

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, NJ
May 6, 1993

REGULAR MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on May 6, 1993 at 8:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Terra, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

Councilman Clark arrived at 8:25 P.M.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Rabbi Daina.

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 April 15, 1993 were made available for review by the Governing Body, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by those members present, with the exception of Councilman Terra who abstained since he was not present at that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of April, 1993 and Mayor Cavanagh advised that the report will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

Mayor Cavanagh also advised that the Police Report states that 9,000 miles were covered by the Patrol Units and another 1400 miles by the unmarked cars and 440 calls were received by the Dispatchers during April.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN CLARK: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra commended Detective Baldanza for completing two courses at the Police Academy on Criminal Investigation and Homicide Investigation; Patrolmen Ross and Ciani on completing a course on Civil Disturbance/Mutual Aid Response.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported the Water Watch Committee held a clean up of Charles Park from 9-12 on Saturday, April 24, and approximately 12 members of the Water Watch Committee took part and we filled both a small and large dump truck with debris that had collected from the winter storms.

Councilman Miller advised the water sampling which was done on April 17, 1993 was interesting in that it is showing a pattern which is taking place and he commented that with the winter sampling, the river tended to clean itself up and reached a high point in March, where the water quality and fecal coliform numbers were way down. He continued that the rise in the numbers has started with Site 1 at Branchport Creek up to 84 and all the other sites were quite good with 4 at Gooseneck Point, 15 at Blackberry Bay Park, 5 off Sommers Park, 26 at Wardell Circle and it starts to come up near Troutman's Creek and Branchport Creek at 205.

Councilman Miller stated this is a similar pattern, but commented that the water quality in general this year is better than last year. He stated that last year the fecal coliform at Site 1 was 132, Site 2 was 130, Site 3 was 132, Site 4 was 46, Site 5 was 197 and Site 6 was 394 and all of the water qualities were marginal, so you can see that something happened to the river, whether it was the storms that occurred or the residents adhering to the pooper scooper laws, less nutrients being put on people's lawns, etc. because it all gets washed into the storm drains during the rains. He advised that the next sampling will take place on Saturday and we will begin our twice a month sampling in a short time which will continue through October.

Councilman Miller reported on Monday, May 10 at 7:15 P.M. two of the nine environmental regions set up by the Monmouth County Environmental Committee will be meeting and they are the Northcoast Region, which is Oceanport and the Navesink River Valley Region will be meeting at Little Silver Borough Hall to talk about our combined concerns. He stated he will be bringing this comparison of the Shrewsbury River sampling and reviewing this with them.

Councilman Miller advised that the Waterways Committee will be getting the Litterbug into the water within the next two weeks and it has been repaired and ready to go and Keith Seeley of Seeley's Marina has been taking care of it for us over the winter and dock it for us during the first month or so.

Councilman Miller reported that on May 13 at 7:30 P.M. the VFW will be holding their installation of officers for this year and it will be held at the Community Center and the Mayor and Council are invited to attend.

Councilman Miller also wanted to mention that when he spoke about the Litterbug, that Mr. Seeley of Seeley's Marina had donated his services in taking care of the motor and will be donating the docking and Ralph Maida, a local contractor donated his carpentry services that were necessary and the Public Works employees took care of the waterproofing of the decks and railings and applied the undercoating to the plontoons and is just one more example of the kind of joint efforts that take place in this Borough to save tax payers a lot of money.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported under the Drug Alliance Committee, on April 17 the Police held a rodeo bike safety day and the Alliance participated with showing a film and it was very successful. He commented that he was not able to attend, but Lucille Chaump, Vice Chairperson of the Alliance attended and gave out 100 tee shirts. He commented that this was a complete community effort with the Police

Department, PTO, VFW, Fire Department and the Drug Alliance all involved at Wolfhill School.

Councilman Taylor advised that "dialogue night" was held on April 2 at Shore Regional and approximately 83 students from West Long Branch, Monmouth Beach, Sea Bright and Oceanport and 8th grade students from Maple Place were invited to attend and they sat and spoke with their peers about what goes on in high school, etc. He stated that adults were also invited and 29 adults were present and worked with Mr. Ed Kelly on various games of fun and trust and it was a very interesting evening and extremely well attended.

Councilman Taylor announced that tonight is the first "coffee house" night over at the West Long Branch Community Center and it is from 8-10 P.M. and we will try and use our Oceanport Community Center as well for this program for the Shore Regional students. He also announced the next Drug Alliance meeting will be held on May 19, 1993 at 7:30 P.M. at the Maple Place School.

Councilman Taylor stated he attended a conference at the Sheraton Hotel in Eatontown titled Investing in Prevention, Youth,. Resources and Community Action and stated that they have found an increase in 8th grade students in the use of marijuana, cocaine, crack and LSD and the major thing we must do is make them aware of the risk factor involved in using these substances and getting the parents involved.

Councilman Taylor reminded all residents of the Borough that grass clippings have been banned from the landfill effective May 3 and we are promoting cutting the grass and leaving it or you have to bring the clippings to the landfill in your own vehicle and pay to dump them.

Councilman Taylor advised that there was a newspaper article recently regarding home repairs through the Monmouth County Housing Repair Program and it is for repairs to homes owned by individuals who cannot afford to make necessary repairs and they may be eligible for receiving up to \$15,000 to make the repairs and must meet certain requirements and he will post the notice on the Bulletin Board.

Councilman Taylor moved to accept the low bid from Fiore Paving Company, Oceanport New Jersey in the amount of \$59,223. subject to receipt of the following: 1) County authorization to spend the grant funds and 2) approval from the Community Development Program to award a contract to Fiore Paving Company. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by those members present, with the exception of Councilman Terra who abstained from voting on this matter.

Mayor Cavanagh stated for the record that Councilman Clark was now in attendance and voted on the previous motion regarding the awarding of the contract to Fiore Paving Company.

Councilman Taylor moved to return any bid bonds to the unsuccessful bidders on this project. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by those Council members in attendance.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe advised the residents of the Borough that we are in the process of setting up a week to have the Borough

streets swept and as soon as he hears from the contractor with a date, he will announce it at the next meeting and post the dates on the Community Events sign in order to keep as many cars off the street during the day so the sweepers can get through.

Mayor Cavanagh then asked Councilman Clark to give any reports he may have, since he was not present when the Committee Reports began.

COUNCILMAN CLARK: Councilman Clark announced that the Memorial Day Parade will be conducted on Monday, May 31, 1993 and additional details will be coming out shortly and there will be information in the next Bulletin and invited everyone to attend either as a marcher or a participant once we return to the Borough Hall. Councilman Clark commented that they would like all Veterans of Oceanport to march as a separate contingent within the Parade and we have not done this in the past, but we want to make it a distinct group this year in the Parade and he hoped that we will get a good response and stated if anyone had any questions to contact him directly.

Councilman Clark asked if anyone has any photographs of the December 11, storm or any of the two other storms which followed after that, to please contact him because the Historical Society is trying to make up a scrapbook of these storms.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh stated he would like to ask the Press to make note about the grass clippings and he continued that he is in Borough Hall every Thursday morning and there were several calls this morning about this situation. He wanted to point out that the decision not to allow grass clippings into the County Landfill, is a decision made by the County of Monmouth and not by the Borough of Oceanport and he wanted the residents to understand that it is not something the Borough decided, but it was done on a County level and if residents have any questions, they should direct them to the County.

Councilman Clark commented that for the last several years we have been advising the public that this is something that was coming.

Mayor Cavanagh read a proclamation proclaiming May as Older Americans Month.

Mayor Cavanagh advised that Saturday is the monthly Two Rivers Council of Mayors meeting which is open to the public and is held in Little Silver Borough Hall.

Mayor Cavanagh stated in Councilwoman Filippone's absence, she had asked him to read the First Aid Squad report for the month of March, which indicates that there were 28 calls, over 350 miles covered and 238 person hours. He stated if we add this up with the volunteer efforts Councilman Miller was speaking about earlier, you realize how much of this Borough is served by volunteer efforts.

Mayor Cavanagh reminded the residents that the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company would be conducting their 20th annual flea market on Sunday, May 16, 1993 at the parking lots across from Monmouth Park Race Track on Port-au-Peck Avenue and hoped everyone would come out because this is their fund raiser.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments anyone might care to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

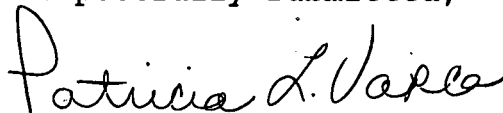
Walter Prang, 91 Bridgewaters Drive wanted to express his thanks to the Road Department employees for the tremendous job they are doing in the Borough and they are really putting out the work.

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

Councilman Clark moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated May 6, 1993. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by those Council members present. TOTAL 1992 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$897.75. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS \$1,122,601.49. TOTAL 1993 OPERATING FUND \$1,176,647.14. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$298.17. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$570.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$360.00. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$25.12. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$145,544.60. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$100,000.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$858.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LIEN REDEMPTION \$2,318.92. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-COUNTY TAX \$485,645.17. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LIBRARY TAX \$19,118.81. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OPEN SPACE TAX \$11,457.87. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-HEALTH TAX \$8,227.28. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER).

At 8:30 P.M. Councilman Clark moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 20, 1993 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by those Council members present.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK