

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey

May 7, 1998

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on May 7, 1998 at 8:02 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann Silkworth and Mayor Gemma.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Borough Chaplain Berry.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Gemma led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 16, 1998 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Silkworth moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman McGann who abstained from voting since he was not present.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of APRIL, 1998 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle license applications made by the following:
 - a) Monmouth Pk. Charity Fund, to be held 9/4/98, prize is a mink coat.
 - b) Mental Health Assn. Of Mon. Cty., to be held 6/7/98, 50/50 cash-off premise.
 - c) Monmouth University, to be held 6/7/98, 50/50 cash-on premise.
 - d) Lions Club of Oceanport, 50/50 cash raffles-on premise to be held on June 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1998.

The Clerk advised that the paperwork was found to be in order and the required fees had been paid, after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the above raffle applications. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council.

3. Application for Games of Chance license made by the Eatontown Lions Club, to be held on June 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20, 1998

The Clerk again advised the paperwork was found to be in order and they had paid the necessary fees to the Borough, after which Councilman Wolfe moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN APRUZZI: Councilman Apruzzi advised that at the Borough Council's work shop meeting held on April 13, we had two top representatives from ComCast to speak with the Governing Body concerning the ever increasing rates for cable service in the Borough. He continued that the largest reason is due to the costs incurred from the various programs, such as ESPN, etc. and those increased charges must be passed on to the consumers. Councilman Apruzzi reported that we will be getting another increase shortly because they have added Fox News and have added that to an additional package with other programming.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone reminded everyone about the Memorial Day parade and ceremonies, stating that anyone interested in marching in the parade should be at Blackberry Bay Park by 10 AM, since the Parade begins promptly at 10:30 A.M. and the ceremonies are at the Borough Hall at 11 AM and she hoped for great weather. She also announced that the key note speaker that day will be General Steven Boutelle from Fort Monmouth.

Councilwoman Filippone also expressed her thanks to Joe Lyons for the excellent article he wrote for the newspaper regarding the Co-Grand Marshals of the parade, who are brothers, Elwood "Chubby" and Paul Cattanch, and have both been very active for many years with this project.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported that water sampling results have been handed out to the Councilmembers from April 18 and pointed out that we have added an additional site #9, which had a coliform count of 400 and this site is located at the bridge on Oceanport Avenue west of the track and we have done this because we want to see if there is any problems coming from Turtle Mews Creek. He further advised that site #8 which is the area near the Casa Comida bridge had a coliform count of 138, which is good for that area and the average water quality was good and hopefully it will continue throughout the summer.

Councilman Miller advised that on Thursday, May 14 at 10 AM, several members of the Council together with representatives of the DEP and the Monmouth County Board of Health will take a tour of the track area, especially around the stables to make sure that the manure and straw are being handled correctly and not causing and problems with the drains.

Mayor Gemma requested that while on this tour, they inquire as to the new construction that has recently taken place, since some questions had been raised, and report back to the Council at our next work shop meeting.

Councilman Miller stated he had been asked to sit in on a Committee for the selection of Teachers of the Year and he was pleased to announce that Peggy Screen who is the School Nurse and teaches Health at Wolfhill School and Amy Miller who teaches Art at the Maple Place School have been selected and he congratulated them both.

Councilman Miller stated that the following Police personnel are continuing their education in the various courses: Patrolman Barcus passed the CJIS Five Day Terminal Agency Coordinator Certification course; Sgt. Steven Cioffi, Detective Sgt. Mauro Baldanza and Detective Steven Tagerty all successfully completed a course on Interviewing Child Abuse Victims; Patrolman Jared Murphy completed a course in Police Work Zone Safety; Dispatchers Lynn Vitalone and Jonathan Tucci completed 1998 Dispatcher 9-1-1 Refresher course and Sgt. John Connor has been again certified as an Instructor from the Dept. of Law and Public Safety.

Councilman Miller then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-98-35** with regard to the Borough's participation in the Monmouth County Emergency Response Team, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Miller then moved to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare plans and specifications and to advertise for bids for the reconstruction of the tennis courts located at the Community Center. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe moved to award a bid for the annual street sweeping and removal of the sweeping material, to the low bidder, Kelly & Sons from Keyport, in the amount of \$5,446.40. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe expressed his thanks to both Tom Crochet, Superintendent of Public Works and to Patti Varca, Borough Clerk, for their efforts in putting this proposal together.

Councilman Wolfe commented that the Tom Crochet and his crew have been experiencing a hard time in keeping up with the grass due to the constant rain we have been having, but they are doing a great job and the parks are being well maintained.

Councilman Wolfe reported that Fire Chief, John Schneider will be attending the Two Rivers Council of Mayors, which is going to be held at the Fort Monmouth Fire House this Saturday, where they are going to give some demonstrations on the equipment they have and he also expressed his thanks to Councilwoman Filippone, who will be attending in his place, as back up to the Fire Committee.

Councilman Wolfe also advised that Fire Chief Schneider will be bringing a truck to the Borough Hall at our next work shop meeting for the Borough Council to look at and get a feel for what the Fire Department is looking for in the future.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Councilman McGann reported that under the Clean Communities activities, there will be a park clean up along the shorelines, beginning at Blackberry Bay Park on Saturday at 8:30 A.M. and the Boy Scouts and members of the Water Watch Committee will be volunteering and anyone else interested, should just show up at the Park at the appointed time.

Councilman McGann called for the introduction of an ordinance regarding escrow accounts and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE "BUILDING CONSTRUCTION ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT" PASSED AND APPROVED DECEMBER 7, 1967.**

Councilman McGann moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Councilman McGann moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 21, 1998 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Councilman McGann then called for an introduction of an amendment to the 1998 salary ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICIALS" PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 16, 1939.**

Councilman McGann moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Apruzzi.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Apruzzi, Filippone, Miller, Wolfe, McGann and Silkworth.
NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

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NAYS: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth advised that the Economic Development Committee has prepared and finished their report on the proposed Village Center and will be forwarding same on to both the Planning Board and to the members of the Governing Body.

MAYOR GEMMA: Mayor Gemma advised that today he executed the contract for the new probationary Patrolman, Mike Kelly, who will be starting with the Borough June 1, 1998.

Mayor Gemma reported that he attended a meeting at Monmouth Medical Center on April 24 regarding their emergency services and one of the matters he discussed with them, since we will most likely have additional senior housing development, we are trying to recognize what the additional needs will be and the Medical Center will relay input back to the Planning Board, which may assist us in our planning phase. He also stated that in speaking with Dr. Vozos, he will also be reaching out to the Borough regarding health care for the seniors and he advised him to contact Councilwoman Filippone since she is in charge of the Board of Health and Senior Committees.

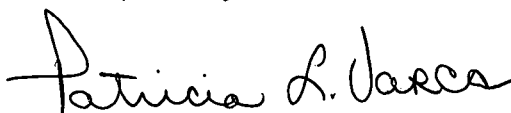
Mayor Gemma also stated that several months ago our community experienced the tragedy of the death of a child and this matter was also discussed with regard to how to communicate information to the residents of our communities and it was suggested that some type of protocol be set up whereby one person, whether it be the Police or our Emergency Coordinator, who is given the correct information and is able to communicate it to the community.

Mayor Gemma then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions, but hearing none, closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated May 7, 1998. It was seconded by Councilman McGann and approved by Council, with the exception of Councilman Apruzzi who abstained from voting on the bills due Lucent Technology. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS \$58,502.93. TOTAL 1998 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$56,509.43. TOTAL 1998 OPERATING FUND \$115,012.36. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$217.40. TOTAL WATER WATCH TRUST \$130.17. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$1,200.00. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$37,614.38. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$10,477.33. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-STATE TRAINING FEES \$327.68. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:30 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 21, 1998 beginning at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK