

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 17, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on May 17, 2012 at 7:50 P.M. with Council President Bertekap announcing that the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Gallo, Ibex, Irace, Bertekap, Johnson, Kahle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Mahon

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Christopher Ackerman, Esq. on behalf of Borough Attorney, John O. Bennett, III

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Robert Mills gave the invocation.

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

CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: The Clerk stated there were 8 items on the consent agenda and based on the Workshop described 2 additional items #9 and #10 and asked for a motion. Councilwoman Kahle made a motion to approve the Consent agenda which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council with Councilpersons Ibex and Kahle abstaining from Items 6, 7 and 8.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills. **R-12-79**
2. Resolution awarding a contract for repairs to the Community Center Tennis Courts. **R-12-80**
3. Resolution correcting the appointment of the Tax Assessor. **R-12-81**
4. Resolution amending the 2012 to add an item of revenue; Clean Communities Funding **R-12-82**
5. Resolution awarding contract for repair of Port-Au-Peck Firehouse façade. **R-12-83**
6. Approval of the Workshop meeting minutes of May 3, 2012.
7. Approval of the Regular meeting minutes of May 3, 2012.
8. Approval of the Executive Session minutes of May 3, 2012.
9. Resolution awarding contract for Backboard assemblies at Blackberry Bay Park **R-12-84**
10. Resolution approving the Volunteer Tuition Credit Program **R-12-85**

Ms. Jungfer concluded her report stating she was in receipt of the Police Reports for April 2012, which had been distributed and would be posted.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo gave an update on Public Works including spring cleanup, the collection of 372 cubic yards of leaves in the month of April, the reconstruction of a retaining wall at Blackberry Bay Park, plans to put down more stone in the Blackberry Bay Park parking lot and the planting of trees at Old Wharf Park.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: No report

COUNCILMAN IRACE: Councilman Irace talked about the redevelopment of Fort Monmouth in particular the move of Commvault from Oceanport to Tinton Falls. While there are many out there praising Commvault's move, he has no praise for this move at all. Simply speaking taking jobs from Oceanport and relocating them to Tinton Falls leaves Oceanport short 550 jobs. It also leaves our second largest taxpayer with an empty building to fill and taxes consumer dollars of 550 employees from our local economy.

Relocating the 550 workers who currently work at Commvault in Oceanport is just that, relocation of jobs, not job creation. According to press releases by local politicians and FMERA, representations have been made that up to 2500 new jobs could be created in Tinton Falls by virtue of Commvault's move. The definitive word here is could, simply speaking it could lead to 2,500 jobs, there is also the possibility that it could lead to no jobs at all. As we suspected the devil was in the details. Since the move was announced we have learned that the New Jersey Economic Development Authority awarded Commvault two financial incentives to facilitate this move. According to NJEDA board memos 7.2 million was awarded under the Business Employment Incentive Program to create 250 jobs. They were also granted 1.35 million for business retention and relocation assistance to keep 350 employees in Ft. Monmouth municipalities. In total there are 550 jobs that will be affected by NJEDA funds, currently there are 550 Commvault employees working in Oceanport. Not only is Oceanport losing 550 jobs, but the net job gain to Fort Monmouth, by their own numbers, are none. There are still many unknowns about this move. How much is Commvault paying for the property, how much of our tax dollars are being used to fund this move in the form of additional Federal and State grants, tax abatements, tax credits, etc. What is the time frame for job creation and what are the consequences for not creating jobs as promised. While the NJEDA is shelling out no less the 8.55 million, none of this money will go towards new job creation. There is no mention of 2,500 jobs that FMERA and our politicians fawning over. As a matter of fact, Commvault today only has 1,600 employees worldwide. Talking about creating up to 2,500 jobs is not only disingenuous, but when facts are presented unrealistic. Some have said the move is a result of Commvault's need to expand its operations, while there may not be 55 acres upon which Commvault can expand at their current location, there certainly is 55 acres available on Oceanport's portion of Ft. Monmouth. Once again Oceanport gets the short end of the stick. The Borough of Oceanport supports the redevelopment endeavors of the Fort Monmouth Economic Redevelopment Authority 100 percent, just not at our expense.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

1. Introduction of an amendment to the Salary Ordinance.

Councilman Johnson called for the introduction of **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICIALS"** and then asked the Clerk to read the proposed Ordinance by title only, after which Councilman Ibex moved to approve the Ordinance upon first reading and to hold the public hearing on the proposed ordinance at the Council meeting of June 7, 2012 and to advertise same in accordance with the law and was seconded by Councilman Irace.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES:	Ibex, Irace, Gallo, Bertekap, Johnson, Kahle
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

The Clerk stated that the motion carried.

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle reported on her attendance of a "Ladies Night Out" sponsored by Monmouth Medical Center in support of the Oceanport Mayor's Wellness Initiative recently established that it was well attended and there were presentations on osteoporosis, robotic surgery and women's general wellness and thanked Monmouth Medical Center for their support.

Councilwoman Kahle also reported that the Oceanport Lion's Club would be holding their Strawberry Festival on June 8th and that the Oceanport Community Garden will be hosting a table there and that the Mayor's Wellness Initiative would have a table with more details of upcoming events.

COUNCILMAN BERTEKAP: Council President Bertekap advised that the Mayor was recovering from his surgery and was doing well, his attendance on behalf of the Mayor at the last FMERA Workshop meeting which he had discussed earlier in Workshop and that FMERA's Annual Report was available for anyone

interested in reviewing it. Councilman Bertekap also announced that all were invited and encouraged to attend the Lion's Club Strawberry Fair.

Councilman Ibex asked for details about Memorial Day. Councilman Bertekap said that a speaker had been arranged from Earle Naval Station and that Sheri Denucci who had song last year would be singing again this year. There was some discussion about having an announcement in the local papers about the Borough's ceremonies.

Council President Bertekap then opened the meeting for anyone from the public who wished to be heard.

PUBLIC:

As no one else from the public wished to be heard Council President Bertekap closed the public portion of the meeting.

Bill List: Capital Trust \$18,416.94 Dog Registry \$217.20 Escrow Trust \$4,027.50 Open Space Trust \$22,988.00 Water Watch Trust \$195.50 2011 Vouchers Paid \$297,520.64 2011 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$7,435.22 Total 2011 Vouchers Paid \$304,955.86 2012 Vouchers Paid \$9,476,758.44 2012 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$547,600.99. Total 2012 Vouchers Paid \$10,024,359.43

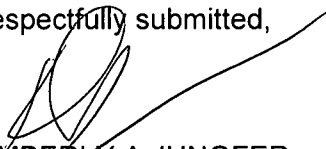
At 8:01 p.m. the Clerk read a Resolution authorizing the meeting to enter Executive Session for the purposes of personnel matters on a motion made by Councilwoman Kahle and seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council.

At 8:31 p.m. the Council returned from Executive Session and re-opened the Regular Meeting on a motion by Councilman Gallo which was seconded by Councilman Irace and approved by Council.

Councilman Gallo made a motion to approve a Resolution appointing 2 seasonal employees for Public Works which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council. **R-12-86**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. on a motion by Councilman Johnson, which was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,


KIMBERLY A JUNGFER
BOROUGH CLERK