REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 17, 1990

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on May 17, 1990 at 8:10 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Rodman, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

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

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

As copies of the minutes from the regular meetings held on April 19 and May 3, 1990 had been made available for review by the Mayor and Council, Councilman Miller moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Miller who abstained from voting on the minutes from the meeting of May 3, 1990 as he was absent.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Raffle application made by the Oceanport Garden Club, to be held on November 15, 1990, prize is a hand made quilt.

The Clerk reported that the necessary paperwork had been filed and the required fee paid, after which Councilman Rodman moved to approve this raffle application. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: NO REPORT.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra reported that he is going over the first quarter recycling reports and most of what he has reviewed indicates that the Borough residents and businesses have been doing their usual good job at recycling and he will have specific numbers at the next meeting.

Councilman Terra announced that the Borough Engineer, Tom Rospos, has advised that according to Mr. Garifalo who is in charge of the dredging project, that the contracts for the work should be signed within the next week and work should begin within one month, which is good news.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone congratulated Cliff Hepburn on his appointment as Commander of the Oceanport VFW Post.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that at this point we have licensed 451 dogs and post cards have been mailed out to those residents who have not renewed their dog licenses with a specific date to obtain the license for 1990 or a summons will be issued and she requested everyone to please comply.

Councilwoman Filippone reported on the Oceanport Volunteer First Aid and Rescue Squad and commented that so far this year they have received 113 calls, which amounted to 1246 miles and 715 people hours, which consisted of 104 ambulance runs, 75 emergency calls, 40 advance life support calls, 14 motor vehicle accidents, 12 transportation calls, 8 mutual aids and 6 fire responses. She once again offered her congratulations to this group of people for the fine service they give to the Borough.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents that we are approaching the Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies and stated it will take place on Monday, May 28, 1990 at Blackberry Bay Park at 10:30 A.M. and anyone who is interested in marching in the parade, should be at the park by 10:00 A.M. She also commented that this year we hope to have some National Guard vehicles in the parade, so it will be a nice day.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported under Parks and Recreation and stated that new kiddy cubes have been ordered to be installed at Trinity and Evergreen Parks. He continued that we have purchased windscreens which will be installed at Blackberry Bay along the third base line and along the tot lot to prevent both the baseball field dirt and the sand from blowing out of the areas.

Councilman Miller also commented that the continuing work on the buildings at Blackberry Bay Park will begin again in June.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: NO REPORT.

R-90-37 **COUNCILMAN WOLFE:** Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-37 regarding a senior citizens tax deduction, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

R-90-38 Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-38 regarding certain municipal services, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Rodman commented that he had previously indicated he would not be voting on this issue due to a conflict of interest, but as a result of discussions with the Borough Attorney, he has advised Councilman Rodman that he does not feel that he would be in a conflict of interest by voting on this issue and he is pleased that he is able to vote on this matter as a resident of Kimberly Woods.

Councilman Wolfe moved to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and to advertise and receive bids for the first year of the five year Road Program. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe advised that Fort Monmouth will be celebrating Armed Forces Day and on Saturday, May 19 Oceanport will be honored as the host community and there will be a parade near Greely Field at the East Gate on Oceanport Avenue which will begin at 12:45 and we will have the fire and first aid companies participating as well as several of the baseball and recreation teams. He stated there will also be many events over the weekend beginning on Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM and on Sunday from 12:00 Noon till 6 PM.

Councilman Wolfe reported that following the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies, everyone is invited to enjoy festivities over at the Community Center and also commented that there will be soccer sign up for the coming season between the hours of 12:00 noon till 3 PM.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh offered the name of Charlotte Snedeker to fill a vacancy on the Environmental Commission, which term expires on December 31, 1990.

Councilman Miller moved this appointment. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that during the past week we have had two deaths related to the Police Department, one being Buzzy Baldanza's daughter and Donnie Ross's dad and he extended heartfelt condolences on behalf of the entire Governing Body.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that on the front page of Wednesday's Asbury Park Press, there was an article which reported that a public interest research group who was hired by someone, reported that after studying the NJ budgets over the last 8 years, announced that the reason we no longer have a surplus is because the State Government had spent money more quickly then they earned it. Mayor Cavanagh continued that he hoped they had not paid a lot of money for this study, since those of us who know anything about municipal and/or any other form of Government in economics would have been able to give them that understanding for a very nominal fee. He continued that the article did breakdown the fact that the budgets consistently were running in the double digits and that the money was not being replaced and in addition to that, Mayor Cavanagh added that the article pointed out that the State mandated projects do not count in those double digits because we funded those projects. He continued if you add what Trenton has given us over the last 8 years, the public interest research group concluded that the last 8 years have not been one's of fiscal responsibility on the State level and we have all been saying this for the last several years and he hopes that the next 8 years don't give us a repeat of the last 8 or we will be having further problems with our municipal tax rate.

Mayor Cavanagh stated, as he has many times, until the people in Trenton recognize this problem, much of what we do here will be obviated to a large degree.

Mayor Cavanagh extended get well wishes to Rabbi Daina who was not feeling well and hoped he would be back with us soon.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mrs. Judy Luger, Kimberly Woods commended the Council for authorizing an agreement and feels this is a very positive step and she felt she was speaking for everyone at Kimberly Woods in saying that we really feel you are taking an interest in our community.

Mayor Cavanagh thanked Mrs. Luger for her comments and stated that she will be receiving a letter from him in the next several days to set up a meeting along with Mr. Chomsky from Bridgewaters to sit down and finalize the agreement.

Mayor Cavanagh recognized Mr. Caparn in the audience and welcomed him back from Florida.

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

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated May 17, 1990. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Wolfe who abstained from voting on the bills due Clayton Block Company. TOTAL 1989 VOUCHERS $12,067.00. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS $48,460.19. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $35,425.81. TOTAL 1990 OPERATING FUND $83,886.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCOUNT $3,293.73. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT $141.65. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT $97,785.00. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT $950.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL $145,379.80. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER MIDDLE DEPT. INSPECTION AGENCY $531.50. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER FIRE PREVENTION $22.16. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER TAX REIMBURSEMENT $1,167.71. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER DWI FUND $265.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER INVESTMENTS $830,000.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:30 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on June 7, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Rodman and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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