

Oceanport, New Jersey  
May 1, 1997

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on May 1, 1997 at 8:02 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilpersons Gemma and Silkworth.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca.
- OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Borough Chaplain, Col. Berry, gave the invocation.
- 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 17, 1997 had been made available for review by the members of the Governing Body, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he was going to go out of order and first read a proclamation congratulating the Shore Regional High School Girls Freshman Field Hockey Team followed by a proclamation for the Shore Regional High School Boys Basketball Team on their winning seasons.

#### **CLERK'S REPORTS:**

1. Raffle license applications made by the following:

- a] Oceanport Lions Club, 7/6/97, 50/50 cash raffle - off premise.
- b] Mon. Pk. Charity Fund, 5/26/97, 50/50 cash raffle - on premise.
- c] Mon. Pk. Charity Fund, 6/14/97, 50/50 cash raffle - on premise.
- d] Mon. Pk. Charity Fund, 6/28/97, 50/50 cash raffle - on premise.
- e] Mon. Pk. Charity Fund, 7/5/97, 50/50 cash raffle - on premise.
- f] Mon. Pk. Charity Fund, 7/17/97, 50/50 cash raffle - on premise.
- g] Mon. Pk. Charity Fund, 8/3/97, 50/50 cash raffle - on premise.
- h] Mon. Pk. Charity Fund, 8/23/97, 50/50 cash raffle - on premise.
- i] Mon. Pk. Charity Fund, 8/29/97, mink coat.
- j] Mon. Pk. Charity Fund, 8/30/97, 4 Superbowl Tickets.
- k] Mon. Pk. Charity Fund, 8/31/97, 50/50 cash raffle - off premise.

The Clerk advised that all paperwork for the above raffle applications was found to be in order and the appropriate fees had been paid. Councilman Wolfe then moved to approve the above raffle applications. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council.

**COMMITTEES:**

**COUNCILMAN GEMMA: ABSENT.**

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**COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE:** Councilwoman Filippone called for the second reading 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 \$104,300 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$99,085 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 on this subject only.

A reporter in the audience asked what the improvements were concerning the Fire Department and Public Works Departments, to which Councilman Wolfe advised that there is some refurbishing work that may be undertaken on one of the fire trucks and the Public Works Department is looking into purchasing a backhoe.

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

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

The Clerk called the roll:

**AYES:** Councilpersons Filippone, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Councilpersons Gemma and Silkworth.

**ABSTAIN:** None.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded all residents that the annual Memorial Day Parade would be held on Monday, May 26, 1997 beginning at Blackberry Bay Park at 10:30 A.M. with ceremonies taking place at Borough Hall at 11:00 A.M. She advised that our guest speaker for that day is Major General Gust and also commented that the Grand Marshal for the parade is Joe Bova.

Councilwoman Filippone offered her congratulations to the great job done by the members of the Intergenerational Club who put on a variety show on Friday at Maple Place School and although she was unable to attend, due to her being at Det. Sgt. Rolly's retirement dinner, she heard many good things about this show.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that she and several members of the Oceanport Historical Society attended a presentation in Freehold on the Battle of Monmouth and commented that it was very interesting and informative.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that recently someone commended the efforts of both the volunteers on the First Aid Squad as well as the Police Officers during times of emergencies and she stated that although we all know how great they all are, its always nice to hear this from our residents.

**COUNCILMAN MILLER:** Councilman Miller moved to appoint Diana Fahy to the position of Records Clerk in the Oceanport Police Department. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and approved by Council.

Councilman Miller reported that the water samples taken on April 12 by the Water Watch Committee had great results again and the fecal coliform numbers were 0 at 5 out of 8 sites, which is quite amazing given the amount of waterfowl that are near the waterways. He stated that the Committees will continue sampling when the track opens and hopefully with the new hook up system in place, the good numbers will continue through the season.

Councilman Miller advised that for both Earth and Arbor Days, the Shade Tree Committee planted 150 seedlings, which will replace all the trees and shrubs that have been given away and stated that with the donations we received, it paid for the new seedlings. He also advised that several more trees were planted at Borough Hall to replace trees that had died.

**COUNCILMAN TAYLOR:** Councilman Taylor reported that the Environmental Commission will hold the annual poster contest for children from grades K through 8th and the winners will be announced at the Community Center festivities on Memorial Day, with first prize being a \$100 savings bond and 2nd prize a \$50 savings bond.

Councilman Taylor informed everyone that the DEPE has recently made our compost site, which is located at Monmouth Park, as exempt, which saves the Borough the annual renewal fee of \$3,763.

Councilman Taylor also advised that we have received a check in the amount of \$7,698 from the Clean Communities Grant which is used to help subsidize the annual street sweeping as well as for items to be purchased to help keep our community clean.

**COUNCILMAN WOLFE:** Councilman Wolfe congratulated Councilman Taylor on the receipt of this grant and commented that Councilman Taylor completes all the documentation necessary for this grant submission.

Councilman Wolfe reported that the annual Spring Leaf Pick Up has officially ended and he commended the Public Works Department for the efficient manner in which they picked up the leaves this season.

**COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: ABSENT.**

**MAYOR CAVANAGH:** Mayor Cavanagh read a proclamation proclaiming the month of May as Older Americans month in the Borough.

Mayor Cavanagh offered the name of Walter Prang as a member of the Oceanport Historical Society.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve this appointment. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh commented that there was a structure fire the other evening and as usual, our firemen were at the scene almost immediately and Kerin Slattery and Arnold Kohler, who were the first to arrive, began containing the fire with a garden hose that was nearby until the fire

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equipment came on the scene. He also commented that it was good to see the new ladder truck being used and it was a big help to the men in fighting this type of fire. He commended the firemen on their efforts and stated that this could have been a lot worse if not for the fast response of our volunteers.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might have, but seeing none, closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the voucher register dated May 1, 1997. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS \$11,510.00. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS \$56,163.58. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$44,934.17. TOTAL 1997 OPERATING FUND \$101,097.75. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$425.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$105.80. TOTAL AD HOC TRUST ACCOUNT \$700.00. TOTAL RECREATION TRUST ACCOUNT \$290.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-TAX REFUND \$685.98. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$144.12. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:32 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 15, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA  
BOROUGH CLERK