

REGULAR MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 5, 1994

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on May 5, 1994 at 8:04 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Clark, McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, 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 Meeting held on April 21, 1994 had been 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 Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of **APRIL, 1994** 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 9/2/94, prize: Mink Coat.
 - b) Monmouth Pk. Charity Fund, to be held 5/29/94, 50/50 Cash Raffle.
 - c) Oceanport Garden Club, to be held 5/30/94, assorted prizes.

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

COMMITTEES:

- ORD. #650 COUNCILMAN CLARK:** Councilman Clark called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance authorizing the Borough to participate in the Statewide Worker's Compensation Fund and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance, by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT TO JOIN THE STATEWIDE WORKER'S COMPENSATION FUND.**

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions on this subject only.

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilman Clark moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Clark then moved to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

- ORD. #651 COUNCILMAN CLARK:** Councilman Clark called for the second reading and public hearing of an amendment to the smoking ordinance to ban smoking in Old Wharf House and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only, as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE SMOKING ORDINANCE" OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, PASSED AND APPROVED ON JUNE 3, 1993.**

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they might have on this subject only.

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilman Clark moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Clark moved to adopt this ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman McGee.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, McGee, Filippone, Miller and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: Councilman Taylor.

Councilman Clark then called for the introduction of the 1994 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 MARCH 16, 1939.**

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Clark moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 23, 1994 at 8:00 P.M. and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Clark, McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

R-94-39 Councilman Clark then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-94-39** amending the 1994 temporary budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Clark offered his condolences to the Maher family on the recent passing of Ron Maher, who had been a member of the Oceanport Environmental Commission for many years, as well as serving as its Chairman and commented that he will be sorely missed by everyone.

R-94-40 **COUNCILMAN MCGEE:** Councilman McGee asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-94-40** authorizing the participation of the Borough in the Safe & Secure Communities Program, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman McGee reported under the Americans With Disabilities Act, he will be meeting with a local Architect to make a tour of all the Borough Buildings to make sure we are in compliance with the new regulations.

Councilman McGee advised that the Police Officers have all re-qualified with the various weapons used as well as with the Police Baton and in addition, attended classes for instruction in the use of various weapons.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone stated she was pleased to announce that our Local Assistance Director has set up a work site in the Borough, whereby applicants who are receiving assistance and are able to work, will be able to work off the funding received.

Councilwoman Filippone announced that the Committee to raise money for the Columbus Day Parade is sponsoring a circus in Long Branch and she urged anyone interested, to please help support this project.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that she is working with the Monmouth County Board of Health to set up the program for flu shots this fall and they will definitely be having them and she will announce the date as soon as the County Health Department advises her of same.

Councilwoman Filippone reported she recently attended the Installation of new officers of the Oceanport VFW and offered her congratulations to Cliff Hepburn, who was again elected as Commander of Post #10129 as well as to Chubby Cattnach, Sr. Vice Commander; Paul Cattnach, Jr., Jr. Vice Commander; Joe Daniels, Quartermaster; Richard Brown, Adjutant and Marion Wardell, Chaplain.

Councilwoman Filippone also extended her condolences to Ron Maher's family and commented that he has been an active member of this community as well as a wonderful family man and we will all miss him.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the Borough residents that dog licenses are long over due and summonses will be going out shortly for the dog licenses which have not yet been renewed. She also reminded the cat owners that the cat licenses are also over due.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Senior Citizens are planning their annual Spring Luncheon as well as a trip to Hilton Head and anyone interested in attending, should contact the Seniors directly.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller advised that on Tuesday evening he would be attending another meeting of the North East Regional Group of the Monmouth County Environmental Commission and their efforts to regionalize environmental problems in the County. He continued that Oceanport, through the Water Watch Committee has been the only municipality in the County taking water samples of the surrounding bodies of water and it now seems that other surrounding municipalities are going to be doing this as well, which will be good since there will be other records of non point source pollution.

Councilman Miller stated that the latest sampling results near Monmouth Park have ranged from a low number of 80 to a high of 1,300, which shows that even during non horse times, the numbers are not great. He advised that we will continue to monitor the Branchport Creek and continue pressure to have the closed system hopefully completed by 1995.

Councilman Miller also extended his sympathies to the Maher family on the recent passing of Ron Maher and commented that he was a fine gentleman and had raised a wonderful family and he will be missed by family and friends.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported that we had an excellent Rodeo Day and 110 children participated and he wanted to thank the Police Department, who sponsored this program as well as the Drug Alliance, who showed a video as well as thanks to the VFW and PTO for their assistance as well.

Councilman Taylor advised that he had recently attended a Parent/Student Dialogue Night at Shore Regional High School, where children and parents talk to each other and they are split into different groups, and the one word used over and over again was "stress", which you did not hear about ten years ago from teenagers. He felt the program was very worthwhile to everyone who participated.

Councilman Taylor reported that he will be attending a seminar at the Ocean Hilton to discuss various types of programs which are being run by different Alliance groups in the County.

Councilman Taylor reminded Borough residents that the next hazardous waste day is scheduled for May 14, 1994 in Hazlet Township.

Councilman Taylor reported that the recycling grant for 1993 has been completed and this year we have 5,381 tons in the bonus category, as compared to only 2,400 the previous year and he felt this was due to the large amount of debris from the storms. He also advised that he has been informed by the Monmouth County Office of Recycling that the grants under Recycling may not be available after this year, which for Oceanport would be a loss of approximately \$7,000, which funds are used to off set the cost of having the containers at the drop off site.

Councilman Taylor stated that the Baseball Little League is having a baseball game in memory of Rich Soffel and the proceeds will be donated to the Ronald MacDonald House.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe advised that the contractor to do the Boroughwide street sweeping has been delayed due to the enormous amounts of sand from the past winter and although he thought he would be in the week of May 9, it now looks like he will not be able to get to us until May 24.

Councilman Wolfe also offered his condolences to the Maher family and he commented that he had worked with Ron Maher on the Environmental Commission as well as with recycling, since Ron had been a volunteer on that Committee as well and we will all miss him.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh asked the Clerk to include Ron Maher's name for the Oceanport Methodist Church's annual Memorial Services and also commented that Ron was a fine gentleman and will be missed by the community.

Mayor Cavanagh then offered the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Adjustment:

- a) Jerry Newmark to fill the un-expired term ending 12/31/94 as a Regular Member.
- b) Jerry Regan to fill the un-expired term ending 12/31/94 as an Alternate #1.
- c) Michael Savarese to fill the un-expired term ending 12/31/95 as an Alternate #2.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the appointments to the Zoning Board. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that we should now have a full Board and the Borough Attorney commented that he was going to research the matter, since he felt the ordinance should be amended for a 7 member board, under the Municipal Land Use Law and will advise the Council of his findings.

Mayor Cavanagh reminded the residents that the Firemen's Annual Flea Market is scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 15 with a rain date for the following week.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might care to make.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

As no one 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 5, 1994. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1993 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$4,788.00. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS \$464,794.00. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$25,086.90. TOTAL 1994 OPERATING FUND \$489,880.90. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE I ACCOUNT \$500.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$63.60. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$2,700.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER- MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$422.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:29 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 23, 1994 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Clark and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK