilwoman Chaump next moved to appoint Matthew Guglielmi as Helper III in the Public Works Department. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by the Council.

Councilwoman Chaump stated that the Mayor and Council received a letter from the Superintendent of Public Works, Tom Crochet. She motioned to accept the resignation effective June 10, 2005 and instructed the Clerk to advertise for the position and accepted his resignation with regret. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by the Council. Councilman Briscione made a point of saying he approved it but with regret. He felt Tom has done a fantastic job during the time he has been here and is an unfortunate occurrence for the Borough and wished him the best of luck. Councilwoman Chaump and Councilman Sharkey also expressed their regret and thanked him for his efforts.

Councilwoman Chaump continued reporting on a Coastal Alliance meeting on May 12 at Oceanport and hosted by Oceanport. The guidance counselor, Cecile reported that the eating disorder program for the eighth grade students was a success. There was a program at the St. Michael's Older & Wiser Club on May 10th for the Older Americans Month and it was "Do The Right Dose" for prescription drugs. Also the Dare Program is almost finished in Oceanport with the second graders and the third graders and DARE officer Steve Taggerty is going on the eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. The Eating Disorder Program also talked about steroids and the Center Safe Grant will be renewed next year and they plan on doing a family night.

Councilwoman Chaump reported under Public Works, Matt Kohler completed his Eagle Scout Project which was painting street name signs on the east side of town to Myrtle Ave. They all received a fresh coat of paint. The baseball machine was repaired by Mark Hunter and she thanked him for his help. Tom Crochet is getting quotes for fertilizer for the parks. A purchase order was also issued to apply flight control to the grass in order to keep the geese population down and they are looking into doing that at Blackberry Bay Park when that is completed. Councilwoman Kahle asked how the sirens are working. Councilwoman Chaump said there have been some geese at Blackberry and the geese are becoming aware of it. Besides doing the goose buster they are also going to do flight control. She also said the goose buster is working. Tom Crochet also acknowledged this. Councilwoman Chaump said there was a limited amount of time they had to return them if they didn't work and was advised

by Tom Crochet that it beyond that time period. She noted the snow fence throughout the town has been taken down.

MAYOR GATTA: The Mayor referenced the email she received that Councilman Sharkey would be giving a power point presentation report this evening. She expressed concern because, in her opinion, he is changing the procedures of the public Council meeting in two areas. First, reports have been given verbally by the Council lead at the public meetings. If he wanted to change the format for the public Council meeting and the method of presentation, she felt he should have brought it up at the workshop meeting so it could have been discussed by the entire Council. She questioned why he did not bring it up Monday night, and secondly, no one has seen a hard copy of the power point presentation and no one knows what will be discussed. Each Councilperson and herself should have been afforded the courtesy to know beforehand what he planned to discuss and given the opportunity to answer. As an example, two of those items, the bill list and budget are usually recorded by Councilwoman Lucille Chaump. She questioned if he conferred with her. He is on the record many times saying he wants agenda items ahead of time. Items discussed at the public Council meetings have always first been discussed at workshop so every Councilperson can have an opportunity to input. Also, a power point presentation cannot be picked up on tape. If he felt this power point presentation is so important why didn't he bring it up at workshop and do the presentation there first. These workshop meetings are certainly open to the public and everyone is encouraged to attend. The Mayor felt they govern as a body and one person cannot make or change the rules and she asked that Councilman Sharkey comment.

Councilman Sharkey said it is the committee report which he distributed ahead of time by email and distributed by Kim on the Parks and Recreation Committee to all the Council members this week. That report on the Parks & Recreation had already been presented to Council by email and again he brought it up and discussed it at Monday's workshop so he said he is just going over a report that he did. Councilman Sharkey felt sitting in the audience that there's an opportunity to make it visually interesting to the members of the audience and it is a slight change and he thought about it over the last couple of days. The bill list is public information that we're going to be voting on. Every Council member had to sign off on their bills and he believes these bills have been looked at by Council. All he's doing is showing some technology in getting the bill list sent electronically to him and the committee. He just wanted to show and demonstrate the capability of what our Borough employees have done with the bill list. He stated he received an 86 page report which tells all the budget figures and he didn't have a chance to go through it last night. He just wanted to show it using different technology. It's innocuous; it's information that's been shown ahead of time. Insurance is another item that they're going to be talking about. Brokers were in to present some quotes to Council, two insurance companies and it was discussed in depth at Monday's meeting. They plan on having another workshop to discuss it further. He would like the public to understand what's been done on insurance to date.

Mayor Gatta stated there wasn't a lengthy discussion on insurance but a presentation and it was decided that more due diligence had to be done before Council was able to move forward with it. Once again, she asked why this could not have been communicated to Council and even if he came up with this idea, why it was imperative to have it this evening and not wait until he had an opportunity to speak to the rest of the Council to see if they would like to go in that direction. That was her concern and she opened it up to any Council member who would like to add anything to this.

Councilwoman Chaump stated that not everyone got the complete information and when you go through the bill list, you get just a partial. She would have preferred to know he was

going to do this and motioned to table it for the next workshop meeting. She did not have a problem with Parks & Recreation because that was already discussed. As far as the other three, she wanted it tabled for the next workshop meeting. She motioned to have it tabled and it was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

Councilwoman Kahle felt that if you were going to table this it seems like the Council is hiding something. If that's what Councilman Sharkey wants to do and we've already discussed it she didn't want to give any kind of appearance of hiding something. Mayor Gatta reminded her that workshops are open to the public. Anything discussed in public is going to be discussed here and no one is hiding anything. She reiterated the format and felt that they should be working as a unified group and it should have been brought to workshop first instead of her reading it in an email. Councilwoman Kahle stated she didn't know about it either but didn't have a problem with it.

Councilman Sharkey stated in the past he said budget information was already approved and voted on. Last week there was not one piece of paper with any numbers that the public could look at and it was very disappointing to him as well as to the residents who have voiced that to him. This is something that there has always been complaints about; lack of information or documents in the back. People show up a little late and there's nothing there for them to review. He is trying to bring in some new technology and thought process on this and he's going to be the guinea pig, for this could flop miserably. He felt the Borough needs to get with it. There is no web site that allows people to see the minutes or information so he's trying to push and raise the bar.

Mayor Gatta stated she didn't think anyone had any objection to that. She felt he was aware of the problems they've been having with the website. Any budget documentation is available to anyone. All they have to do is come in and ask for it. So no one is precluding anyone from any kind of information; far from it. They've discussed budget at the town meetings and any opportunity that they can, they discuss it. What she is asking, if you're talking about communication then your first responsibility is communicating with the Council and then let the Council decide where they would like to move forward.

Councilman Briscione felt that he wouldn't care if someone stood on their head and gave their report. But felt this represented a change in protocol and since they had met on Monday it would have been nice to hear what the rationale was to do this. Additionally, two of these items are finance committee items and according to the by laws, the finance committee shall have primary responsibility for the following prescribed activities and matters; examination and review of all vouchers prior to admission to the Council, the coordination of all departmental budgetary figures relating to the activities, the final preparation and explanation and continuing supervision of the entire municipal budget. He didn't know if these were discussed with Councilwoman Chaump but she is the chair of this and he understands there is an insurance item involved. Were these discussed with the chair of finance?

Councilman Sharkey stated there were thirteen meetings during January and February, two nights a week, approximately four hours a night. In his estimation, he put in over fifty hours along with the rest of the members on the budget. So he felt every item on the budget was discussed fully with the Council. He said he was not going into any detailed discussions with his presentation.

Councilman Briscione asked if Councilwoman Chaump had any input into this presentation and she responded no. He felt this was changing protocol and didn't feel sure he wanted to proceed with that. Councilman Sharkey asked if he did not want him to show what was never handed out to the public. Councilman Briscione stated the public has every right to the information. The Mayor asked if he provided a hard copy to anyone this evening and he said no. The Mayor felt that was something he had been critical about in the past. Councilman Sharkey stated he sent an email of his report and budget information and it's on file and was discussed. The Mayor reiterated she didn't know what he was planning to discuss and that there was a budget presentation on April 14th.

Councilwoman Kahle asked if what Councilman Sharkey was saying is that he's doing his report as a power point instead of reading to which he said yes. The Mayor reminded them that it couldn't be picked up on tape. The Mayor again asked for consideration to the governing body if he wanted to change protocol he must bring it to the governing body.

Councilman Sharkey said he would print out the power point presentation to be included with the minutes and attached to the public minutes and that should suffice.

Mayor Gatta asked for a motion on the floor to bring it to workshop and discuss it there.

Councilman Briscione stated again that Councilman Sharkey has been verbal in a number of instances about the same thing occurring with other people not receiving the information in advance so they could be prepared to comment so he raised that objection again.

Councilman Sharkey responded that it's all information that's been presented and discussed at previous Council meetings. Councilwoman Chaump reminded him that he voted not for the budget and asked if he was changing his mind and agreed with the budget. He stated no. He's going to give his committee report with a visual presentation. It's not going into to detail and show information on Capital Committee. He distributed a spreadsheet electronically to all the Capital Committee members to review. He just wanted to visibly show the residents what that worksheet looks like so they can see visually what technology he's bringing to the table here and the 2005 budget, which is a document that everyone received. The Mayor suggested that it should be brought up at workshop first and then move forward from there.

Councilwoman Kahle asked if he could leave the budget out of it and just do the rest of it. She said she didn't check her email for the day. The Mayor said if he wanted to deviate from protocol, then bring it up at workshop where an exchange can take place and they will move forward. In the past he has been very critical and she believes this is the only fair thing to do. The Mayor asked the Clerk to read the motion to table the presentation until it be discussed at Council workshop and it was seconded.

Councilman Briscione suggested that if people are interested in it after the meeting is over and he's more than willing to stay he would not be opposed to that. His concern was changing protocol; going over items that are by laws and are the responsibility of the finance committee without the chair of finance.

Mayor Gatta asked the Clerk to poll the Council and all voted in favor with the exceptions of Councilwoman Kahle, Councilmen Gallo and Sharkey. Councilman Briscione stated he was more than happy to discuss them in workshop meetings and change protocol. He

doesn't want things changed haphazardly since only the citizens will suffer by it. Anyone who wants to stay and watch the presentation after the meeting is more than welcome. The clerk reported there was a tie and polled Mayor Gatta who voted affirmative.

Mayor Gatta encouraged everyone to come to the workshop meetings and participate. She advised that they all had to follow procedures and that is the only way this governing body can effectively govern as a whole for all the people of Oceanport. She reiterated that everyone must live by the by laws. She invited Councilman Sharkey to give any further report at which he stated it's all on the Power Point presentation. Councilman Briscione suggested that maybe he could give the Recreation report and was advised that it was also on there.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance amending the Police Ordinance regarding non-municipal special events and asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication and ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANORT AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT TO CHARGE SPONSORS OF NON-MUNICIPAL SPECIAL EVENTS FOR NECESSARY POLICE SERVICES.**

Mayor Gatta opened that portion of the meeting to the public for comments on that ordinance only but hearing none Councilwoman Kahle moved to close the pubic hearing on this matter. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and unanimously approved by the Council.

Councilman Briscione then moved to adopt the ordinance on second and filing reading and advertise same in accordance with the law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Champ.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Sharkey, Briscione and Champ.

NAYS: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Councilman Briscione called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance amending the personnel policy with regard to health benefits and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 13-26 (MEDICAL BENEFITS) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT.**

Mayor Gatta opened the meeting to the public on any questions or comments on this subject only but hearing none, Councilwoman Johnson moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

Councilman Briscione moved to adopt this ordinance on 2nd and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Chaump, Sharkey and Briscione.
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Councilman Briscione called for the second reading and public hearing on the 2005 Bond Ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the affidavit of publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **BOND ORRDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS I NTHE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUT, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$749,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$513,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST OF AND FOR MAKING THE DOWN PAYMENT FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.**

Mayor Gatta opened the meeting to the public for any comments on this subject only, but hearing none, Councilwoman Johnson moved to close the public hearing on this matter. It was seconded by Councilman Gallo and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Briscione moved to adopt this ordinance on 2nd and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Chaump, Sharkey and Briscione.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Briscione reported with regard to recommended zoning changes set forth in the Master Plan Re-examination recently approved by the Planning Board. The Planning Board is also recommending in the matter of a request from the owner of Block 18, Lot 10 that it is not sound planning policy to sell 30 feet of Borough owned property, Lot 7 on the paper street and council accepted that recommendation. The Planning Board has also recommended that Se Girt Ave be renamed to Sea Girt Avenue East and Sea Girt Ave West to alleviate confusion currently existing as a portion of the road west of Milton Avenue. Additionally, the Planning Board recommended a change in the name of Maple Place that is located off Monmouth Blvd. to Foggia Way to avoid confusion with the Maple Place that the school is located on. Council concurred with both recommendations.

Councilman Briscione reported that with regard to the police, the Police Report for April indicates the Department answered 1,009 calls and responded to 686 calls. There were 166 summonses issued, 296 motor vehicle stops. He recognized Det. Sergeant Jared Murphy as he completed a certified operators course given by FAS Inc which enables him to instruct on a simulator at the police academy. Sgt. Steve Taggerty was awarded a certificate of service by the DARE NJ in recognition of five years of service to the NJ DARE Program. Patrolman Jonathon Tucci has successfully completed a course

in financial and CYBER Crime Investigation. He brought up the recent incident in Beechwood where a policeman was involved in a car chase and dragged for 70 feet as it remind us of the dangers.

MAYOR GATTA: Mayor Gatta alluded to the minutes that were discussed this evening namely the March 14th workshop meeting minutes which were given to Council members before the April 14th meeting. At that time, Councilwoman Kahle asked for them not to be put on as she needed more time to review the minutes and we are approving them two months later. As far as the other minutes, they were provided to Council on Friday prior to Monday's workshop meeting and one of the agendas items was any concerns or problems with the minutes.

Mayor Gatta publicly thanked Councilwoman Chaump for her role in our Student Government Day on Thursday, May 5th. The seventh grade students came to Borough Hall and ran a Council meeting and discussed Council business. She appreciated the fine efforts of Mrs. Fragale from Maple Place School and Councilwoman Chaump for a very special occasion.

Mayor Gatta reminded everyone about the Lions Club Fair on May 24th through the 29th at the racetrack parking lot. She stated this is really a kickoff for everyone in Oceanport to begin the summer. Everyone looks forward to the fair and we hope the weather will cooperate and hopes everyone will have a great time.

Mayor Gatta reminded everyone about the Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 1st, at 7PM. There will be Joseph Fiordaliso along with Dennis Dowd, senior vice president at NJ Sports & Exposition Authority to address the Oceanport concerns about night racing. Night racing is off the table for 2005 but there are questions as they move forward. Also, Realty Appraisal will be here to discuss the impending reevaluation and any kind of questions any residents have and she encouraged everyone to come out to the town meeting,

Mayor Gatta stated that Ft Monmouth was included on the BRAC list. She stated that this is a fight that everyone must fight. She cautioned residents that it isn't over until it's over and right now they are going through the process to see if Ft. Monmouth cannot be removed from the list. She attended a Mayor's meeting where Colonel Rick Sullivan spoke about unity in fighting hard and this does not take effect until it becomes law. She has attended four meetings since the announcement discussing ways they can work effectively to look at the criteria that the Pentagon used and be able to articulate the reasons why Ft. Monmouth should stay open. It is far different this time as it is not a majority of commissioners have to agree with it. She warned not to be lulled into a false sense of security. She was very encouraged by the Congressional delegation that is behind Ft. Monmouth and is do everything they can to get Ft. Monmouth off the list. She encouraged the public to rally and be passionate about it. The critical point is now right, into the summer when everyone is gathering information. She asked if anyone knows of anyone to please contact her and she will in turn contact them. She will keep everyone apprised of any information as it progresses.

Mayor Gatta also complimented, thanked and recognized the EMT'S. This week, May 17-21 is Emergency Services Week and thanked those who provide life saving care.

Mayor Gatta acknowledged accepting Tom Crochet's resignation and wished him success in his new job and thanked him for taking pride in Oceanport and said he will be sorely missed.

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

Ed Ryan, 24 Willow Court, Oceanport, brought up the house on Pemberton Ave that recently had a fire and complained that it's an eyesore, dangerous and asked what is going to happen. He stressed it should be boarded up and wanted to know who is responsible.

The Mayor stated that the person in charge would be notified tomorrow. Councilman Briscione stated they are trying to coordinate between the police and code enforcement officer to set up a program to try to address some of the problems and violations and at the next workshop meeting they're hoping to have both parties in. The Mayor agreed it should have been addressed immediately.

Mr. Ryan went on to remind the Council that he wants to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss some items for next year and hasn't had a reply yet and also brought up about a late bill for batteries received in June. Councilman Gallo explained that a correction has been made on the account since the wrong account was credited. Councilwoman Johnson explained the purchase was made in February and the bill was not received and there was a mix up with paying the bills.

Mr. Ryan questioned whether the Borough is only paying interest on loans and bonds. Councilwoman Chaump explained what happens on a bond anticipation note are usually a time of ten years so the first three years you do pay the interest and then get on a schedule. What the Borough has done is to go out to bond after that. Some of them have been paid and some have been rolled over to a bond.

Councilman Sharkey commented that Mr. Ryan raised a good point. He explained when you take a bond anticipation note you do not have to pay principle the first two years so you can pay interest only. The requirement is that you have to have bonds paid off within ten years and it seems that the Borough does really not have a formal debt program in place and has effectively been underpaying their debt for a number of years. We were caught in a situation where they had to roll those BANS over into long term bonds of 15 years otherwise there would have been a huge increase for the budget.

Councilman Briscione said past practice was to obtain BANS but BANS are in anticipation of going out to bonds. Based on the recommendation of our new auditor they wanted a payment schedule and they would incorporate all these BANS into a bond issue. Councilwoman Chaump noted that Councilman Sharkey should have noted that there was a capital improvement meeting and that the Monmouth County Improvement Authority was also there and they looked over the financial records that he gave them and they said they were on the right track and doing the right thing because the short term interest rates are going to be higher than the long term interest rates. Councilman Sharkey commented that she just confirm one of the items on the spreadsheet.

Joe Lombardi, Oceanport First Aid, Iroquois Ave. asked if the council considered a loan agreement for the 1st Aid building. Councilman Gallo assured him he would be

sitting down with the committee. Mr. Lombardi stated he has asked the same questions and wants to hear from the Council after putting out money for permits. The Mayor stated that this has presented a whole new set of problems. A hard copy of the exact cost for that structure and exactly what it is going to cost for the Council to decide. His next question was whether the Council has talked about the property across the street from the First Aid Squad and the Mayor advised it has not been discussed at this time. Councilman Gallo said it would have to be evaluated and in order to sell Borough property it would have to go out to bid first.

Stuart Briskey, 46 Werah Place, Oceanport, expressed his surprise that there was a special meeting for the budget and there was no paperwork available. The Mayor explained the notice was made in March and it was posted everywhere and anyone could have come in and asked for a copy of it. Maybe it should be included in the bulletin as it previously was. Mr. Sharkey offered to give Mr. Briskey information on the \$5,000 after the meeting concluded.

Councilwoman Chaump referred to two bills that have not passed the council liaison so they are going to hold off on those. She noted that there are a few bills that were given this afternoon that were just signed but pending a second signature.

Councilwoman Chaump asked the Clerk to read resolution **R=-5-65** approving the voucher as listed on the bill list dated May 19, 2005 with the exception of the vouchers just mentioned after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Sharkey voting no due to the fact that he had asked for backup documentation with a review of the payroll that is processed each month which he still has not received for this pay period. Capital Trust Total: \$1,191.00, Dog Registry Total \$49.20. Escrow Trust Total \$1,325.00. Open Space \$21,211.15. Total 2004 Vouchers Paid \$192,640.02. 2004 Vouchers paid this meeting \$4,139.24. Total 2004 Vouchers \$196,779.26. Total 2005 Vouchers paid \$7,573,084.12. 2005 Vouchers Paid this meeting \$344,386.84. Total 2005 Vouchers \$7,917,470.96. (SEE BILL LIST).

Councilman Sharkey wanted to point out for the record that he is on the Finance Committee but wasn't quite sure if he's a backup member or an equal member since it hasn't been clearly indicated but he distributed his Parks and Recreation report to everyone on Council and did not get any of the written reports that you heard tonight so he didn't have a chance to review them before they were made. Being on the Finance Committee, they had one, two meetings in January. They have not had a single formal finance meeting since which he indicated via email that finance should be meeting on a regular basis on a scheduled date to review the Borough's financial information. The January email was ignored. With regard to the financial records and availability of information to the public, he understands the frustration of not getting information. For the record, he did file an open record request for financial information he was hoping to show and it took six months to get that information and now he has to wait to present it until after the next workshop meeting.

Mayor Gatta reminded him he received the information when it was requested in a timely manner though not in the format requested and that was the crux for filing the open public meeting record. Repeatedly saying at meetings he didn't get the information is a very unfair statement and the way he obtained the information was not appropriate and he knew it.

Councilman Sharkey responded that the public can read Sharkey vs. Oeanport Governing Council which explains in full details what he asked for which was allowable by law and it was denied. It took six months for the Government Records Council to say to release the information in the medium requested.

Mayor Gatta asked the Borough Attorney to respond. Councilman Briscione expressed his frustration that this topic is brought up at every meeting repeatedly.

Mr. McGann reiterated this has been discussed at least six times in public. There is no need to have any further discussion ever. It's been exhausted.

Councilwoman Chaump said they have had budget meetings, a finance meeting on January 20th, a meeting on February 17th. They've had budget meetings on January 6th, 10th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 24th, 27th, 31st, Feb. 3rd, 7th, 10th, 15th, 22nd. They all included finance so to say they never had a meeting is uncalled for. Councilman Sharkey said he didn't say that but that only early meetings on related to the budget not on the expenditures. He suggested quarterly might be appropriate. Mayor Gatta asked if he requested a meeting and followed up on his request. Councilwoman Chaump said they have discussed vouchers in the past.

At 9:35p.m. Councilwoman Chaump moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on June 16, 2005 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Kimberly Jungfer', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

KIMBERLY JUNGFER
BOROUGH CLERK