REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 21, 2005

REGULAR MEETING: The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on April 21, 2005 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Gatta stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson Gallo, Chaump, Sharkey, Briscione and Mayor Gatta.

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Martin A. McGann.

INVOCATION: Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.

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

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 10, 2005, March 17, 2005 and the workshop meeting held on March 3, 2005 and the special workshop meeting held on March 10, 2005 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Chaump moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle with the Clerk calling the roll and all members in attendance voting in the affirmative.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of March, 2005 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.
2. Raffle license applications made by the following:
   A} Oceanport Lions Club, on premise 50/50 cash raffle to be held May 24th through May 29th at their Strawberry Festival.
   The clerk advised that the appropriate fees had been paid and the applications found to be in order after which Councilwoman Kahle moved to approve the same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.
   B} Monmouth Park Charity Fund, the first is an on premise 50/50 held on May 7th, 2005 at the Monmouth Park Race Track. An off-premise 50/50 to be held September 3, 2005 at the Monmouth Park Race Track and an off-premise merchandise raffle to be held on September 2, 2005 at the Monmouth Park Race Track. The clerk advised that the appropriate fees had been paid and the applications found to be in order after which Councilwoman Kahle moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.
   C} The Monmouth County Historical Association, an off-premise 50/50 raffle to be held July 13, 2005 at 93 Gooseneck Point Road, an on premise merchandise auction to be held July 17, 2005 at 93 Gooseneck Point Road.
   The clerk advised that the appropriate fees had been paid and the applications found to be in order after which Councilwoman Kahle, followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.

D} The Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey Inc., an on premise 50/50 to be held July 17, 2005 at the Monmouth Park Race Track.
The Clerk advised that the appropriate fees had been paid and the applications found to be in order after which Councilman Briscione moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle, followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.
E} Friends of Maple Place Music Inc., an on premise 50/50 to be held on May 25, 2005 at Maple Place School.
The Clerk advised that the appropriate fees had been paid and the applications found to be in order after which Councilwoman Kahle moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Briscione followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.

3. The Clerk read resolution **R-05-56** for the games of chance application to be held May 24th through May 29th, 2005 at the Lions Strawberry Festival after which Councilwoman Kahle moved it be approved. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion, followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.
4. The stated she received applications for membership to the Oceanport Fire Department from Mark D. Russomano, Jr., Michael A. Paterson and Samuel T. Schneider all of which are completed. She asked for a motion to approve said applications. Councilwoman Johnson moved the applications be approved. Councilwoman Kahle seconded the motion followed by the Clerk called the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.
5. The Clerk asked for a motion to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the memorandum of Agreement wit the Monmouth County Mosquito Extermination Commission for aerial surveillance and treatment program. Councilwoman Kahle moved the grant the authorization. Councilwoman Chaump seconded the motion followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle started with the Environmental Commission stating that this month they are starting their poster contest for Oceanport environment open to K-8 students and the awards and gift certificates will be presented after the Memorial Day parade at the Community Center. She invited all to come and look at the posters, which are very, very good. Members of the Environmental Commission also met with officials from the DEP and discussed the illegal docks in town and buildings on wetlands. All docks must have a permit and be licensed. The goal of the Environmental Commission is make sure that everyone has a permit and not to fine them so if you don't have one there's still time to get one.

Councilwoman Kahle next reported on the Water Watch Committee stating they had their April Sampling and the fecal counts were low at all sites. They've also added to their statistics taking the temperature of the water at each sampling. They're continuing to solicit for members so if anyone is interested, contact Borough Hall. They would really appreciate it.

Councilwoman Kahle then reported on buildings and grounds stating there has been a change in Borough Hall in that the bathrooms by the library are now closed to the public. They are for employees use only. There is now a keypad on the door. The bathrooms closest to the meeting room are open for the public.

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Councilwoman Johnson stated that on April 11th the Oceanport Hook and Ladder had their annual meeting. Total calls for the Fire Department in March were 12 and they had 252 man-hours. On April 16th the Explorers did have their car wash at the Hook and Ladder, which did very well. Also the firemen attended a class. There were close to 18 participants and it was a defensive driving class.

Councilwoman Johnson reported that the Board of Health held their health screening April 9th at the Oceanport First Aid building. There were approximately 80 participants and it was a great success. There was also a donation for the First Aid Squad of $720. She thanked all the Oceanport First Aid members and the Board of Health volunteers for all their help stating they did an excellent job.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo stated that now that the budget has passed the Shade Tree Committee will remove trees from different locations in the community. Also there are plans to purchase 10 new trees and plant them around town as soon as there's a vendor in place. Their next meeting will be toward the end of summer.

Councilman Gallo reported on First Aid stating they responded to 35 calls, 21 MBA, seven fire calls and 13 mutual aid calls. At their meeting the night before, the members met with the borough's insurance agent, Mr. Gillespie, at the request of the president, Ed Ryan. Ron spoke about workmen's comp and injury insurance and was very informative and answered the member's questions. This was done so the volunteers could understand the Borough's coverage.

Councilman Gallo continued stating that this year the First Aid was able put in for the fire fighters grant. This was the first time that grant was allowed to go into the First Aid Squad. They submitted their applications and they will look to see if that is acceptable. They also have their building addition on hold due to the increase in final costs. They will now take another look at the project and see what other options are available. There was an outpouring of letters and donations from family members of people that the squad has responded to over the past months.

COUNCILWOMAN CHAUMP: Councilwoman Chaump asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-05-57** setting fees for photocopying discoverable materials from the Police Department after which she moved to approve same. Councilwoman Johnson seconded the motion followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.

Councilwoman Chaump asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-05-58,** an insertion of an item of revenue for the Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund after which she moved to approve same. Councilwoman Kahle seconded the motion followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.

Councilwoman Chaump stated that the Dare Graduation was held the night before and supplies were purchased by the Coastal Alliance Grant.

Councilwoman Chaump reported that the Shore Regional and Oceanport budgets were passed.

Councilwoman Chaump reported on the Department of Public Works stating that the department has used four tons of hot asphalt to repair the multiple potholes on Crescent

Place. Spring cleanup is under way and the Community Center is the first place that will be cleaned up. the final draft of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan is complete and the spring leaf collection is under way and the last final pickup will be the week of April 25th.

Councilwoman Chaump stated that some of the upcoming activities under Public Works will to continue on the pothole repairs, continue on the sign repairs and then also continue on the spring cleanup on the Borough parks and grounds.

COUNCILMAN SHARKEY: Councilman Sharkey reported on Parks and Recreation Department, stating the largest item was the Blackberry Bay Park renovation and how it's going and what are the next steps. A lot of people are disgruntled with how it is turning out so far and it was recommended by the Parks & Recreation Committee to send a strong worded letter to the contractor to get things going; to get things cleaned up and ready for use. A call was placed by Councilwoman Chaump to the engineer and he did write a letter to the contractor and the Parks & Recreation members did meet with the engineer and the contractor last week. They went over the list of items. A letter was prepared of what needs to be done and is supposed to start next Monday. It will be done by May 6th and the improvements in finalizing all the issues is supposed to be completed. Just as a side note, the amount of $81,000 was spent in engineering fees to oversee the park. Councilman Sharkey thought that was important to make people aware of.

Councilman Sharkey continued reporting with regard to the Parks and Recreation, the results of the discussion on a shed that was being donated by a resident that will be used for hockey needs the zoning officer look at that to be sure that it will work out. It is a donation and the transport will be done free of charge as well. He stated that it was a nice little present for the Oceanport Roller Hockey. The other item discussed was an annual fishing tournament and that there's a teacher from Maple Place that would like to get that off the ground and Council thought it was a pretty good idea. He also stated regarding Blackberry Bay Park, more plans are needed on what the details will be and what the alternatives are.

Councilman Sharkey reported that with regard to the Capital Committee, the next Capital committee meeting would bring in the Monmouth County Improvement Authority to give department heads an opportunity to learn about capital situations; alternative financing that's available, grants and a jumpstart on the grant program early on. One of the ordinances requires that the Capital Committee come up with a list of capital needs by July 1st. If the target date is moved up to July 1st or as close as possible it gives an opportunity to really study what the needs are and to make intelligent decisions, explore some options. So an attempt is being made to move on that. We've invited the bond counsel to come in and also provide some guidance.

Councilman Sharkey stated that with regard to insurance, he stated the Borough's health insurance is one of the largest expenditures and the Borough's health insurance policy comes up for renewal July 1st. In the late part of January we had the insurance broker in, got an update of health insurance for the Borough employees and announced that we wanted to get competitive with quotes. That process is under way and already they have a good indication of savings for the Borough. Councilman Sharkey thought we may be able to squeak out some additional savings for the Borough and we're inviting more brokers to respond to see if there are any other options available for the Council to consider. They are targeting May 4th for a workshop to have presentation from brokers and carriers discuss a health insurance programs and coverage which has to be equal to or better than the existing coverage. Obviously they want to make sure our Borough employees are well taken care of with a good health

insurance policy. Last year there was a 9% increase. We were given indications that we would have a seven or eight percent increase and it's turned around looking like there's an option to save with another carrier so that's almost a $70,000 potential savings that the Borough is looking at right now.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-05-59** appointing a professional planner to do a vacant land assessment for the Borough after which he moved to approve same. Councilwoman Chaump seconded the motion followed by the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative.

Councilman Briscione called for the second reading and public hearing for the Ordinance authorizing an Emergency Appropriations for revaluation and asked the Clerk to read the ordinance by title only as follows: **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE BOROUGH APPROPRIATING $172,500. THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $172,500.00 OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THEREOF I AND BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.**

Mayor Gatta opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions on this subject only, but upon hearing none, Councilwoman Chaump moved to close the public hearing on this matter. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Briscione moved to adopt this ordinance on 2nd and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES:	Councilpersons Kahle, Gallo, Johnson, Chaump, Sharkey and Briscione.
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Councilman Briscione called for the second reading and public hearing for the 2005 Salary Ordinance which he asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only: **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICIALS" PASSED AND APPROVED MARCH 16, 1939.**

Mayor Gatta opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions on this subject only, but upon hearing none, Councilman Briscione moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump and unanimously approved by Council

Councilman Briscione moved to approve this ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Chaump, Sharkey and Briscione.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Briscione asked the Clerk to read an introduction of an ordinance authorizing the Borough to charge sponsors of non-municipal events for necessary police services as follows: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 ENTITLED "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT TO CHARGE SPONSORS OF NON-MUNICIPAL SPECIAL EVENTS FOR NECESSARY POLICE SERVICES.**

Councilman Briscione moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded b Councilwoman Chaump.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Chaump, Sharkey and Briscione.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilman Briscione moved to hold the public hearing on the proposed ordinance at the meeting schedule to be held on May 19, 2005 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Chaump, Sharkey and Briscione.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilman Briscione called for the introduction of an ordinance amending Chapter 13-26 of the Code Book relating to personnel matters as follows: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 13-26 (MEDICAL BENEFITS) OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT.**

Councilman Briscione moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Chaump, Sharkey and Briscione.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Briscione moved to hold the public hearing on the proposed ordinance at the meeting scheduled to be held on May 19, 2005 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Chaump, Sharkey and Briscione.
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Briscione called for the introduction of the 2005 Bond Ordinance as follows:
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING $749,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $513,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE THE COST OF AND FOR MAKING THE DOWN PAYMENT FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS HEREIN AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, IN THE COUNTY OF MONOUTH, NEW JERSEY.

Councilman Briscione moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Chaump, Sharkey and Briscione.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None

Councilman Briscione moved to hold the public hearing at the council meeting scheduled to be held on May 19, 2005 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilwoman Chaump.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES; Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Chaump, Sharkey and Briscione.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

Councilman Briscione reported on the Planning Board that Joe Layton presented the Master Plan Reexamination to the Planning Board at the meeting on March 30th. The Planning Board approved the report as submitted. The Planning Board will now submit this report to Council at the next workshop meeting for review and determination. The Planning Board would like to move forward on plan to award a contract to Birdsall Engineering. This will include a study on our current obligation and investigation if we had the ability to seek vacant land reduction.

Councilman Briscione reported on police stating, the Police Report for March indicates that the department answered 1,344 calls and officers responded to 699 calls. There were

152 summonses issued and 249 motor vehicle stops. These numbers are up considerably from the February report.

Councilman Briscione said the Dare graduation was held for fifth grade at Maple Place School last night. Sgt. Steve Taggerty and Det. Dan Barcus are the DARE officers and organized the program.

Councilman Briscione stated that at the recommendation of Patrolman Kelly and Chief Sutton, the police have recommended an ordinance to promote traffic safety. This ordinance deals with traffic controls for street and highway construction and maintenance operation. Additionally, we will be making changes to the existing ordinances as they deal with traffic and vehicle code in certain areas of the town. Council has followed the recommendations of the police and these changes should be ready at the May public meeting.

Councilman Briscione wanted to recognize Sergeant Ray Ciani, who has completed his certified operators course given by FATS Inc and this enables him to instruct on a simulator at the police academy.

Councilman Briscione reported that with regard to Cable and Technology, he will be scheduling a meeting shortly to discuss expanding the Borough's website and to look into the best available way to provide internet service to the Borough's Public Works garage.

Councilman Briscione said with regard to the local Racetrack Advisory Committee, the NJ Roadrunner's Club, the Borough is planning to organize a 5K race to be held at the end of October or early November. He has contacted Dennis and Bruce of the NJ Sports & Exposition Authority to try to associate this race in connection with the 2007 Breeder's Cup Expo. They will advise us as to how we can proceed and at that time, once we get approval, involve the Recreation committee.

MAYOR GATTA: Mayor Gatta read a proclamation that April 2005 be known as "Alcohol Awareness Month" in the Borough of Oceanport and called upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals and schools in the Borough of Oceanport so support efforts that will prevent underage drinking.

Mayor Gatta stated that she has been attending monthly meeting on "Save The Fort". The first hearing on the BRAC will be starting on May 3rd reviewing the announcement of base closing, At the April 11th meeting, it was stressed that Ft. Monmouth impact on New Jersey is immeasurable, whether it is jobs, acquisitions or reinvestment to the surrounding communities. Also at this meting it was stated that the Army benefits greatly with the advanced work that New Jersey is doing at Fort Monmouth. We are protecting our troops in Iraq, Afghanistan, developing advanced systems that enhance our armed forces readiness and ability to protect. Fort Monmouth has the greatest impact on the town. It is currently the largest employer in the County and she will keep the public apprised on the situation.

Mayor Gatta announced that April is National Volunteer Month and this week is National Volunteer Week. The Mayor publicly thanked all of the volunteers in the town who she felt were the backbone of the community.

Mayor Gatta reported that on April 30th, three people will attain the rank of Eagle Scout. She commended them for all their hard work She encouraged everyone to attend the ceremony.

Mayor Gatta requested a member of Council move to reassign some of the committee assignments to comply with our ordinance. In Capital Improvement she requested a motion that Hugh Sharkey will become the lead, Linda Johnson the backup and Lucille Chaump will also be added to that committee. She stated she would like Linda Johnson to be the lead and Hugh Sharkey the backup. Councilman Briscione motion for the changes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle followed by the Clerk calling the roll call vote and all members voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Gatta reminded everyone that June 1, 2005 there will be a town meeting at Borough Hall at7:00 P.M. Realty Appraisals will be at this town meeting to answer any questions residents have regarding the upcoming evaluation.

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

Matt Patella, who resides 75 Shrewsbury Avenue, Oceanport, addressed the Council and publicly thank Councilwoman Chaump for getting water for the residents on his street.

Joe Lombardo, Oceanport First Aid Squad, came forward to inform everyone that he received applications from the state for a new program which will lend first aids, fire departments up to $50,000 for improvements on their buildings at low interest rate.

Clarence Brockelbank of Sagamore Ave., who stated that he was tired of looking at the garbage on the curb for four or five days, four or five weeks. He stated that Tom Crochet sent letters to the residents. He would like to know how long it will be there and what will be done about it.

The Clerk stated that Tom Crochet sends residents a letter and there is no ordinance, but we do let the people know what the regulations are and that loose brush cannot be picked up. Councilman Briscione stated that Chief Sutton is putting an officer in place to look at code violation and to refer those to the code enforcement officer. It was recommended that Tom Crochet identify the property and address the situation, possibly pushing the debris into the curb.

Ed Ryan of 24 Willow Court complained about the state of the soccer fields, which are littered with soda bottles, beer bottles and other debris. Councilman Sharkey suggested that perhaps the police could do a drive by after the games and observe if there is any debris. Mr. Ryan also complained about receiving bills for a borough vehicle battery and brought to the mayor's attention that there is interest added to these bills. He also addressed the issue that three bids are needed to have a vehicle repaired. The mayor reminded Mr. Ryan that certain protocol has to be followed.

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

Councilwoman Chaump asked the Clerk to read resolution R-05-60 approving the vouchers on the Bill List dated April 21, 2005 after which she moved to approve same. It was seconded

by Councilwoman Johnson with the Clerk calling the roll and all members voting in the affirmative with the exception of Councilman Sharkey who voted no as it pertains to the Engineering bill as over $81,000.00 has already been paid to them for Blackberry Bay Park.

Bill List dated April 21, 2005. TOTAL TRUST TOTAL $358.50, DOG REGISTRY TOTAL $102.00. OPEN SPACE $235.00. 2004 VOUCHER PAID $190,987.82. 2004 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING $1,652.20. TOTAL 2004 VOUCHERS PAID $192,640.02. 2005 VOUCHER PAID $5,245,882.23. 2005 VOUCHERS PAID THIS METING $1,652.20 TOTAL 2005 VOUCHERS $6,467,072.32. (SEE BILL LIST)

At 9:05 p.m. Councilwoman Kahle moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 19, 2005 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

KIMBERLY JUNGFER
BOROUGH CLERK