

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 15, 1997

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on May 15, 1997 at 8:07 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Gemma*, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
*Councilman Gemma arrived at 8:10 P.M.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Borough Chaplain, Col. Berry, gave the invocation.
- 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 meeting held on May 1, 1997 had been made available for review by the members of the Governing Body, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by those Councilpersons in attendance, with the exception of Councilwoman Silkworth who abstained from voting because she was not present at that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of APRIL, 1997 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle license application made by the Mental Health Assn., to be held on 6/1/97, 50/50 on premise cash raffle.

The Clerk advised that the required fees had been paid and the appropriate documents had been filed, after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve said raffle application. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

3. Games of Chance license application made by the Eatontown Lions Club, to hold games of chance at the Lions Fair to be held on July 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1997.

The Clerk advised that the required fees had been paid and the appropriate documents had been filed, after which Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve this license. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN GEMMA: Councilman Gemma advised that the Planning Board would be meeting with the Mayor and Council at a special meeting on May 19, 1997 at which time the Board will present their formal recommendations on the review of the Master Plan and he urged all interested residents to attend, if they wished to make any comments on this matter.

Councilman Gemma reported under the Cable Committee that he had received a document regarding a social contract through ComCast and has turned over this material to Joseph Lyons of the Oceanport Cable Committee for their review and comments, since there may be some opportunities of cable being installed in Libraries.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone reminded the public that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 26 at 10:30 A.M. from Blackberry Bay Park and advised that anyone who wishes to march in the parade should be at the Park by 10 A.M. She also commented that the Grand Marshal will be Joseph Bova, who is an Oceanport resident, and was also a prisoner of war and she is very proud that he has finally agreed to this honor.

Councilwoman Filippone then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-42** regarding the Borough's decision to keep the Welfare Program under the administration of the Borough, rather than to give it up to the County, after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-43** making Shrewsbury Avenue a one way for graduation ceremonies only at Maple Place School, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Miller reported that the Recreation Committee will be reviewing a five year plan for our parks that our Recreation Director, John Kerwin, put together and once we have a dollar amount and priority list, he will bring this before the Council for their review.

Councilman Miller stated at the last several meetings of the Recreation Committee, our Superintendent of Public Works has been present and it has been very helpful, since often times questions arise that the Committee cannot answer, and Mr. Crochet has been very helpful and he hoped he would continue to attend and participate in these meetings.

Councilman Miller advised that the Roller Hockey Program is almost over and they had over 100 children during their first season and he pointed out that the hockey rink is due to all the volunteers who held fund raisers to build this facility. He continued that at the close of this program, there is going to be a Coaches Game to be held on Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 P.M.

Councilman Miller thanked Anthony Ferrugia who is a member of the Borough's Shade Tree Committee, for assisting the Public Works Department with some of his equipment regarding the playground project at Blackberry Bay Park. He stated that Mr. Ferrugia will continue to assist the Borough in this endeavor, since it is a bit more complicated than first thought.

Councilman Miller reported that the latest water sampling was done last Saturday and again the results of the fecal coliform count was zero in several sites and very low in the remaining ones and he commented that hopefully this will remain due to the racetrack hooking up to the sewer system and our residents abiding by the Pooper Scooper law. He wanted to remind residents also, that after they pick up from their animals, it should be disposed of in a trash receptacle and not thrown down a storm drain.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported under recycling that he received some correspondence from Larry Zaayenga, who is the County Solid Waste Coordinator, asking him to

remind the residents that they must make an appointment to bring out materials to the hazardous waste facility opened by the County and no containers larger than 5 gallons will be accepted.

Councilman Taylor commented that the County recently inspected our recycling center and stated it was found to be extremely clean and well maintained and he thanked Superintendent, Tom Crochet and the employees in the Public Works Department for the fine job they are doing maintaining this area.

Councilman Taylor stated that during 1996, the Borough doubled both our residential and commercial recycling efforts and we have recycled 4,924 tons of material. He commented that aluminum recycling was up as was office paper and plastic, but newspapers were down 30 tons. He thanked the residents for all of their recycling efforts.

Councilman Taylor reported that there will be another Clean Communities Park Clean Up this Saturday beginning at Blackberry Bay Park at 8:00 A.M. and anyone interested in helping out should meet there.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe thanked Councilman Miller for all his work on the Recreation Committee in trying to keep the parks up to date and maintained and the five year plan is an excellent manner in which to do this.

Councilman Wolfe also commented to Councilman Taylor, that if he and Councilwoman Silkworth's calculations are correct, 5,000 tons of recyclable material is ten million pounds, which is a lot of material.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-44** waiving permit fees for the salt shed and the concrete floor to be installed at the Public Works Department, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to award a contract for sweeping the Borough streets to the low bidder, Kelly & Sons, Keyport, NJ in the amount of \$4,000. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth advised that the Borough Directory is at the printers and should be out within the next couple of weeks.

Councilwoman Silkworth reported that the women at Borough Hall will be volunteering to help plant the front of the building some time early next week and anyone who would like to help, is welcome to join with the employees and herself.

Councilwoman Silkworth commented that tomorrow afternoon she will be meeting with a mason contractor to assist in preparing some specifications for work to be done on the sidewalks at the Community Center and we will be looking for an outside contractor to make the repairs to the roof at Old Wharf House, since the Public Works Department has a very busy agenda at this time of the year.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh offered the name of Karl Meibauer as a member of the Oceanport Waterways Committee.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve this appointment to the Waterways Committee. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh reported that he had recently been invited to participate with Mayors McKenna, McNamara and Hinton in a broadcast sponsored by ComCast and it will be televised next Thursday at 10 P.M.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might have. As no one from the public wished to be heard, Mayor Cavanagh closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated May 15, 1997. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$591.95. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS \$563,349.25. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$50,167.21. TOTAL 1997 OPERATING FUND \$613,516.46. TOTAL WATER WATCH TRUST ACCOUNT \$46.30. TOTAL SHADE TREE ACCOUNT \$129.50. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$532.50. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$40.00. TOTAL FIREWORKS TRUST ACCOUNT \$4,700.00. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$300.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$174,879.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-ACCOUNTS PAYABLE \$8,780.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

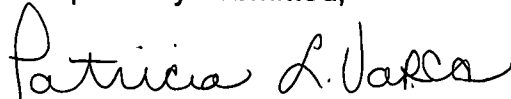
At 8:32 P.M. Mayor Cavanagh then asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss a matter of personnel and a matter of possible pending litigation. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn into Executive Session. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

At 9:28 P.M. Mayor Cavanagh reconvened the meeting and stated for the record that everyone was present.

Councilman Miller moved to accept the resignation received from Chris Scerbo effective May 20, 1997. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

At 9:30 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on June 5, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK