

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 3, 1990

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on May 3, 1990 at 8:07 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Rodman, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilman Miller.
- 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.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of April, 1990 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Taxi application license made by Station Limo/Charter One Transportation and the Clerk reported the necessary fees had been received and the vehicle inspected and approved by the Police Dept.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve the taxi license. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

3. Application for membership to the Port-au-peck Chemical Hose Fire Co. made by Thomas M. Wenner.

Councilman Terra moved to approve this application. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported under Street Lighting, on Monday, April 30, 1990 he met with a representative of Jersey Central Power & Light Co. and reviewed Oceanport Avenue and East Main Street since the Chief of Police had met with a representative of JCP & L and made several recommendations and he reviewed all of these with the current representative and he will be reviewing these with Councilwoman Filippone next week and then we will make a recommendation to the Council.

Councilman McGee reported under insurance, on April 25 he attended a work shop meeting sponsored by the National Flood Insurance Program in Absecon and the purpose of this meeting was to introduce the new Community Rating System which will offer flood insurance discounts to policy holders in communities that undertake activities to reduce flood losses and to promote awareness of flood insurance. He continued that the savings to the community are anywhere between 5 and 45% and any savings in insurance in today's market is most desirable and he will keep the community advised of any developments as they happen.

Councilman McGee commented that he spoke with our insurance agent, Ron Gillaspie of Boynton & Boynton regarding the First Aid Professional Liability coverage, which the Borough was considering a separate policy which would cost approximately \$2,500 and after researching this coverage, we have found it is included in an existing policy, so we will be saving the Borough this expense.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: NO REPORT.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone reported that the Oceanport First Aid Squad had 29 calls ending on 4/18/90, which amounts to 175 person hours and it just shows how much time they devote to this community.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the First Aid Squad also conducted a blood bank for Buzzy Baldanza's daughter and they got 70 pints of blood donated towards this cause and they are thinking about having an on going blood bank for Borough residents and she will report on this further when the plans proceed.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the First Aid Squad would like the residents to know that they have many medical aids available including wheel chairs, crutches, beds, commodes and other items which the residents may borrow when the need arises.

Councilwoman Filippone announced that the 1990 dog census is being conducted by the Boy Scouts and urged all residents to cooperate with the Scouts when they come to your door.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded everyone that the Memorial Day parade will be held on Monday, May 28, 1990 at 10:30 A.M. from Blackberry Bay Park and residents interested in marching in the parade are welcome and should be at the park by 10:00 A.M.

Councilwoman Filippone invited the members of our community to a very important program that is going to be held at Monmouth College regarding Alzheimer's Awareness and it is going to be an evening educational program and they will discuss the symptoms, treatment and community resources available for Alzheimer's disease and the people who tend to Alzheimer's patients. She commented that this is a very good program and Monmouth Medical Center and Monmouth Health Care Foundation are putting on this program and something that we should all know about because it touches many people.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: Councilman Rodman asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-34 regarding Monmouth Park Race track, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

At the suggestion of the Borough Attorney, Councilman Rodman moved to authorize the Borough Clerk to forward certified copies of this resolution to all members of the Monmouth County Legislative Delegation and to include Senator Richard Codey who is presently discussing these proposals. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Rodman commented that what sparked the interest in this was a recent article in the Press indicating that it was one of the ideas being considered to enhance the situation for the race tracks throughout New Jersey which is something he is heartily in favor of, but one of things being considered was to change the valuation of the race tracks to farmland value, which would drastically reduce the valuation for taxation purposes and he does not really understand why anyone would think this would be a fair proposal to impose on the tax payers, particularly in Oceanport, but also to the entire State. He continued that while there may be some elements that merit consideration to improve the operating situations of our race tracks in New Jersey and particularly Monmouth Park, but this is certainly not one of them.

Mayor Cavanagh noted for the record so the wrong headline does not get in the newspaper, there is no pending legislation to do that and we are concerned and validly so, that the concept could find its way into legislation, but what he would like to avoid is people believing that this legislation is pending. He continued that he felt the Council's position is that at the earliest possible time, we want to indicate to everyone that we think this is a terrible proposal and he felt that the residents of Freehold Township and Freehold Boro will pass similar resolutions and he just does not want to see this presented in the wrong light.

Mayor Cavanagh also stated for the record as a follow up he contacted Assemblyman Villipiano's Office in regard to our pending resolution and to the problem and indicated to him what he thought the result of the vote on this resolution would be and the fact that we are interested in being kept advised as to how serious and to what extent this idea may have any support upon thinking people and he is hoping that he will get an answer from him and he will communicate that to everyone as soon as he hears.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that he just does not want it to be presented as a pending bill, it is an idea and it has been expressed by he thought the Chairman of the Racing Commission who said he thought it was a good idea and he is not aware of any Legislators agreeing with that idea, but we are asking before anything happens is our feelings be considered.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reported that several weeks ago he met with a Mr. Paul Bradford, Project Supervisor of the County Road Department regarding certain water problems at the intersections on Myrtle Avenue especially on Belmar, Bradley and Allenhurst Aves. and he gave his assurance that he would have his crews out there within the next couple of weeks and the crews were out today totally patching the intersections on those three streets as well as bringing in top soil and building some small black top curbs to keep the resident's yards from becoming part of the roadways. He stated he has a letter ready to send to the County and thank them for their quick response and solution to some on going water problems.

Councilman Wolfe reported that the Public Works Department is in full swing with the spring and summer time work which is mostly cutting the grass in the parks and the public grounds and they are also completing the refurbishment of the parks, including the painting and repairs of park equipment. He also reported we just received 16 additional redwood garbage containers similar to the six we installed last year in the parks and these new 16 containers, which we purchased through a grant from the State of New Jersey under Clean Communities Litter Grant.

Councilman Wolfe reminded all the residents that Fort Monmouth is holding a two day event on Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, for Armed Forces Day and there will be various events going on throughout the weekend and Oceanport has been invited as a member town of the Fort and we will be bringing over our volunteer groups, including the Fire Department with some of their trucks, First Aid, the Boy Scouts, Baseball Teams, etc. to march in the reviewing parade.

Councilman Wolfe commented that he is in the process of receiving quotes for the repair to a storm drain which crosses Bridgewaters Drive and it has been sorely in need of repair for many years and as soon as he received the quotes, he will be awarding same and getting the work done, which will include a new drain across Bridgewaters Drive in order to drain the west side of the road, which is constantly flooded. He stated that following that work, our Public Works Department will repave the majority of Bridgewaters between the pumping station near the bridge and the railroad tracks just to try and improve that street as much as possible. He advised that in the near future there may be a few days where that road will be closed to traffic in order for the work to be completed.

Councilman Wolfe reported he and the Borough Engineer have gone over the streets included in the 5 year road program and we have selected several of the streets to be included in the first year's work and Mr. Rospos is preparing the bid specs and hopefully the work will be underway by the end of spring.

Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-35 regarding a special item of revenue in the 1990 budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council. R-90-35

Councilman Wolfe then called for the second reading and public hearing of an amendment to the 1990 salary ordinance and he 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 "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICIALS" PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 16, 1939. ORD. #606

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

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilman Rodman moved to close the public portion of the meeting. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Rodman and Wolfe.
 NAYS: NONE.
 ABSENT: Councilman Miller.
 ABSTAIN: NONE.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh commented that May is Older Americans Month and he read a proclamation proclaiming same and asked that it be given to the President of the Senior Citizens Club so it can be hung up at the Old Wharf House.

Mayor Cavanagh reported that he attended a meeting this afternoon of representatives of the four towns who comprise the Shore Regional High School District for the purposes of reviewing the budget which was rejected by the voters of the other three towns and therefore, by law, it is necessary that a representative of each of the Boroughs attend the meeting and meet with the Board to work out a resolution of a budget reduction that is satisfactory to all four towns involved so that each town is willing to adopt a resolution authorizing the new budget. He continued that we met for approximately one and a half hours and following a rather lengthy discussion, it was concluded that each of the four towns and the Board agreed that there will be reduction in the amount to be raised by taxation of \$125,000 from the amount originally announced and the budget will remain the same and there will be an additional amount of \$125,000 of surplus which will reduce the amount to be raised through taxation by this amount.

Mayor Cavanagh explained that the net affect of this is different to each Borough and as near as he can calculate it for Oceanport, the difference will be approximately \$35,000-\$36,000 which represents one half cent on the tax rate.

R-90-36 The Clerk then read resolution R-90-36 regarding the 1990-91 school budget for Shore Regional High School, after which Councilman Terra moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments 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 Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated May 3, 1990. It was seconded by Councilman Rodman and unanimously approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Terra abstaining from a bill made payable to him for reimbursement of expenses and Councilman Wolfe abstained from voting on the vouchers due Norwood Distributors and a bill made payable to him for reimbursement of expenses. TOTAL 1989 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$580.00. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS \$50,437.17. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$50,209.18. TOTAL 1990 OPERATING FUND \$100,646.35. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRUST ACCOUNT \$70.00. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$240.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER COUNTY TAX \$457,646.35. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER LIBRARY TAX \$15,116.80. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER OPEN SPACE TAX \$12,241.74. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$7.75. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER CLEAN COMMUNITY GRANT \$2,468.90. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER REFUND TAX OVERPAYMENT \$775.06. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER MISC. EXPENSE \$108.28. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER INVESTMENTS \$2,556,086.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:31 P.M. Councilman Rodman moved to adjourn until the next regular meeting scheduled for May 17, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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BOROUGH CLERK