

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 18, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on May 18, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Chaump stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Ibex

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Scott Arnette

INVOCATION: Mr. Mills gave the invocation.

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

Mayor Chaump stated that the agendas are in the back of the room and they are going to deviate from the agenda a little bit only because there is a Proclamation for Grace Little and since she is here she is going to do that first. Mayor Chaump then asked Grace to please step forward.

The Borough Clerk stated that the next item is the consent agenda. Councilman Gallo will be recusing himself from item 11 on the consent agenda so therefore it was requested that that item be removed from the agenda. With item 11 removed the Borough Clerk asked if there was a motion on the Consent Agenda.

Consent Agenda

1. Raffle Application for St. Jerome PTA, Off Premise 50/50 to be drawn at the Lions Club Fair May 28, 2006
2. Raffle application for Monmouth Park Charity Fund, Off Premise Merchandise Raffle to be drawn on September 3, 2006 at Monmouth Park Racetrack at 5 P.M>
3. Raffle Application for Monmouth Park Charity Fund, On Premise 50/5 to be drawn on August 31, 2006 at Monmouth Park Racetrack at 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
4. Amended Raffle Application to amend dates of an On Premise 50/50 for June 10 to June 24, July 1 to July 8 and August 27 to August 19 at Monmouth Park Racetrack.
5. Raffle application for the Tinton Falls PTA, On Premise 50/50 to be drawn on June 11th at the Monmouth Park Racetrack at 5 p.m.
6. Raffle application for the Tinton Falls PTA, On premise merchandise raffle to be held on June 11th at the Monmouth Park Racetrack from 12 to 5 p.m.
7. Resolution inserting certain items of revenue.
8. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills..
9. Resolution supporting click it or ticket.
10. Resolution amending the Borough's participation in the MCJIF>

11. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Developer's Agreement with the NJSEA.
12. Resolution hiring a full time and seasonal employee for the Public Works Department.
13. Approval of the Workshop minutes of April 6, 2006
14. Approval of the Workshop minutes of April 17, 2006
15. Approval of the Regular minutes of April 20, 2006
16. Motion authorizing a change order on the contract with Fiore Paving for the Tennis Courts at Blackberry Bay Park in the amount of \$35,000.00 for the paving and curbing of a portion of the Blackberry Bay Park parking lot.

Councilman Sharkey asked what about the parking and the paving? Was that for Blackberry Bay and the Borough Clerk said yes and then asked Councilman Sharkey if he would like that item to be removed to which he said yes.

The Borough Clerk stated that item 16 regarding the Blackberry Bay parking lot is also removed from the consent agenda and then asked for a motion?

Councilman Sharkey stated that he would like item 11, resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Developer's Agreement to be removed and the Borough Clerk stated that that item had already been removed.

Councilman Briscione moved to approve the consent agenda with items 11 and 16 removed, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

The Borough Clerk stated that the next item was item 11, which is a resolution, **R-06-47** authorizing the Mayor to sign the Developer's Agreement with the NJSEA. Councilman Briscione moved to approve, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council with the exceptions of Councilman Gallo who had recused himself and Councilman Sharkey who voted no.

The Borough Clerk stated that the next item was item 16, which was a motion authorizing a change order on the contract with Fiore Paving for the Tennis Courts at Blackberry Bay Park in the amount of \$35,000 for the paving and curbing of a portion of the Blackberry Bay Park parking lot. Councilwoman Kahle stated that she would like some discussion before there is a roll call. She then stated that at first she was really for the paving at Blackberry Bay and that it would really make sense, but she heard that it might affect the drainage of the baseball fields and until that is cleared up she doesn't know if she can vote because she would hate to make the drainage any worse over there.

Mayor Chaump stated that she could shed some light on this issue. The Borough Engineer, on Monday night at the Workshop meeting, said that the with the curbing and pitching the parking lot there would not be ponding anymore on the north side by pitching and it would be pitching it down to the street.

Councilwoman Kahle asked how far they would be going with it and Mayor Chaump said it would be almost 2 feet behind where the speed bumps

Councilman Sharkey stated that the first base line is a continual low spot and one of the concerns that he has heard from different people is by not addressing that low spot and only doing the parking lot you may create a bigger problem here or if you fix that then you may waste the money on the paving and so we really haven't seen any formal documentation or engineering plan to fix the low spot. We have the plans for the paving, which we are assuming

are correct, but the low spot needs to be addressed and his opinion is that we should look at both problems at the same time to make sure that one doesn't screw up the other.

Councilman Briscione stated just based on the Workshop meeting, Mr. Rospos said that the curbing and paving and the fields are not related in his opinion. The puddle that has formed at the end of that paving would be cleared up by paving it and water would drain along the curb line. It's the same company that is doing the tennis courts and the tennis courts look extremely level to him. He's not an engineer but he's just going by what the engineer said.

Councilman Gallo commented that he has a problem because this is only doing part of the park. It's not even going down to the bathrooms, it's just repaving what has already been paved and he thinks that the whole job should be done right and engineered correctly and completed and make the park look nice right from the very beginning.

Councilman Briscione stated that the other issue was that paving costs increased 25%. If there were a way to do this we are going to pay more money and what that percentage will be when we do it is as good as anybody's guess.

Mayor Chaump asked if there were any more comments for discussion? There being none, the Borough Clerk called the roll for authorization to permit a change order on the contract with Fiore Paving for the Tennis Courts at Blackberry Bay Park in the amount of \$35,000 for the paving and curbing of a portion of the Blackberry Bay Park parking lot. This motion was moved by Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by Councilman Briscione and approved by Council with the exceptions of Councilman Gallo and Councilman Sharkey who both voted no.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Borough Clerk stated she had was the Police Report for April 2006, which she had distributed and will post tomorrow on the bulletin board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle stated that she would like to start with Public Works that as passed with this evenings consent agenda they hired a full time position and also a seasonal person. They have been working short handed with 3 or 4 people most of the summer so we definitely welcome the new guys to the Public Works team. Also, she congratulated Marc Hunter on completing the Compost Management course that he took. adding we are moving the compost facility from Blackberry Bay over to the Maria Gatta Park and Tom Crochet, the old Public Works Foreman, was the certified man in the town and we didn't have any one else to take care of the compost part of that. Somebody had to be certified so congratulations to Marc Hunter for completing that.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that she also had a Resolution regarding the defeated Oceanport school budget. Most of the school budgets in the state have failed this year and she thought that the reason for this was the property taxes being what they are and school taxes just keep going up and up and up. Councilwoman Kahle continued that this is the second time that she had to look at the Oceanport School Budget being defeated. Last time they had an educational consultant, Mike Williams, who helped them out with the budget. This year they did sort of know what they were looking at when they looked at the budget. Councilman Briscione, Mayor Chaump and herself met with the Superintendent over at the Oceanport Schools along

with the BA, Rick Harrison, Kelly McGowan and Bill McVitty from the Board of Education. What they decided to do was to cut \$22,000 from their budget. They originally said \$25,000 but because of impending energy cost at the school they asked if the additional \$3,000 would mean that they would really have to cut somebody at the school and we didn't want to impact the educational programs or the teachers who are at the school, but we did want to save some money. What they recommended was that every year they get an IDEA Plan from the state and normally what they did in the past was that they anticipated less than they actually realized to the tune of about \$20,000 each year since 2003. So they recommend that they take some money out of that line item. Also, they felt the Workman's Comp they anticipated spending more than they actually spend and that's about \$10,000 a year. They also had a couple of teacher's retire, 3 actually and so with the breakage of that the group felt that \$22,000 was reasonable and that it wouldn't affect the children or the educational programs at the school.

Councilwoman Kahle then asked the Borough Clerk to read the Resolution **R-06-48** regarding the defeated Oceanport School Budget by title only after which she moved to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that the only other thing that she would like say about that resolution is that she did call the Monmouth County School Board and there are a couple of bills pending and they are trying to encourage the school districts to consolidate services and to share services with other schools. They are going to be rewarding districts that do that and she would really encourage them to look into that. Right now there are 4 Superintendents and we are in a regional district with West Long Branch, Oceanport, Monmouth Beach and Shore Regional. So we have 4 Superintendents over \$500,000. We have 5 BA's. Sea Bright has their own BA, which is another \$500,000 and the secretaries and the offices that go with that. However, she is not saying to fire anyone or do anything like that but they are really going to have to start looking at shared services and consolidated services in order to get some kind of tax relief.

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Councilwoman Johnson stated in regards to Parks and Recreation, they received an Open Space Grant Application, which is usually a 50/50 match in Capital, which she turned over to Mike Tober tonight. Recreation is also requesting to put together a summer's end 2K race, which she discussed at the Workshop meeting. This is to coincide with the summer's end festival in September and all proceeds will be donated in the name of Kortney Gillette to charity so hopefully they will be having this September 9th.

Councilwoman Johnson reported that the Memorial Day Parade is going to be Monday, May 29th at 10am starting at Blackberry Bay Park and down Monmouth Blvd to Borough Hall. We do have a guest speaker from Fort Monmouth. Also, they had letters go out to the volunteers and everyone that is going to participate. They also have a Corvette Club who will be participating in the parade. They have between 15 – 20 Corvettes. Recreation has decided that they would like to keep it here and at Port-Au-Peck Fire House so that they don't have to go all the way back to the Community Center and they could stay in this area.

Councilwoman Johnson stated Councilwoman Kahle at one time had mentioned a flagpole that had been donated by Ward Coles. It was brought up at the Parks and Recreation meeting and they are looking into placing it at the playground at Blackberry Bay Park and they are working on having that done.

Councilwoman Johnson stated in regards to the Tennis Courts, she brought the colors to Parks and Recreation and they picked out light green for the inside and red for the outside and that should be moving right along.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo stated this month the First Aid Squad responded to 54 calls, which 39 were emergencies, 7 motor vehicle accidents and 8 fire calls. The Squad accepted applications for 3 new members, Frank Lapolis as a cadet, and also Richard Eng as a regular member. Their building addition continues to move ahead. The block walls are all up and next week they will begin the second floor. Their Fund Drive is still in progress and if residents donate they would really appreciate that.

Councilman Gallo continued that the squad has picked up the Monmouth County Mass Casualty Unit and this will be staged at the Squad building. This is one of six units around the County and it will be staged here at Oceanport and will only be dispatched by the County themselves. Just to name a few things in it, there are 72 backboards, 17 spare oxygen cylinders, 3,600 gauze pads, 50 neck collars, and there is a whole list that goes with this very large and heavy trailer and he hopes that he never has to use it.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Absent

COUNCILMAN SHARKEY: Councilman Sharkey asked the Borough Clerk to read Resolution **R-06-49** regarding the defeated Shore Regional Budget by title only after which he moved to approve the resolution, which was seconded by Councilman Briscione and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Sharkey stated the only comment he had was to recognize Scott Poyner who made a significant contribution last year to the Port-Au-Peck Fire House for equipment and he just wanted to publicly acknowledge that generous donation. The other item he would like to point out were the phrases on the Port-Au-Peck Fire House signs. There was a complaint by someone who thought that the verbiage on the signage was politically motivated and inappropriate and Council needs to discuss a policy or sub-policy on what is appropriate and not appropriate. It seems to him that it is a very subjective type of issue but an important issue at that. We don't want those signs being used inappropriately so we need to put that on the agenda to discuss soon.

Councilman Sharkey stated with regards to Shared Services the only item that is still outstanding at this point is police dispatch and that is kicked back to police committees and Council liaisons on the police of 3 towns where they were comparing costs and looking at the county program. The county program, he understands, there are some spots available but again they are studying that issue right now.

Councilman Sharkey stated that in regards to the Health Insurance for the Borough, they started this process back in February and in March they basically had 2 quotes on the table. One quote was from the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund and the other quote was from Horizon, which is the current carrier. Both were fairly good quotes and in fact it was a no lose situation at that point to accept either one of them. What they wanted to do was to have the Borough employees check whether their doctors were in one network or not. They also challenged the 2 brokers that brought in the quotes to do additional tasks and provide the Borough with additional information in 45 days, which has now passed. There was a flurry of activity in the last 2 days where some of this information has come, but not completely detailed, which they had asked for. They have not had time for the insurance committee to meet and

review the information and really digest it and be able to come up with some hard facts about what is really going on. In a nutshell, there are 2 quotes on the table, the 1 from Horizon was a guaranteed 4% increase for 18 months a pretty good rate increase. It may not be so good when you look at the 52% loss ratio of our claims experience to total premiums. Councilman Sharkey stated that he talked to some experts who live in town and they said that maybe Horizon remain flat or with no increase. Some of the surrounding towns who are in the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund came in at a 9% decrease so the spread between a 9% decrease and a 4% increase is 13%. However, they were only originally going to guarantee that for 6 months and that is not too comfortable especially when the rates could jump 20% or 30% the first year or 6 months later, so that may not be the best savings. They asked the broker to go back to the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund and see if they would give an 18-month rate guarantee. The Board of the HIF, which is made up of Municipal people and business administrators met yesterday at 1:30 in Red Bank at the Borough Hall which he attended with the broker and they did give a guarantee and they changed the terms a little bit, which needs to be in writing of what the financial impact of those changes are, but effectively the minimum savings compared to the 4% increase from Horizon is about \$40,000 over the 18 months. That is the minimum savings. It could be even a greater savings if at January 1st the entire HIF, all the members of it effectively get less than an 8% increase at that point. So the worse case scenario would be \$40,000 less with the Horizon proposal. They had also asked for information on the networks to see how many of the network doctor's our employees use in Horizon are effectively in the Qualcare or the HIF networks, which is Qualcare and Aetna. They use 2 networks. He was not really happy with the information they received yesterday with the list because it doesn't give the doctor's on it so that we could truly find out whether the doctor's are in one of the two networks. They just got the name of the group and it looks in his opinion to be some billing address, which could be out of state, so it is really not the best information and it does not show a count of how many doctor's are truly out of the network and which one's are not in the Qualcare or Aetna network. There is more work that needs to be done to really understand how many doctors our employees are affected. They did get some information on the equal to or better than and making sure that the benefit plans are exactly the same but again he has not had a chance to look at it, so he still does not have that information. He asked the broker, Chuck Casagrande, who is here in the audience, to be available to add anything he may have missed. Basically, there is not going to be any action tonight because they have not really had the chance to review or meet on the information. He has talked to Scott Arnette, the Borough Attorney, on the issue around 4 or 5 o'clock today after he had a chance to read some of the emails and correspondence and they have a requirement that if there is going to be a change of plan that you have to give the carrier, which is Horizon, a 30 day notice, which would be May 31, 2006. What they need to do is to have the Insurance Committee meet and discuss and digest the information. Then, if there is a recommendation from the committee that they would need a special meeting before May 31, 2006 to make a decision and that would have to be advertised at that point. That is where we stand at this point. No action is going to be taken and we still need to confirm some of the information. Councilman Sharkey asked Chuck Casagrande if he had anything else to add.

Chuck Casagrande stated that he thinks Councilman Sharkey cover everything very well.

Scott Arnette, the Borough Attorney, stated that generally you need a motion to relax the regular order of business or Mr. Casagrande would have to go to a Workshop to make that kind of presentation, so Councilman Sharkey would have to make a motion to relax the regular order of business so he could take comment from Mr. Casagrande.

Councilman Sharkey stated that he would like to make that motion because there is a full audience and that is prudent to get some input.

Scott Arnette stated that the input would not come from the audience because it is not a question and answer period and then he suggested that Mr. Casagrande be available after the meeting.

Councilman Sharkey stated for Mr. Casagrande to make the presentation so everyone can digest it and funnel their comments back to the Borough Clerk so that the Insurance Committee can meet and evaluate those comments or items.

Scott Arnette asked Council if anyone had a problem with that.

Councilman Briscione asked if the process now was to go back to Horizon and see what their offer was or are we done negotiating and Councilman Sharkey stated that was not a bad option either but that would have to be decided.

Councilwoman Kahle asked what about the commission and Councilman Sharkey stated that he received an email on that but he hasn't really had a chance to look at it. Basically it is negotiable, which is the bottom line and there is no way to answer whether the commission will be cut.

Mayor Chaump stated that she thinks that all of these questions are fine but they need to be done at a Workshop and she thinks that for any of us sitting here we need the information in front of us and she would like to get the information first, digest it, and then if there are any questions we will have Mr. Casagrande come back.

Councilman Sharkey stated if there was anything else pertinent to discuss at this point to have Mr. Casagrande leave it with Kim, the Borough Clerk, or himself.

The Borough Clerk, stated that she would not be in next week due to the fact that she would be having surgery the following week and she postponed the surgery once and she really can't postpone it again, so she doesn't really know when she will be back. She is anticipating a week and hoping to be back on the 30th but there is no guarantee. It depends on how things go. She then told Mr. Sharkey that he might want to funnel everything through himself.

Councilman Sharkey stated that was the plan and he would schedule the Insurance Committee meeting...

Councilwoman Johnson affirmed that the Council was supposed to have some documentation to look at, but she believes that the PBA has been waiting for some documentation to bring back to the PBA. So, is that going to happen before hand because she doesn't really want to decide on their behalf unless they look through all of this documentation and compare.

Councilman Sharkey reported that they got the letters today from Mr. Wardell that was forwarded to him from Kim, the Borough Clerk, today. Mr. Casagrande has information that he is bringing right now but they haven't had a chance to look at it or relay it to the PBA or any of the Borough employees because they are just getting it now themselves. He has a host of emails on this issue since March, a follow up. A meticulous follow up and he has some concerns but that is not the issue at this point.

Mayor Chaump asked what Mr. Sharkey's timeline would be Will the Insurance Committee be meeting first and then sit down with the PBA and Councilman Sharkey affirmed that the Insurance Committee would make that recommendation so they will get together quickly then contact the PBA representatives and the other Borough employee representatives. But the bottom line is that everyone has 45 days to know that this situation is there. If there are any issues to feel free to funnel them through the process.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione stated that he has two Ordinances. The first Ordinance is amending the 2006 Salary Ordinance and asked the Borough Clerk to read the proposed Ordinance by title only after which he moved to approve same on first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Sharkey and Briscione
NAYS None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ibex

Councilman Briscione moved to hold the public hearing on the proposed Ordinance at the Council meeting of June 15, 2006 and to advertise same in accordance with the law, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Sharkey and Briscione
NAYS None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ibex

Councilman Briscione stated that the next one was the sex offender residence restriction and said Council had been working on this one for a while and he thinks that if it helps one child it was worth the work. Councilman Briscione then called for an introduction of a Sexual Offender Residency Restriction Ordinance and asked the Borough Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only after which he moved to approve same on first reading. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Sharkey and Briscione
NAYS None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ibex

Councilman Briscione moved to hold the public hearing in the proposed Ordinance on the Council meeting of June 15, 2006 and to advertise same in accordance with the law, which was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Sharkey and Briscione
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Ibex

Councilman Briscione stated that he only has a few committee reports. Economic Development met for the first time in probably 5 years. There was never really a need for it because we are a built out community and there wasn't much to do. Given the closure and the proposed redevelopment of Fort Monmouth, that has changed significantly. This committee will serve to advise and work with Mayor and Council and Planning Board relative to any redevelopment issues and any subcommittees as the redevelopment takes place.

Councilman Briscione stated that he doesn't have a police report this month and that he would comment on that next month. However, he did attend a Policing Your Community seminar with Chief Sutton and Captain Baldanza. The emphasis was on promoting training and education to try to reduce accidents and workmen's compensation claims. They are in the process of doing just those things through the programs instituted by the Joint Insurance Fund, which we have become a member of this year.

Councilman Briscione stated in regards to Fort Monmouth he toured the recreation facilities with some members of the other towns and the County parks department. He requested a description of the facility for Council and for the Recreation Committee.

MAYOR CHAUMP: Mayor Chaump stated that since the last meeting the Local Revitalization Bill was signed on April 28th. We are still waiting for the 4 appointees by the Governor, which should happen by the second week of June. The last Fort Monmouth Reuse Committee meeting was on May 8, 2006. The University of Pennsylvania graduate students from the School of Design gave their study, which would have been a cost of \$50,000 but it was no cost to us because it was their graduate program study. It was entitled "A Changing of the Guard, A New Vision". They developed 62 acres of property in Oceanport and suggested mixed use of retail apartments, townhouses and single family and also a village center. At the last meeting John Lee, from the Office of Economic Adjustment from the Department of Defense also spoke about public benefit conveyance. There is a process at no cost for schools and if you can find a reason for safety as far as their buildings. Right now FEMA and the FBI are looking into buildings at a fair market value from the Department of Defense. Mr. Lee also informed them that there is a federal law that the Local Revitalization Authority is responsible for the homeless in the area. The State agencies must submit in writing what it is they would like to do with that property. There is also a timeline for BRAC, the LRA Reuse Planning clock started ticking on May 9th and for the Reuse Plan, we have 6 months to a year. The Governor has already asked for a 90-day extension as far as the screening process, so that will probably bring us up until September.

Mayor Chaump reported on the defeated school budgets stating that as everyone heard tonight there were 2 resolutions because according to law we have to present by May 19, 2006 the our recommendations to the Boards of Education. The Governing Body has to certify it to the County Board of Taxation after consulting with the Board of Education about the amount to be raised. As far as both schools, no programs have been cut and the Boards of Education now can make cuts where they want but hopefully they will take our suggestions in order to move forward.

Mayor Chaump stated that she also attended the Two Rivers Mayors Council meeting on the first Saturday of May. Phil Brown was there from the United Way. He spoke about making contributions. The only way to make contributions through payroll is through the United Way, which she wasn't even aware of that. Fred Brody was also there about a dark fiber optic to link the State with the County and also the local municipalities. Long Branch already has it. She turned over the information to the Cable and Technology Committee.

Mayor Chaump stated that she also attended the dinner for the Monmouth County Alliance, which was on May 10, 2006. Councilwoman Kahle was not able to go. The Coastal Alliance was recognized for their 15 years of service.

Mayor Chaump stated that she also attended the Coastal Alliance meeting on May 11, 2006. Their coordinator Madeline Barrett is resigning as of July 1st. She then stated that Oceanport DARE graduation is on May 23, 2006 and the SADD club of Shore Regional is hosting a coffee house on May 31, 2006.

Mayor Chaump stated that as Councilman Sharkey said he was unable to attend the Fire Department meeting so she attended, which was last Wednesday, May 11, 2006. There were issues that were brought up to be discussed and she would turn that over to Public Safety. May 20, 2006 they are going to be having a ladder drill. They also talked about shared services in the surrounding towns and equipment. It was very informative and the information she learned she would bring back to the Two Rivers Mayors Council.

Mayor Chaump stated that she also attended the Senior meeting because Councilman Gallo was unable to attend that on May 17, 2006. The First Aid would be doing a CPR course on June 19th for any of the senior citizens that would like it. They are anxious to get back in their building and the Foreman was put on to another job but they have all of their permits right now and they should be starting on May 22, 2006.

Scott Arnette, the Borough Attorney, stated that he would just like everyone to understand that petitions from the public is a comment section and not a dialogue or discussion so you may stand up and make comments but if you have individual questions that you want to ask the Governing Body they are available around Borough Hall or whatever the case may be.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Dan Barcus, the Delegate for the PBA, spoke in regards to the health insurance issues that they have been talking about with Mr. Sharkey is the same thing that they went through last year. It has now been 49 days since they met with Mr. Casagrande and the Insurance Committee and whatever else regarding the information for the health insurance. It has been over 2 months since he has started working with this health insurance getting information. For a company that Mr. Sharkey is saying 52% of all its profit or have a 52% loss to profit ratio, if this is the type of business they want why is it taking them more than 2 months to get documentation that they have asked for including comparisons for doctors, letters or guarantees that it would be the same coverage advised to them at the meeting. They were told they would get that letter within a couple of days or a week without any problem. They still have not seen that letter. They were asking for information as far as comparisons for health care providers. That is not upon them. He's not going to tell his members and all the rest of the Borough employees that they have to go out and find if their individual doctors are part of a network. We need to find out who the providers are. He tried to do that with the list they were given and he couldn't search it. One is provided by names, one is provided by billing information. It's not

something that they can do. This is something that has been going on for over 2 months and they still have not gotten any information. So if this company is so interested in gaining us as their business they should have had that information. He doesn't know why they are waiting until the last minute until the day before a Council meeting, which on Monday night Mr. Sharkey asked Council to come back tonight and make a decision as to whether they would change the insurance or stay. At that time he advised the whole Council that he didn't have any documentation. He was not even prepared that night to make a recommendation himself but he wanted the Council to make a decision tonight. We have no documentation and they have not been presented with anything. They cannot make a decision to protect the employees of this town. It seemed at times that was not his concern and that he didn't care what the Borough employees are feeling and what they are going through. He was concerned with the \$40,000 savings. Everyone that comes to these meetings are concerned with the employees protection and the PBA members are the ones with the contract and they are here to benefit all the employees. Council has not even gotten the documentation that they requested and they were asked to make a decision in 3 days when this has been going on for months. If this company is so interested in getting our business he doesn't know why it is taking this long to get requested information to the town. This scares him as an employees as to what kind of coverage they will be getting.

Jane Ciani stated that from her understanding Qualcare is part of the HIF that would be our insurance company if we chose to go with them. She wanted to let the public know that Jennifer Back who is Vice President of Qualcare is a Republican. Is this considered a political pay back or pay to play? She is just curious.

Walter O'Neill, Monmouth Road, stated that he would like to know who to speak to from the Council in regards to Blackberry Bay Park and the conditions of the baseball field? He is not exactly sure who he should be speaking with but working with the Link Newspaper they have received a lot of phone calls about the condition of the park and whether it is safe for the children to play. He then asked Mayor Chaump who he could speak to.

Mayor Chaump replied that he could speak to her.

Ed Ryan, stated that he would like to know the Engineer keeps saying that Public Works will take care of the problems at Blackberry. It is his understanding that the engineer and the contractor were supposed to fix those things. Why are we paying the Public Works Department to go over there and do the engineer's and contractor's job instead of putting them on the roads where they should be to tend to things that need to be repaired? They are 2 men short now and yet they are still doing the engineer's work.

Maryann Housechild, Cayuga Ave, stated that she doesn't like to come to the Council meetings and complain but she doesn't know what has happened to the parks in this town. Even the little park at the end of Pocano Ave has a rotting fence, paint falling off of it, the parking area has landscape ties around it. Even Blackberry Bay Park, which we have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, doesn't look good. The entrance sign is rotten, the paint is peeling off and the garbage cans have paint peeling off of them. The fence around the pool has a box so big with wires hanging out of it, which is dangerous. That should not be there. Mr. Briscione stated that they had a grant for Old Wharf Park, which hopefully will be cleaned up because that park is a disgrace. She doesn't know how the parks got this way all of a sudden. If we can't maintain these parks then we shouldn't have all of them. It's common sense. She finds it extremely irritating with the property taxes they pay to have the worst looking parks in the area and she also hates the snow fence at Blackberry.

Councilman Briscione stated that the Mayor and Council have decided to change the way they do the parks maintenance this year. There is going to be money out of the Open Space Grant Fund to be utilized to do that. Recreation is in charge of setting up that program.

Edie Ryan stated that once again she was there to ask if Council has made any decisions about the Public Safety Committee, the composition of it and the policy about the donations? Have they made any decisions about the First Aid Squad's insurance for the building? They have been waiting for a while and they are not getting any answers. They just want to know if there has been any progress. They have hired an attorney and he said that he couldn't get Mr. Arnette to write back.

Scott Arnette stated that that was just not true. He wrote to the attorney several times. He doesn't know what their attorney told them but he's not going to stand here and say that he didn't say that but he has in fact wrote to him several times.

Mayor Chaump asked Edie Ryan if she spoke with their Council Liaison?

Edie Ryan stated that she and Councilman Gallo spoke the other night and he did inform them that there had been 3 particular thoughts on the process and they were supposed to be melted together at the Workshop, which was not done.

Mayor Chaump stated that they didn't have the information and the matter would be carried to the next Workshop meeting and she will stay on top of it and make sure that everyone gets the information.

Bob Mills stated he would like to thank the Police Department for their support in their May 7th motorcycle show. It was a great success. They had a bunch of people from the community come in and it was a great opportunity to show that not all bikers are part of that undesirable element. He was grateful that the police were welcoming.

Maryann Housechild stated that she was curious as to why her property has been evaluated 5 times since she's lived in Oceanport. Every time it had been done by the same appraisal company. Is this the only appraisal company in the state?

Councilman Briscione stated yes, it is the only appraisal company in the state.

Mayor Chaump stated that she is at the Borough Hall every Thursday morning and for Mrs. Housechild to make an appointment with her to speak about what is on her mind.

Edie Ryan stated that she wanted to publicly express to Mr. Gallo what a wonderful job he has done bringing up his son who has just recently gotten his EMT and his Eagle Scout and joined the First Aid Squad. For a young man his age he should be very proud.

Tom Stothart commented in regards to the health insurance. The response that they are not getting from the company they are thinking of switching to is what we should expect in service. It's like pulling teeth to get information. Horizon has sharpened their pencil, which is a good thing, but it seems to him that this potential company is not going to be the best bet.

Councilman Sharkey stated that this comment has been brought up several times and he would like to address it because he does not think that it is accurate or fair. With Horizon we

had a benefit book and a list of doctors. Any competing carrier or broker needs to get a copy of the benefit book and they need to receive a list of the doctors. The request was made months ago to get the benefit booklet so that they could do the comparison.

Tom Stothart asked why it took so long for him to get?

Councilman Sharkey stated because it was not supplied to him by whoever should have supplied it to him. He did not get the information completely so that he could respond appropriately in his opinion. He only got a list of doctors from our network a day or two ago. So he could not know who our employee's doctors were.

Dan Barcus stated that the broker did get the book but it was not updated with the new statutory limitations that are on it but he assumed that as an insurance broker he should have known those statutory limitations. He did get the coverage and policy book. He also stated at the meeting they had on March 31st that he would get the information from Horizon and if he could not do it Mr. Sharkey advised him that he would get on the current broker and get the information. Why it has taken over 49 days to contact that person he does not know. Mr. Sharkey is the Council liaison for health insurance and it's upon him why he waited so long until the last minute, which is the same thing that happened last year. Mr. Sharkey never has time to write a letter, he doesn't sign letters to people, he has the Borough Clerk issue the emails and he always says that he doesn't have time because he is always in the office. This is not someone else's job to get the information. This is not what the employees deserve.

Laura Taggerty stated that she has a hard time understanding why Qualcare hasn't ever been requested this before. To her it sounds like when large organizations like this want to switch insurance companies she is sure that most places ask for a comparison of two policies in which to do it. She can't imagine for one minute that they haven't already researched what the comparison would be from Qualcare to Horizon. She would be more concerned that maybe the reason why it is taking as long as it is to get the info is maybe it's not going to paint as pretty of a picture as Qualcare would like to before it is represented and Council has to make a decision. Maybe they think as time passes by that the assumption will be that Qualcare is better.

Steve Briskey, President of PBA local 364, stated that he is glad that he went last because a lot of things were covered. Last year they went through this with Oxford and it was last minute and they didn't have the information. They were hoping this year they would have better communication. At the last minute the PBA got a memo to sit down and meet, which was 49 days ago. They were assured that this would not be what happened last year. He needs to clarify that they were told the minimum saving would be \$40,000 by switching. However, knowing that this information got broadcasted throughout town, that is the number that everyone is going to hear. The reality is if you have employees with catastrophic illnesses next year there can be a surcharge. You have a 52% profit loss ratio now but God forbid you have employees with catastrophic illness we will be paying a surcharge. He doesn't recall how many years that surcharge can go for, but it is there so make sure that whoever puts the \$40,000 figure in the public understands that that can change if somebody get catastrophically ill God forbid. Basically all of the other issues have already been discussed. Also, he wants the public they have never said that they would not sit down and communicate. They are waiting for the information and he doesn't want to come back next month or next week and have a memo in his box saying that in 20 minutes we are going to have a meeting. They want to digest this information because they not only want to protect the employees but he is a taxpayer in this town also and he wants what is best for this town. Oxford was not what was going to be best

for this town this year due to double-digit rates increases in other towns. They need to look at this and not wait until the last minute to decide. Thank you for your time and effort.

Steve Tagarty stated to just echo what Steve Briskey just said this issue was brought up last year. The change to Oxford was introduced and there was to be significant savings. A small construction company in this town with the same number of employees that the Police Department has members received an increased bill with a 31% increase in rate for their coverage, which is disgraceful. He doesn't want to see this happen again. The PBA wants to make an informed decision and asked Council to do the same.

Tony Sempkowski stated that back in January the Council had expressed a positive attitude toward possibly updating the website that they have or somehow get the citizens the information concerning Council meetings. However, he has not seen anything in that regard. He would suggest if there is a franchise with Comcast and if their franchise is coming up at this point it should be negotiated or bring in a competitor. The other issue that he can't seem to get over is the Blackberry Bay project. Something went wrong there and something needs to be done. He does not have much confidence in the Borough Engineer. Try to restore the integrity within the government. Address the problem, hold somebody accountable and then move on from there. The tennis courts look okay but he doesn't know what we paid for with the baseball fields. Just identify what went wrong and learn from it and see to it that it does not happen again and waste taxpayers money. He then thanked Public Works because they have been very helpful.

Walter O'Neill wanted to know if they are not going to have a dialogue with the Mayor and Council at these meetings when do the residents have an opportunity to have open dialogue with the entire Mayor and Council because that what makes Oceanport so unique is the fact that they can come and talk.

Mayor Chaump stated that the questions should be directed to the Council liaisons. She would write them down for him and help him with whatever he needs.

Ed Ryan stated that he lived in Oceanport all his life and he has been to a lot of Council meetings and this is the first time that he has ever heard that you can't ask a question and get an answer from any of the Council people. Even last month you could do it. He doesn't know what's going on with this Borough but the last 5 or 6 years this Borough has been going down hill.

Alan Johnson stated that he's been coming to these meetings since he was 20 years old and he could ask people on Council questions and he would get an answer. He wants the answer on record in a public meeting.

Bill Kelly stated that he thinks it is a little bizarre as to why we can't get answers to our questions or comments. However, he wanted to comment on Councilwoman Kahle's report regarding the defeated school budget and the \$20,000 that has been trimmed from that. They appreciate her trying to keep the children's education out of that but it seems to him that there are 2 principal's and a superintendent in a very small school district with 2 schools. His understanding is that initially there were supposed to be 1 principal and 1 principal superintendent. Now, somewhere along the way that changed and they now have 2 principals and 1 superintendent who has a fairly large salary. There is room there for very sizeable savings.

Mayor Chaump stated that they have no ruling over the Board of Education.

Councilman Sharkey stated that he was listening what the requirements that Council members should be doing with follow up work and especially with the health insurance. It is an extreme amount of work to go through this process. We pay our broker 5% of the premium, which works out to be like \$25,000 a year and to not have the information and not do the comparison is just not right. Council should look at the guy we paid the \$25,000 to and say did he do the right thing for this Borough and do the work for that money and if he is waiting until the last minute to do the stuff then we need to replace him or the company. Council needs to make that decision because we do not get paid to do that stuff.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that everything that they have ever asked for from Mr. Wardell he has given to them. Any renewals are based on the entire HIF so if another town has a catastrophic event the taxpayers will pay. It's not just Oceanport. If someone from another town has a major problem we will all be paying the price. With Horizon it's Oceanport and that's it.

Councilman Briscione stated that he would be happy to stay after the meeting and answer anyone's questions.

Mayor Chaump stated that anyone on Council, she thinks, would be happy to stay after and answer questions.

Alan Johnson stated that he would like responses on record and why all of a sudden has it changed.

Councilman Sharkey stated that he agreed with that.

Mayor Chaump stated that they were going on the advice of the attorney.

Scott Arnette stated that the purpose of the comment section is to have a functional way to record and understand everything that is going on in this public meeting. When you have a large crowd and people start shouting from the seats and not identifying themselves for the record, the public recording, the minutes, which are the most important part of this meeting, cannot be taken down. That is not his rule it is *the* rule. If they had relaxed that rule here in Oceanport that is fine and if it functioned well for everyone that is fine too, but this evening there is a large crowd and you need order and decorum when you are having a public record and a meeting. The Governing Body can do what they like. The only thing that he is responsible for is making sure that the public meeting moves forward orderly and that there is a record made of that public meeting. He hopes that answers everyone's questions and if not he will be around after the meeting to answer any other questions.

Deborah Sharkey stated that they have an update on the Builder's Remedy and they go in every single week to find out what is going on and she knows that they can't make a lot of comments about it but unless she addresses it every time she comes in then she doesn't get an answer. She would just like that to be part of the record.

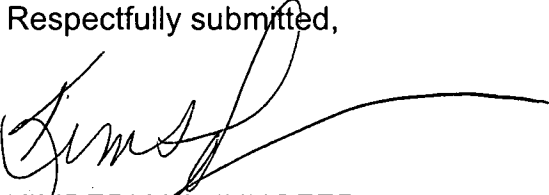
Mayor Chaump stated that as soon as they have more information they would report on it.

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

Councilman Sharkey told the attorney that he was supposed abstain from Councilwoman Kahle's resolution for the Oceanport school budget and just wanted the record to reflect that.

Bill List: Capital Trust Total \$4,881.65. Dog Registry Total \$135.00. Open Space \$24,123.39. Recreation Trust \$4,887.97. 2005 Vouchers Paid \$578,778.53. 2005 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$19,958.35. TOTAL 2005 Vouchers \$98,736.88.18. 2006 Vouchers Paid \$7,178,034.36. 2006 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$434,655.61. 2006 Total Vouchers: \$7,612,689.97

Respectfully submitted,



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