REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 4, 1995

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Oceanport was called to order on May 4, 1995 at 8:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilwoman Filippone.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Pastor Tavener.

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 20, 1995 had been submitted to the Governing Body previously for review, Councilman Miller moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of APRIL, 1995 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Application for membership to the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company made by Joseph W. Sherman.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve said application. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee advised that the Historical Society will be meeting this Monday at 7:30 P.M. to try and reorganize the Committee and he urged anyone interested in joining to attend the meeting and commented that we have some very interested people in getting this Committee active again.

Councilman McGee thanked Ward Coles for his invitation to the Open House at the Northeast Monmouth County Regional Sewer Authority and stated that anyone who has not been though the facility, should try and do so because it is very interesting and commented that they presently are pumping 10 million gallons of water per day that have been processed.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that Ward Coles is currently at Jersey Shore having some tests done and he wished him a speedy recovery and suggested that we send something to him, since he is the representative to the Sewer Authority and he will contact the Clerk tomorrow regarding this matter.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: ABSENT.

ORD. #666 **COUNCILMAN MILLER:** Councilman Miller called for the second reading and public hearing of a bond ordinance for various improvements and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING $50,050. AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $47,547.50 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.**

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

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilman Miller moved to close the public hearing on this ordinance. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and approved by Council.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Miller reported that last Friday members of the Shade Tree Committee held an Arbor Day activity during the afternoon and Stan Walsh, Bill Sullivan the Chairman, Adrian Bedell and Arlene Mullen planted somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 seedlings, which had been donated by Dave Shaw of the Monmouth County Shade Tree Commission and were used to replace the seedlings that were eaten by animals during the spring.

Councilman Miller commented that in addition to the Open House Tour of the Sewer Authority and the statements made earlier by Councilman McGee about the program, the Water Watch Committee did their sampling on that day and they were part of the activity in that they did the analysis in the lab and people taking the tour could see the work being done by the Sewer Authority in conjunction with the local water activity groups. He continued that one of the things that impressed him was an area where the water was going out of the pipe which is off Monmouth Beach, they had a light above the water and at the bottom of the tank they had the Sewer Authority logo, which you could see down to approximately 3-1/2' to 4' down and you could clearly see it with no cloudiness, which made him feel very good because what they are doing there is producing a product which is almost good enough to drink.

Councilman Miller stated that if anyone has not been to the Old Wharf House in the last couple of weeks, should take another look because under the guidance of Mr. Schanck, President of the Senior Citizens Club, the beautification process has taken place and we had an Eagle Scout project where the Scouts and some assistance of the senior citizens, painted the large meeting room, and Public Works painted the smaller meeting room and trim, valances were installed and new blinds were put up as well as pictures and it now has a very homey feeling about it and everyone should take a look and commended everyone who helped out on this project.

Councilman Miller announced that the data the Water Watch Committee has been taking over the past several years will be used, among others, in a report being prepared by the DEPE on the state of the water quality in the Shrewsbury River and he is very proud of this group in that we have gotten to a point where the State Environmental Department has that much faith in our results that they will be published in the document and circulated.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reported under the Oceanport Drug Alliance, the Alliance will be donating a $100 savings bond to be used during Prom Night in a raffle for the students and he thanked the Alliance for this donation.

Councilman Taylor advised he has received word from the Clean Communities that our annual Performance and Audit Report for calendar year 1994 has been approved and a check for $5,598 will be mailed shortly.

Councilman Taylor stated that under recycling, he does not know why, but he has been notified that they are paying an additional $20 a ton for newspaper, which brings it up to $62.50 per ton, when a few years ago we had to pay to have it taken away, but there is certainly a great demand for it at the present time.

R-95-35

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-95-35** regarding the closing of Port-au-Peck Avenue between East Main Street and Oceanport Ave. on May 20, 1995 from 10 AM to 9 PM during Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Company's 100th Anniversary, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-95-36** regarding a refund of overpayment of taxes, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council. R-95-36

Councilman Wolfe moved to return a portion of a cash bond to Oceanport Estates, Section 2 for Block 10, Lots 13, 14 and 20 and Block 8, Lots 10 and 11 upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer, Thomas Rospos. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe then moved to accept an offer made by Labriola Motors in which they will donate the use of a 1995 Nisson Pathfinder for the Fire Chief of the Borough of Oceanport Fire Department at no charge for two years and they will also take care of the required service of the vehicle. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe stated he wanted to publicly thank John Kerwin, Recreation Director, for his assistance in his annual tour of all the parks after which he prepares of list of items that need attention. Councilman Wolfe continued that he and Councilman Miller have reviewed the items and

he has gone over them with Mike Giordano and to date, approximately 75% of items have been taken care of and he also extended his thanks to Mike Giordano and his crew.

Councilman Wolfe announced the annual Borough wide street sweeping will begin on Monday, May 15, 1995 and it should take between 7 - 8 days to complete and we have the contractor's assurance that he will stay in town until the project is completed. He stated he will post a sign on the Community Events Sign reminding residents to try and keep their cars parked off the roadways during the sweeping program.

Councilman Wolfe stated that as we commented on earlier, the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Company will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary on May 20, 1995 and he commented that it is going to be a family function with several different types of bands playing, food vendors, approximately 400 fire companies have responded that they will be attending as well as having at least 75 fire trucks coming as well. He stated the festivities will begin at noon and go on until approximately 8 PM.

Councilman Wolfe moved to temporarily appoint Councilman Taylor to the Finance Committee, in the absence of Councilwoman Filippone, for the purpose of reviewing several vouchers and signing same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by Council.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth reported the Bulletin deadline is May 7, 1995 and anyone who has an article they want included should drop it off at Borough Hall in the Clerk's Office.

Councilwoman Silkworth advised the first proof of the 1995 Directory has been returned by the Printer and it will be reviewed and we will be adding some additional PTO information next week and following the final proof being reviewed, the Directory should be out 5-10 days from that point.

Councilwoman Silkworth thanked Ralph Maida for his volunteer services in making some tile repairs to the bathrooms at the Community Center.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh read a proclamation acknowledging the fact that May 1, 1995 was the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters and while it originally had been put together to help new women voters utilize that right, it has really become an organization that in the midst of political campaigns where people agree on nothing, they are able to agree that the League of Women Voters should conduct the debate and supervise what ought to go on in order to ensure that there will not be any partisanship involved and he commended the League of Women Voters for all their hard work and efforts in this area.

Mayor Cavanagh then read a proclamation proclaiming May as Older Americans month and stated that we are honoring tonight a group of people who are designated as Older Americans and those of us that live in Oceanport recognize that our Senior Citizen Club is probably one of the most active and prolific group of people you will ever run into and there are many towns that still call to find out how they accomplish so much. Mayor Cavanagh stated that as Councilman Miller was saying earlier with regard to the improvements made at the Old Wharf House, it really does look terrific and it is much to the credit of the seniors who spend the most time there.

Mayor Cavanagh presented the proclamation to Mr. Charles Schanck, President of the Oceanport Senior Citizens and asked Mr. Schanck to take the Proclamation back to the club and the members to show them how much we appreciate all they do for the community.

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

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 listed on the Voucher Register dated May 4, 1995. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $464.00. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS $54,840.01. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $25,244.48. TOTAL 1995 OPERATING FUND $80,084.49. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT $194.40. TOTAL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ACCOUNT $3,021.12. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT $28,973.58. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY $575.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-COUNTY TAXES $508,667.25. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LIBRARY TAXES $22,149.51. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-HEALTH TAX $9,279.40. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-OPEN SPACE TAX $11,443.53. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX OVERPAYMENT $444.01. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:25 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 18, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Varca

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BOROUGH CLERK