

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 1, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on May 1, 2008 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Mahon stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Briscione, Gallo, Kahle, Irace, Johnson and Mayor Mahon

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Ibex

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, John O. Bennett, III.

The Clerk stated for the record that Councilman Ibex had called to advise he was away on business and was unable to attend.

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplin Robert Mills gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Mahon led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Bills. **R-08-70**
2. Resolution rejecting bids for Old Wharf Park Phase II. **R-08-71**
3. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Fire equipment.
4. Resolution appointing the Emergency Management Council.
5. Resolution authorizing the Borough Engineer to solicit bids for the 2008 Road Program. **R-08-72**
6. Resolution endorsing the submission of the recycling tonnage grant application. **R-08-73**
7. Resolution supporting the Click It or Ticket mobilization. **R-08-74**
8. Approval of the workshop minutes from April 17, 2008.
9. Approval of the regular minutes from April 3, 2008.
10. Approval of the regular minutes from April 17, 2008.
11. Approval of raffle application. Monmouth Park Charity Fund, On Premise 50/50.
12. Resolution authorizing the sale of property – tractor and mower deck. **R-08-75**
13. Resolution authorizing the advertisement for bids – tractor and mower deck. **R-08-76**

The Borough Clerk stated that per the Work Shop meeting, Item #3 and #4 were being removed from the Agenda for action at a later date. The Clerk then stated there were 2 additions to the Consent Agenda which had been made available to Council and to the public, Items #12 and #13 and read what the items were. Councilman Johnson requested that Item #10 be removed.

Councilman Briscione moved to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by the Council.

The Clerk asked for a motion on Item #10. Councilman Johnson requested a correction on Item #10 that the minutes of April 17, 2008 be corrected to reflect that he was present and not absent. Councilman Irace moved to approve Item #10, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORT: No report

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione reported on Public Works and that Spring Leaf pickup would be ending that week and that all leaves must be raked to the curb free debris. He stated that the concrete work is in process for the 2007 Road Program and stated the streets involved. He reported on the work that had begun on the Recycling Yard as was discussed in their Work Shop and what the new hours were going to be for the Recycling area. He stated that when the work was completed what steps would be taken to notify the public of the new hours.

Councilman Briscione also reported that he attended the FMERPA presentation to the Oceanport Planning Board the previous evening and stated some of his concerns that he presented during the meeting which were also discussed during the Council's Work Shop earlier and that the Mayor had agreed to raise the issues regarding revenue with FMERPA and obtain better explanations of the revenue details.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo reported that the Borough's parade and services for Memorial Day would begin at an earlier time at the request of the Mayor as some of the Borough's police and other civic organizations may be involved with a centennial celebration being held by West Long Branch.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAHLE: Council President Kahle reported that they had earlier that night had a second discussion regarding quality of life initiatives which they were proceeding with and described who would be involved. Council President Kahle stated some of the things they would be looking at performing to address some of the quality of life issues in town such as a garage sale weekend, a bulk pickup day, gardening and shade tree to beautify the town and a 24 hour hotline where one can report anonymously positive and negative things. She stated that they are going to try this for 30-60 days through the summer and then review in September and October the results.

Councilwoman Kahle made a motion to adopt the quality of life initiative which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN IRACE: Councilman Irace reported that he attended the street sign sale over the weekend where they sold nearly 200 of the signs which the Clerk stated there was a total of \$1,280.00 revenue generated.

Councilman Johnson asked if it was true that a resident was there at 6 am to which the Clerk confirmed yes and told the Council the story behind the early arrival.

Councilman Irace reported under Finance Administration that he had been sending letters to the Borough's Senators and Assemblyman regarding a Resolution the Council had passed concerning the Governor's cuts in municipal aid. Councilman Irace read for the record portions of a letter that was received from Senator Tom Kean, Jr. in response. Councilman Irace also read a portion of a response letter received from Assemblywoman Carolyn Casogrande.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON:

Councilman Johnson stated that a public hearing for the Bond Ordinance was held on April 17, 2008 and carried to that night's meeting for action and asked the Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only.

Councilman Johnson then made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Irace.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES:	Briscione, Gallo, Kahle, Irace, Johnson
NAYES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Ibex

Councilman Johnson then reported on the Planning Board and that on April 23, 2008, Clarke, Caton and Hintz presented their amendment for Oceanport's Master Plan which incorporated the Fort Monmouth Vision Plan and was adopted by the Board that evening. He also reported that the previous evening EDAW presented their conceptual Fort Monmouth plan to Oceanport and heard comments from Oceanport residents and from the Planning Board.

MAYOR MAHON: Mayor Mahon stated that there are 5 boys to whom he will be presenting Proclamations to as they have attained Eagle Scout and they will be honored in a ceremony on their behalf on Sunday May 4th where he will be presenting resolutions on behalf of the Oceanport Governing Body to Christopher Seeley, Larry Giannechini, Connor Hickey, Sean Michael Kelly and Michael Rodio and gave his congratulations to them for a job well done.

Councilman Johnson stated that it was worthwhile pointing out that a lot of the Eagle Scout projects that were performed were done on the Borough's parks and its great that they be supported as they have supported the Borough.

Mayor Mahon announced that Friday, May 9th is Opening Day at Monmouth Park and as the Borough's biggest taxpayer it is important that Oceanport as a community embrace and support them.

Mayor Mahon completed his report by stating that it was the 121st day of the new year and everyone on their side of the seats were working very hard and working together and everyone down the hall when one first comes in the building, they are also working very hard. He also thanked the Council for their support.

PUBLIC:

The Mayor then opened the meeting for anyone from the public who wished to be heard.

Robert Mills, 11 Elizabeth Drive, directed a comment to Council President Kahle that their church organization would be interested in sponsor of a banner that she discussed in her report and that their church is glad to be in Oceanport.

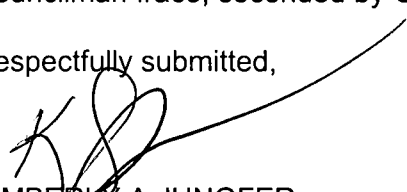
As no one else from the public wished to be heard the Mayor closed the public portion of the meeting.

Bill List: Ad Hoc \$566.93. Capital Trust \$2,827.75. Escrow Trust \$10,362.50. 2007 Vouchers Paid. Off Duty Police Trust \$233.64. Open Space \$3,381.00. 2007 Vouchers Paid \$123,778.00 2007 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$.00. Total 2007 Vouchers Paid \$123,778.00. 2008 Vouchers Paid \$7,113,221.51. 2008 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$1,240,425.64. Total 2008 Vouchers Paid \$8,353,647.15.

At 8:25 p.m. Mr. Bennett read a Resolution authorizing the meeting to enter Executive Session on a motion by Councilman Irace and seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m. on a motion from Councilman Irace, seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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BOROUGH CLERK