

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 2, 1996

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on May 2, 1996 at 8:05 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Miller, Taylor, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone and Wolfe.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Reverend Tavener.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 18, 1996 were submitted to members of the Governing Body for their review, Councilwoman Silkworth moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by those Councilpersons in attendance.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Taxi license application made by Anthony Palmieri t/a PARAMOUNT CAB.

The Clerk advised that the fee had been paid and the vehicle had been inspected and approved by the Police Department after which Councilwoman Silkworth moved to approve said renewal application. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by those Councilpersons in attendance.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: ABSENT.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller called for the introduction of an ordinance amending the fire department ordinance with regard to associate memberships and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED THE "FIRE DEPARTMENT ORDINANCE" OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT PASSED AND APPROVED DECEMBER 2, 1920.**

Councilman Miller moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

Councilman Miller then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 16, 1996 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Clerk called the roll:

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

R-96-34 ^{AUDIT} Councilman Miller asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-96-34** accepting the 1995 Municipal Budget, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and approved by those Councilpersons in attendance.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor offered his congratulations to John Tavis on his appointment as Superintendent of Schools for Oceanport and also thanked Dr. Morgan for his years of service to the Borough.

Councilman Taylor reminded the residents that the Household Hazardous Waste day sponsored by the County was scheduled for this Saturday and was being held in Hazlet.

Councilman Taylor also advised that under the Oceanport Alliance for the Prevention of Drug and Alcohol Abuse, on May 10 the 7th and 8th graders of Maple Place School will be participating in a Coffee House (decaffeinated), at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company and there will also be Karaoke that night as well.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: ABSENT.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth advised the residents that the 1996 Directory was in the hands of the Printer and should be out to all the homes in the not too distant future and thanked all the Committees and Borough Agencies for submitting their updated listings in a timely manner.

Councilwoman Silkworth also reminded residents that the next Bulletin deadline was May 7, so if anyone wants to get any information into the next issue, they should drop off the material to the Bulletin Box in Borough Hall.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh read a proclamation proclaiming May as Older Americans Month and stated that a copy of the proclamation would be forwarded on to the Senior Citizens Club.

Mayor Cavanagh announced that on May 7, 1996, the Oceanport Board of Education will be considering for the second and perhaps final time, the areas that were included in the Board's Bulletin which was mailed out and received this week, which is going to be essentially their decision on whether or not to make an addition to either or both of the grammar schools in Oceanport. Mayor Cavanagh explained that the expenditures will run, depending on which plan they choose, anywhere from \$600,000 to \$1.9 million, he would encourage everyone to attend the meeting and speak to the Board on your thoughts regarding which of the plans you would prefer and make your feelings known to the Board.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments and/or questions they might have.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

John Deller, 46 Tecumseh Ave. commented that he and his neighbors are here tonight because the other streets that appear on the list to be done are not nearly in the same terrible shape as Tecumseh and felt that they were put on the list, but it would only be done if the Borough receives a grant, to which Mayor Cavanagh stated that this is not correct and Mr. Deller asked him to explain what is going on with the street plans.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that unfortunately, the meeting he is referring to was written up in an article in the Atlanticville, but he was not in attendance that night, but Tecumseh is listed as the one we intend to do and the Borough Engineer is reasonably confident and has assured the governing Body that he is optimistic that the Transportation Trust Fund grants, which are given out every several years to municipalities, will include the Borough because we have not received any funding for the last two years and of the streets that we have suggested to them, the best shot is for Tecumseh because of the traffic pattern. Mayor Cavanagh continued that Tecumseh is the number one street on the application, but the question that comes up is what happens if the grant request is turned down?

Mr. Deller responded by stating that the other two streets, Seneca Place and Pocano Avenue, are guaranteed that they will be paved some time this year, to which Mayor Cavanagh stated he did not think anything was guaranteed at this point in time, but it is the intention of the Council to do those two along with Tecumseh, but if for some reason we do not receive the funds from the Transportation Grant Program, which we do anticipate receiving this year, then we are going to have to reassess our priority listing of streets.

Mr. Deller stated he has lived on Tecumseh for twelve years and it is in terrible condition and it has gotten worse since the Public Works Department attempted to patch it, because all the patching material became loose and there are stones all over the place.

Mayor Cavanagh pointed out to Mr. Deller that we could not plan any type of paving project for that street until the water mains were installed and hooked up, which took place last year and hopefully we will be able to pave a year after the water was installed.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that we have listed Tecumseh Avenue as one of the high priority streets to be repaved and everyone on the Council is in agreement with that plan and regardless of what was written in the Atlanticville, the decision for what streets are to be paved comes from the people sitting on the dais and it is the intention of this Governing Body to pave those streets as well as Tecumseh Ave. Mayor Cavanagh stated again, that if for any reason the funds are not received

from the Transportation Grant Program, then we will be reassessing the priorities and we also have some questions about South Pemberton and Pocano Avenues that need to be addressed before we go any further. He again, assured everyone in the audience that although we have discussed all of those streets that were mentioned in the paper and although it is our intention to aim at those streets, to the best of his knowledge a final allocation has not been reached, where we add up the money available and compare it to bid prices and as an example stated that if the bids came in higher than anticipated and we don't have enough money to do the streets we want to, then we would not be able to do them all and have to postpone some of them until next year, but at this point, we have no set plan.

Mayor Cavanagh also advised that Tecumseh is on the top of the Council's list and came in on the Transportation Trust Fund list last year in 45th place out of 83 applications and funded 27th, which makes Tecumseh 18 away from being funded last year and if we reapply this year and we come in at the 18th place, then we will receive funding.

Anthony LaMorte, 369 Port-au-Peck Avenue, which is located at the intersection of Tecumseh Avenue, asked what type of time period are we speaking about in terms of completion-six months; one year, to which Mayor Cavanagh stated we would be doing it this summer, but the Transportation Grant Program funds are released usually in the Fall and we would be hopeful to complete this road in that time period, before it becomes too cold and it can be 45 degrees you can pave without problems.

Mr. LaMorte also asked if there are going to be curbs, to which Mayor Cavanagh indicated that the proposal from the Engineer includes concrete curbs and gutters. Mr. LaMorte also questioned if the water problem at the corner of Tecumseh and Shrewsbury would be addressed under this project, to which Mayor Cavanagh stated he would have to speak to the Borough Engineer and suggested that perhaps someone should be the spokesperson for the residents on this street and speak to him about several issues that are of concern to the people who live on this street.

A resident questioned why Tecumseh Avenue had been placed on the grant list for funding, to which Mayor Cavanagh stated to do this street is extremely expensive, since the Engineer's cost estimate is approximately \$80,000 and because it appeared to do very well in their rating concept last year and that gives us a better chance with this street than if we were to submit any others that were much lower on the scale.

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

Councilwoman Silkworth moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated May 2, 1996. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by those Councilpersons in attendance. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS \$55,599.93. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$79,423.64. TOTAL 1996 OPERATING FUND \$135,023.57. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$110,000.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$125.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$364.20. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$10,000.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$163,834.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION AGENCY \$490.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$46.45. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-STATE TRAINING FEES \$410.01. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:30 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 16, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by those Councilpersons in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK