

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 20, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on April 20, 2006 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Chaump stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Johnson, Gallo, Briscione, Sharkey, Kahle, Ibex
Mayor Chaump

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Scott Arnette

INNOCATION: Mr. Kunkel of the Cavalry Baptist Church gave the invocation.

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

Consent Agenda

1. Raffle Application for Lupus Foundation of America, Off premise merchandise raffle and off premise 50/50 to be held July 23, 2006 at Monmouth Park Racetrack.
2. Raffle application for Oceanport Lions Club, on premise 50/50 and on premise merchandise raffle to be held May 23 thru May 28, 2006 at the Lions Club Fair and Strawberry Festival.
3. Raffle Application for The Candle Lighters for the Retarded, Inc. On premises 50/50
4. Resolution approving various games of chance at the Lions Club Fair and Strawberry Festival.
5. Resolution authorizing a public auction of vehicles and equipment May 6, 2006..
6. Resolution appointing a new plumbing inspector.
7. Resolution approving the Bill List dated April 20, 2006.
8. Approval of the workshop minutes of March 2, 2006
9. Approval of the workshop minutes of March 13, 2006
10. Approval of the regular minutes of March 16, 2006.

Borough Clerk stated that this evening there were 10 matters on the consent and then asked if there were a motion for the agenda. Councilwoman Kahle moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilman Ibex seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Chaump stated that the Council would be doing something a little different this evening because this is the public hearing on the budget. Tonight there is going to be a Power Point presentation. There are handouts in the back and this is something new they are trying this year. Last year some people felt that they didn't have enough information in their hands. The handouts are located on the table in the back of the room. Mayor Chaump then stated that she would like to thank Kim Jungfer and Stephanie Smeltzer for putting together the Power Point presentation and now she is turning it over to the Finance Chair, Councilman Ibex and to the Borough Clerk, Kim Jungfer.

Councilman Ibex welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that he was going to talk a little about the Municipal Budget for 2006, but before he got into it just a couple of words to preface the presentation. Council started the budget process much earlier than in the past and he thinks that they have come a long way in a shorter number of meetings to be at the point where they are. He believes Council has a sound, solid budget. He will get into the budget tonight in a little bit of a degree and he would like to thank the efforts of everyone involved, not just the work of one or two people. It's the work of the Borough employees, in particularly the Borough Clerk, Kim Jungfer, her assistant, Stephanie and all the people in various departments who provided the information and who plead their cases for what they believe they need and coming before the Council for them to review, critique, suggest, amend, ask questions and through that question and answer process they resolve as a collaborative effort for the end result. He wanted to just thank everyone and commend everyone for all of their efforts because this is not a process that happens overnight. It's a long, involved process with a lot of thought and effort. Having said that he would like to talk about the 2006 Oceanport Municipal Budget. Just an idea of all the money that is raised here in the Borough, you can see that the largest chunk, 59% is used to fund the education of the schools. 21% is to take care of the business of the Borough and another 20% is to take care of the business of the County. So the Borough does an awful lot to end up with the small piece of the pie. Having said that it is nice to know that the County and the School Systems receive the benefits and effort of the Borough and the collection process, which is done 100% by the Borough and that is funded and paid for by the Borough. They don't have exactly 100% of collection but they do have a very good collection rate, but any short falls in collections falls to our detriment and not that of the Schools Systems or the County. It costs the Borough approximately \$128,000 a year for the effort that they put in for the collection of taxes. It covers the cost of people and supplies etc., and that is an expense covered entirely by the Borough for the benefit of all of those who share in the pie, including the Schools and the County.

Councilman Ibex stated that you can see from the next slide that the revenues that they were going to be raising from all sources in 2006 is approximately \$200,000 less than that in 2005. The primary reason for that is that money is to be received in grants is less than 2006 than in 2005. Effectively it has no impact on the Borough if the grants don't come in, they certainly can't be used to the benefit of the Borough at this time. Because they have money in their possession for a longer period of time for the schools and to pay our own bills with a little more aggressive investment policy and being careful on how they invest the available cash, they have been able to triple the investment income from \$42,000 to \$129,000 in 2005. Hopefully that goes to offset some of the increases that we are burdened with as taxpayers. Total amount of money its going to take to pay for the operations of the Borough in the coming year is \$5,698,000, which is up over the prior year of \$5,418,000 and he discussed the reasons for this increase. Total amount that we are going to have to raise additionally for the taxing process this year versus last year is approximately \$550,000. Of this money there is approximately \$447,000, which is non-discretionary spending.

Councilman Ibex explained that this is spending over which they essentially have no control over. The revaluation process that had to be done the Borough had to fund and pay for. The biggest piece of non-discretionary spending as you would expect is people cost, the cost of salaries, pension, social security, primarily the salaries of our Police Department are governed by contract. There is essentially no control over that process other than a negotiation process in trying to come to the best contract between the Police employees and the Borough. Often times the salary increases that are contractual by nature also have some impact on the kinds of increases that you are going to be faced with when you are dealing with Borough employees who are not governed by an employment contract.

Councilman Ibex stated that the other elements of cost that they have no control over are the cost of energy. We can be more efficient and more careful of turning lights on and off, but by and large the overall increase in the cost of energy is something outside of our control. A small amount that they are going to be facing this year over the past is the tipping fees for garbage. Tipping fees is a district term for what the haulers charge us for each time they pull a box and dump at the County landfill. Another element they really have no control over is the COAH plan and the litigation that the Borough is involved with. It's ongoing litigation that we must fund and deal with. Whatever drove the litigation happened several years ago he was not on Council at the time so he cannot really address a lot about the issue. Unfortunately it is going to cost the Borough a few dollars in the litigation process. They are anticipating \$90,000 in the budget for this process. When you get below the non-discretionary spending you are left with those things that you can control. When he was on the Board of Education, he referred to this as the "milk and cookies" because it is the only thing you can control when you get past the people cost. We are looking at a net increase of approximately \$120,000 for those kinds of items, the supplies, the various arrangements we have with people who provide services, as you can see those things which we have some control and which are a lot less than those of the non-discretionary nature. At the end of the process, they have made some cuts with folks in some of the departments and not everybody's expectations were met in this budget cycle. The Council had to draw some lines and make some decisions about deferring purchasing new equipment for another period because right now they believe that the budget is at a level that is affordable and to spend any further would not make any sense.

Councilman Ibex stated that at the end of this process, the amount that has to be raised by taxes over the prior year is \$550,000 and which equates to about 4.1 cents on your tax rate. Council does know what the tax rate is going to be yet because that rate comes from the County in June or July. Councilman Ibex stated that a reasonable estimate would be if you look at a home that is worth \$600,000 in the Borough under the Municipal increase for Oceanport would amount to about \$240 - \$250 increase on the tax rate. He knows that the school budgets were defeated at the last election, but based as what they put forth for the public to consider at those rates, the Oceanport schools would add approximately \$162 to the tax bill and the Shore budget would add approximately \$55 to the tax bill. This is the best estimate based on the information they have. Obviously with regard to the schools there is a process that will have to take place to determine what the final impact will be on the tax rates. That is essentially were his comments and his presentation on the budget. He then asked Kim, the Borough Clerk if she had any comments.

Borough Clerk stated that was basically it other than the fact that everyone worked very hard in all departments and brought their budgets down to the minimum they needed to absolutely operate throughout the year. She thinks it's a sound budget that they can operate under but there are no frills in this budget.

Councilman Ibex stated that he agreed with Kim's comment. He sat on the school board for 17 years and he has done a lot of budgets and sat through a lot of budgets and no budget is 100% perfect or ever will be. He believes they have a budget that is sound and affordable and there is very little that can be done with it at this point.

Mayor Chaump stated at this time she would like to acknowledge that Tom Fallon, the auditor, is present in case anyone had any questions. At this point she asked if anyone on Council had any questions for Tom Fallon.

Councilman Sharkey asked Tom where he stood in the audit process and asked if he finished his fieldwork?

Tom Fallon stated he completed the majority of the fieldwork, but he thinks that there are a few open items; the work papers have not yet been review by him or his partner.

Councilman Sharkey asked Tom when he would anticipate issuing the report?

Tom Fallon stated in about 2 weeks.

Councilman Sharkey asked if there were any findings that should be brought to Councils attention?

Tom Fallon stated that he hasn't completed his review but he didn't think there were any items that needed to be brought to the Councils attention.

Councilman Sharkey asked if he anticipated anything?

Tom Fallon stated that he wouldn't know until he completed his report.

Councilwoman Kahle asked Tom Fallon after he completed his review, if he found anything would that affect this budget process tonight?

Tom Fallon asked Councilwoman Kahle if she could be more specific.

Councilwoman Kahle asked with his audit if there were any reason for them to be concerned at all? Any reason why they shouldn't pass the budget?

Tom Fallon stated that Council should not be concerned and that he had some discussions with registered municipal accountants preparing the general fund and there were some adjustments to the general fund, which will actually be credited to surplus, so in essence it should put the Borough in a better financial situation.

Councilman Ibex asked if this would be a one-time adjustment?

Tom Fallon said yes, that is correct.

Mayor Chaump stated that at this time she would like to open up this part of the meeting to the public and to please be acknowledged, come to the microphone and give your name and address.

Joseph Irace, 10 Osprey Lane, thanked Councilman Ibex for the presentation as he thought it was very informative. He then asked under 2006 Spending Increases, there is other expenses, which turns out to be the largest number in this whole increase, could you please be more specific?

Mayor Chaump stated that the \$90,000 that is in the non-discretionary funding was for the COAH litigation that we had the emergency appropriation for and the other expenses, we added in another \$100,000 for legal fees because we had not gone to court yet and the case is not finished. The \$90,000 is for the work that was done for 2005, which they had an emergency appropriation, which now must be funded in 2006 because they didn't have the money then.

Joseph Irase asked if \$100,000 of that fund is for 2006 COAH legal expenses.

Mayor Chaump stated yes.

Borough Clerk stated that there are 2 parts of the COAH, the litigation part and the part that is used to formulate the COAH plan; half of the \$90,000 was to actually do the fieldwork and the engineering work. There were a lot of experts to formulate the COAH plan that regardless of litigation needed to be done.

Joseph Irase stated that would be non-discretionary more than discretionary right?

Borough Clerk stated that most of that was done with the \$90,000 in 2005. In 2006 that's for the COAH plan and any communications with COAH itself in Trenton and also the litigation and the Council based on calling other towns who have been in situations like this found that that was a sound number, but it is discretionary spending because there is no real figure for that this year.

Robert Kelly, Gooseneck Point Road, stated that in reference to the school budget, he happened to vote for the school budget even though he worked aggressively a few years ago to defeat it. He thought it was well thought out and well presented. He didn't like it, but thought that it was reasonable. He spoke to some of the people today and one person said that they were shocked by the vote outcome. He doesn't think that he was shocked or even surprised. He continued, if you remember the movie Network, he's mad as hell and he's not going to take this anymore. This is the little guy that the people in this room and the people who are not here, saying they can't stand it any more and he's crushed. He's being driven out of his home. His parents are getting driven out of their home. This is the only way people can react on some local level. So when he looks at the increases up there, he has to ask questions. He looks at the revaluation and he understands that is a legal deal and you can't do anything about that cost and that COAH litigation got dumped on us and we must deal with that. Pension, contributions, increases, we are committed to that and we are locked into it. Debt service we are stuck with. He looks at the Police Department salaries and that number jumps out at him. It may be completely justified, but that number jumps out at him being that is a huge number. You go down below that to energy increases and everyone knows what that is because gas and electric is expensive and he is surprised that it's that low. Tipping fees for garbage we have no control over. Social Security is a lock. Back to police salaries, there are 15 policemen which looks like a \$7,500 increase in salary and he knows that they are tied by the contract and negotiations are coming up. He's retired and he doesn't know who ever gets a \$7,500 pay increase in a salary. He then asked Councilman Ibex what the increase was in the previous year?

Councilman Ibex stated he knew the contractual increase was and then asked the Borough Clerk if she wanted to answer that.

Borough Clerk stated that the contractual increase is 4.25 adding that the number is a little skewed in that the new officer was hired back in January.

Mr. Kelly stated that he respects the Police Department and that they are great people, he's a member of CERT, but folks those are huge, huge numbers that ought to be a little more rational when they get into the Police and Municipal people who are appointed into office have a responsibility that has to be addressed because the people in this town are mad as hell and

they can't take it anymore. They have to get these numbers down. Being that the Police Salary stands out so dramatically they have to address it!!

Harry Sutton, Eatontown Blvd, one of the things about the police salary that he's sure that some of the people don't understand is the fact that recent retirements in the last couple of years lowered a lot of the salaries. We now have 3 officers, including the new hire, that are in steps. They are not at top patrolman salary so we saved money over the past couple of years and over a 5-6 year period they take larger steps until they get the top salary, so some of the increase is also because of the newer officers are moving up the steps each year.

Mayor Chaump asked if anyone else from the public who wanted to speak? With no one else she closed the public portion.

Councilman Ibex moved the resolution amending 2006 Municipal Budget. It was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Sharkey who voted no and felt that the budget doesn't include the items that are necessary to control costs long term.

Councilman Ibex moved for the adoption of the 2006 Municipal Budget. by Councilman it was seconded by Councilwoman Johnson and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Sharkey who voted no.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Borough Clerk stated that the only thing she had was the Police Report for March 2006, which she had distributed and will post tomorrow on the bulletin board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle stated that she would like to start off with Public Works. They were working on the Parks this time of the year trying to get them ready for the summer season. They are also still doing leaf pick up until Friday, April 28, 2006 so after that time please do not put the leaves to the curb, they will not be picked up. For the fall, in order to comply with the new Storm Water Management regulations the Public Works Department will be instituting a new program where they are going to be dividing up the town into three sections. Pretty much like recycling, where you have your day to put your recycling out, you will have your week to put your leaves out. As the program takes shape she will be giving more information but that's pretty much what it is for now. However, with the new Storm Water Management regulations you cannot leave the leaves on the street for more than 7 days. If you do, then you will be fined by the DEP.

Councilwoman Kahle stated for Buildings and Grounds, the bathroom building at Blackberry Bay Park will be resided on Saturday, which is part of a community service project with Chris Bonora and his daughter and they are going to be doing it at about 9:30 in the morning. If anyone is around that area at the time and would like to help them out they would surely like the help.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that she attended a couple of Coastal Monmouth Drug Alliance meetings and they have been busy the past couple of months and in conjunction with their own Oceanport school district they are sponsoring a series of workshops entitled

"Rediscovering Youth". The workshops are going to be held at Maple Place School on Tuesdays from 7-8:30 pm. The first one is going to be April 25th, which will be physical, mental and emotional expectations of youth. The next topics will be communication, roll of parents, coaches and leaders on May 2nd, instilling self-confidence and respect for others on May 9th, physical and emotional development goal setting on May 16th, and conflict of anger management May 25th. If anyone is interested she put some flyers outside on the table and they are free to the public. Also, the Center for Kids and Families at Monmouth Medical Center is offering two new programs for kids on the first Wednesday of every month. One is a support group for children and adolescents experiencing loss and the other is for children and adolescents who have a family member diagnosed with a serious illness or cancer. They are free and they are on Wednesday evenings.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that April is Alcohol Awareness Month and tonight Mayor Chaump will have a Proclamation to that effect. She is sure that all have been reading in the papers the concern about the under age drinking and the under age drinking parties. That is in our communities not just Ocean Township, even though that has been pretty much been in the papers. The fact is that by the time adolescents have reached 8th grade 44% have had at least 1 drink. Almost 20% have said that they have been drunk by that age. Under age drinking increases with age making it more important than ever to talk to your kids at the youngest age at possible. The Coastal Drug Alliance has been focusing on this issue and trying to get the word out in all of our communities. They have also compiled a list of recipes for mocktail cocktails to try to get the kids to drink them at the parties instead of having the beer kegs. The recipes are located on the table at the Borough Hall.

Councilwoman Kahle stated that as the education liaison in regards to the failed school budgets, she attended both presentations of the Shore Regional Budget and also the Oceanport School District and she agreed with Mr. Kelly in that the presentations were both well presented, they seemed to be fiscally responsible, Oceanport School District were really using their money for facilities maintenance, Shore Regional High School was adding in a couple of new programs such as Oceanography and a joint share with Monmouth University so the kids could take some college classes while they are still in high school. She also agreed with Mr. Kelly in that property taxes being what they are, Governor Corzine with his budget talk the other week, people can't take anymore taxes and they can't take the increase anymore and schools taxes, being 59% of our budget there is really one thing to focus on. The government has been saying they have been focusing on this for a couple of years now saying they are going to be doing focus studies and trying to change our property tax system, but nothing has happened and she thinks that with 33 of 54 school budgets failed in Monmouth County, this sends a clear message to the Governor that they really need to start doing something about it. On the local level she thinks that the school districts are going to have to start to look at consolidating services, product buying and shared services. She knows that Oceanport has started with shared purchasing with another town and we are going to have to continue on with that. We also may want to look at actually having a central office. Having one BA, one Superintendent, secretaries to do all 3 of the small schools plus the high school. That might be the way to look. If it's not the way to look at least we can look into it and find out the reasons why not. She is looking forward to working with the school district in the coming weeks and seeing what they can do. Also, with this Council we are also very interested in shared services and consolidated services and we will try to do our part in the coming year.

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Councilwoman Johnson stated that she would first like to make a motion to appoint Michael Minervini to the Parks and Recreation Committee, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilwoman Johnson reported with regard to Parks and Recreation stating that Tom Rospos attended the Parks and Recreation meeting and discussed Blackberry Bay and Old Wharf Park so everyone is on the same page and have the correct information and it was quite informative. Old Wharf Park is getting new benches, lights and pavers. Precise Construction is doing the job and it should be finished by the end of May. The only thing that will not be up are the lights. The bottom part of the lights will be taken care of, but the lights will not be on. The sprinklers have been turned on at Blackberry Bay Park and tested. The tennis courts have been paved, curbed, fenced and the water fountains will be installed hopefully by this week. She then congratulated Mike Minervini as a new member of Parks and Recreation. Also, Parks and Recreation is looking into doing a summers end 2k dash that was presented to Council at the Workshop, which will be on September 9th for the Summers End Festival. Right now the Borough is looking into certain areas as far as insurance and how to go about putting this on. So, hopefully they will be able to go ahead with this and this is going to be September 9th.

Councilwoman Johnson stated in regards to the Board of Health, they had the Health Screening, which was held on April 8th at the Oceanport First Aid building. There were 90 participants there and it went very well. She personally thanked the Oceanport Board of Health, the volunteers, Oceanport First Aid Volunteers and Monmouth Medical Center for making this a success. She thought that it went very well and she hopes that more residents will get out next year. They had a little less than they did the year before, but the residents that did come were quite happy with that and it makes a big difference.

Councilwoman Johnson stated that the Water Watch is looking into picking up some new members. They did say that they had a new member but they didn't have the name. Also, for the Hepatitis B she is still getting names and is waiting for the other volunteer services to give her their lists and hopefully they can coordinate something with Monmouth Medical Center. So, they are in the process of getting a total and going forward with that.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo stated that First Aid responded to 46 calls this month, 34 were emergencies and 12 were fire calls. They introduced a new member, Alan **Lawencston**. The building addition is moving along and you will soon see the block walls go up. They asked him to read a letter:

To the Oceanport Ambulance Team:

I just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone who came to our immediate aid on February 24, 2006. Everyone who tended to our needs when we had the horrific car accident on Port-Au-Peck Ave and Branchport Ave was phenomenal. I am so glad that we were in our town because everyone made myself and my daughter feel at ease. The outcome of the accident was truly a miracle and we are feeling better everyday. Our seatbelts saved our lives. Everyone's support and quick response and love should make you feel proud, as my family and myself are so proud to be part of such an incredible community.

Much Gratitude and Love,
Susan, James and Emily Mazey

Councilman Gallo stated that they were in a car roll over on the corner of Branchport Ave and Port-Au-Peck Ave and James is a volunteer fireman in the Fire Department and also a member of the First Aid Squad. At the time he was at work and he was calling in to the guys

that were there and he was worried about his wife but the First Aid Squad comforted them and had support from the Police Department and the Fire Department was all greatly appreciated.

Councilman Gallo reported on Water Watch stating that they are continuing to sample the water around Oceanport. They also are planning a spring clean up along our shores and the date will come out this month.

Councilman Gallo stated that he knows that there was a delay in the Senior Building but as of today the plans were dropped off at the Building Inspectors office and hopefully tonight they will have their approval and hopefully by the beginning of next week they will start construction and finish that project.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Councilman Ibex thanked everyone for coming tonight and as a follow up he would like to comment on what Bob Kelly and Ellyn Kahle had to say and to comment as a taxpayer and not a Council member. He thinks that Bob is absolutely right and that taxpayers have had about enough. He hates like the devil to report every time that the taxes are going to go up. Hopefully they can keep it to a controlled minimum but he thinks that the time has come that they really have to take a harder look at a lot of things the way that business is done. For having sat on the school board for 17 years and the issue of shared services has been but that until they actually get the pressure from the top of the State down and force things to happen it's very difficult to get shared services in place because of the home rule issues. There are initiatives here on the Council exploring ways to look for ways to share services but not at the detriment of the service to the taxpayer. There is a way to save money and still deliver an effective product to all the citizens. He's only been on Council for a little less than 4 months and he knows that going to Workshop Sessions he has a number of things that he wants to discuss with Council and with all of his years of experience with finance and budgetary processes and things that he knows that have worked other places could be tried here. Maybe together we can affect some positive change and still deliver the quality service. He thinks that the taxpayers have come to deserve and expect, speaking as a taxpayer, he gets tired of paying taxes and dealing with the increases, but he thinks the time has come and he thinks that the taxpayers of New Jersey have basically said that they have had enough. We have to stop spending. We are one of the most expensive states in the country. We have to start somewhere and he thinks that this Council is going to be working very hard in the next several months or several years to try to effect some of those positive changes.

COUNCILMAN SHARKEY: Councilman Sharkey stated with regard to the Borough's health insurance, like Councilman Ibex indicated, they are starting to look at some of the costs and trying to negotiate with the vendors as hard as they possibly can. The Borough's health insurance renewal is effective July 1st and they started the process early on in the year and received notification from the current carrier that they were going to receive a 4% increase on the health insurance renewal. By creating some competition and talking to another broker, the broker who handles our property casualty insurance program that saved us some money when we switched at the beginning of the year, he went out to another carrier, which is called the Central Jersey Health Insurance Fund. This is a fund, self-insured program, strictly a public entity for municipalities. They came back with the indication that they would give us a 9% decrease. So, effectively it is a 13% difference or potential savings with this fund. The caveat is that their quote is for 6 months and we would have to renew it on January 1st 2007. That is a problem. However, when Horizon learned of the substantial difference they came back the other night with an offer to guarantee the 4% increase for 18 months and that will take us to

1/1/08 before we have to look at the insurance again. That is where we stand. We are waiting for additional information from the HIF to verify their offer and they are also aware of the 18 month possibility of us being locked into the 4% increase. Health insurance is always a personal issue and a very difficult issue for the Council and our Borough employees to go through this process, but unfortunately it's the market conditions that dictate the prudent review of this very large expenditure every year.

Councilman Sharkey stated with regard to the municipal coordinating or shared services, we did start the process of gathering information from West Long Branch and Little Silver. In comparing some of those items against Oceanport, we looked for opportunities for shared services. He also asked some of the Council members if they had any thoughts on shared service items to get back to him and he would help facilitate putting the information side-by-side to see where opportunities could come. One of the opportunities that is being looked at by Councilman Briscione, himself, and Councilman Ibex is police dispatch. They met with Councilmen from West Long Branch and Little Silver and a number of residents had made inquiries recently about how the County is providing dispatch services for local towns and effectively our taxes are going to support that dispatch for the towns that are using that to an extent. They also pay into the pot themselves, but he's sure that it doesn't cover the full cost of it. That is one of the options of shared services that they are looking into right now, which is in a strictly exploratory stage right now where they are just gathering information.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione stated that he had a number of second readings on ordinances. He called for the second reading and public hearing of an ordinance regarding the 2006 CAP Ordinance and then asked the Borough Clerk to read the affidavit of publication and the proposed ordinance by title only.

Mayor Chaump then opened the meeting up to the public to comment on this ordinance only. There being no one from the public to speak, Mayor Chaump closed that portion of the meeting with a motion from Councilman Ibex and seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

Councilman Briscione moved to adopt the ordinance, which was seconded by Councilman Ibex.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES:	Kahle, Johnson, Gallo, Ibex, Sharkey and Briscione
NAYS	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT:	None

Councilman Briscione called for a second reading and public hearing of an ordinance regarding a 2006 Salary Ordinance and then asked the Borough Clerk to read the affidavit of publication and the proposed ordinance by title only.

Mayor Chaump then opened the meeting up to the public to comment on this ordinance only. There being no one from the public to speak, Mayor Chaump closed that portion of the meeting with a motion from Councilman Ibex and seconded by Councilman Gallo.

Councilman Briscione moved to adopt the ordinance on second and final reading and advertise same in accordance with the law and was seconded by Councilman Ibex.

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NAYS	None
ABSTAIN	None
ABSENT:	None

Councilman Briscione called for a second reading and public hearing regarding an ordinance the 2006 Bond Ordinance and then asked the Borough Clerk to read the affidavit of publication and the proposed ordinance by title only.

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ABSENT:	None

Councilman Briscione reported on the Planning Board stating that the night before the Board approved a use variance for story height and approved a site plan for Holiday Oceanport, which is the property on East Main Street that is currently the Old Wharf Restaurant. The project calls for 27 age restricted units, 3 of which will be affordable units. The property is located in the Village Center Zone and is the first property being redeveloped in accordance with the Village Center Zone criteria. The Planning Board also concurred with the color choice of the Recreation Committee for the brick pavers in the Old Wharf Park.

Councilwoman Kahle asked Councilman Briscione how high the building would be?

Councilman Briscione stated that it's going to be a 4-story building and the first story is an underground parking garage. That was a use variance. The way the height is measured is the medium point from the curb to the front of the building, so the height is 48 feet.

Councilwoman Kahle asked if the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Briscione stated that there were 6 Board members that voted and he and the Mayor couldn't vote because it was a use variance and the vote was 5 to 1, which they needed 5 votes to pass.

Councilman Briscione stated that the police report for March indicated that the department answered 1,347 calls, officers responded to 766 calls and there were 339

summonses issued and 330 motor vehicle stops. As Councilman Sharkey mentioned he is in the process of reviewing financial information provided by him relative to the cost of dispatching services. Additionally they are trying to get an accurate read on call volume in order to make accurate comparisons between surrounding towns, Oceanport and the County.

Councilman Briscione stated in regards to Monmouth Park racing resumes for 2006 on May 13, 2006 and will continue on weekends until June 2, 2006 when the regular schedule begins. The meet will last 91 days until September 24, 2006. At the last town meeting there were some complaints about the litter along the fence line of the track property across from the soccer fields and along the fence line at Elkwood, which is the stable area. He contacted the track officials and that matter has been taken care of and he thanked them for their cooperation and responsiveness. They are currently awaiting information about the formation of the Breeder's Cup Host Committee from Monmouth Park officials and they would then coordinate and plan activities in conjunction with the Breeder's Cup in October of 2007.

Councilman Briscione stated that on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 himself and members of the Public Works Department met at Blackberry Bay with Les Hauk, Director of Facilities at Monmouth University and 2 members of his staff from the Athletic Field Maintenance Department. They have offered to work with our Parks and Recreation Department and Public Works to set up a field maintenance program for baseball and soccer fields. They discussed a number of items that would improve the quality and condition of the fields and he looks forward to seeing their report and their recommendations. He thanked Patricia Swanik and Lester Hauk from Monmouth University for their cooperation and their assistance.

MAYOR CHAUMP: Mayor Chaump stated that the Two Rivers Mayors meeting on April 1, 2006 at Fort Monmouth. They had a tour of Fort Monmouth from 8:30 to 12noon, which will be discussed again at the next meeting. She also received a phone call from Virginia Bauer who is a New Jersey Commerce Commissioner to tell her that the Governor has applied for a \$300,000 grant from the Office of Economic Adjustment so they can start moving forward and they are also going to be signing the bill next Wednesday and the place is to be determined. If you have been reading in the paper the Board of Chosen Freeholders have designated Lillian Berry to represent the Board of Chosen Freeholders who now has a seat on the Local Redevelopment Authority or the Local Revitalization Authority depending on who you speak to what the name is going to be.

Mayor Chaump stated that they were notified on April 11, 2006 from Senator Karcher's office that Oceanport is one of the 16 municipalities in the 12th District awarded a clean communities grant of \$5,708 and the funds will be distributed in April. She also received a letter from the DEP about the New Jersey black bears. A flyer will be sent out about safety and she will be giving the flyer to Councilwoman Kahle to put in the bulletin. They are asking to please not feed the bears so that we don't have another run like they did last year. Don't leave your garbage out for the bears either.

Mayor Chaump stated on April 5, 2006 the New Jersey League of Municipalities gave a municipal service summit, which she attended with the Borough Clerk, Kim Jungfer and Councilman Sharkey. She will be reporting back along with Mayor Siciliano from Shrewsbury at the next Two Rivers Mayors Council meeting, which is going to be on April 6, 2006. Just to give an update on what was discussed was very interesting. The Honorable Joseph Roberts who is the Assembly Majority Leader spoke and gave a history, but this was started in 1952 with the Consolidated Municipal Act, which outlined sharing. There are over 200 laws that need to be modernized, which they are hoping to do. The Honorable Leonard Lance who is the Senate

minority leader spoke about inter local cooperation, which needs to be easier. They are looking for experimental and pilot programs. Maybe we can get in on one of those pilot programs. He was also telling them that to deliver services while preserving the quality of life should be one of the things that they should be looking at. He also stressed regionalization and shared services to be a non-partisan issue of everyone working together. The Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Susan Bass Levin, also spoke. She said that her department and the administration want to help in assisting the municipalities and the counties with this process. The towns need to take control and use the share grants, which are out there. There are two processes with the grants. One is how to share, which is the feasibility study which you can get up to \$20,000 and how to implement the study you can receive up to \$100,000. They have made some changes to make it easier for the County and also for the municipalities by allowing us to apply online and a turn around of 10 days. They have a proposed \$2.7 million budget for the municipalities to use and they are also going to be putting out a best practiced guide to help with this process. One thing that they also stress is to do your homework. Find out what the cost savings are, legal issues, and to need inter local cooperation among municipal governments. The thing about the cooperation with the municipal governments she thinks is something that the Two River Council Mayors, which consists of 13 Mayors from the surrounding towns, are going to be looking at. They have all said the same things and they are all hearing it from the taxpayers everyone has had enough of taxes. They need to do something to start brining those taxes down and probably sharing services. She thinks this is probably the reason why they took the tour of Fort Monmouth to see what is there that the county can take over and they can share from them also. One case study that they did talk about was Wharton and Mine Hill. Wharton had 13 officers and Mine Hill had 8. They combined the 2 small towns, which had a radius of 5 miles, and combined their services. However, Mine Hill contracts from Wharton and they have 21 officers in that area. Just to give you an update, Oceanport presently has some inter local service agreements with surrounding towns and the county. With the county we have an inter local service agreement with their Board of Health, social services, the MOD4 computer tax service, and also their library. Oceanport shares the Fire Marshall and the impound yard with Eatontown. With West Long Branch and Long Branch we share the Coastal Alliance for the prevention of alcoholism and drug abuse, which we would never be able to afford those services if we did it on our own. We also have intra local services with the Board of Education. We share the reverse 911, they purchase the gasoline through us, they store their buses and we use their buses for the Action Camp for a small fee, Rec uses the gyms and we use the fields. So, there is still more to be done and they have investigated other things in the past one of them was Municipal Court with Monmouth Beach, which was going to cost Oceanport \$20,000 more, which was not feasible. Another thing they looked into sharing was registrar with Long Branch and that was just too costly. They also looked into shared services with the Board of Education. She was on that committee last year along with Councilman Briscione. Using their tech person would have cost the Borough another \$25,000 - \$30,000.

Mayor Chaump stated that they also did a share grant to do lawn care because our own staffing couldn't handle that at the time. Cleaning was another thing that they looked at but our current contract is \$18,000 and the Board of Education would have to hire another custodian and in turn we would have to pay benefits and it would be costing the Borough too much money. For snow removal they would have to hire another person but they are still looking into that. There is still more to be done. She went on the League of Municipalities web site and there was a whole checklist and some of the checklist, as far as sharing with the Board of Education, were things that they already looked into.

Mayor Chaump stated that national volunteer week is April 23 – April 29, 2006. She thanked all of the volunteers and then listed all the committees that people volunteer on because she thinks that it is very important:

- CERT Team
- Lion's Club
- Emergency Management
- Fire Department
- First Aid
- Board of Health
- Planning Board
- The Alliance
- Cable and Technology
- The Capital Improvement Committee
- The Citizens Advisory Group
- Economic Development
- Environmental Commission
- Flood Mitigation Committee
- Library Association
- Recreation and Parks
- Sports Association
- Shade Tree Committee
- Water Watch Committee
- Garden Club
- Board of Education
- PTO

Mayor Chaump stated that they all need a round of applause for all of the hours they spend to make Oceanport great.

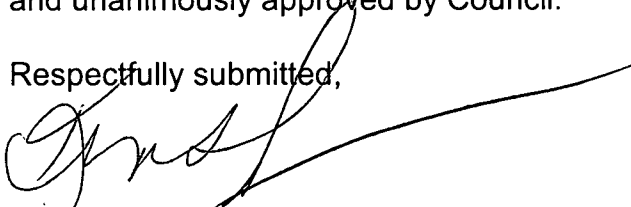
Mayor Chaump stated that her last thing was the Proclamation for Alcohol Awareness Month which she read.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

Bill List: Capital Trust Total \$212.00. Dog Registry Total \$1,674.35. Waterwatch \$790.00. Open Space \$470.00. 2005 Vouchers Paid \$578,373.18. 2005 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$208.00. TOTAL 2005 Vouchers \$578,581.18. 2006 Vouchers Paid \$5,114,753.33. 2006 Vouchers Paid this Meeting \$1,833,014.68. 2006 Total Vouchers: \$6,947,768.01.

Mayor Chaump stated that there being no petitions from the public she asked for a motion the adjourn, which was moved by Councilman Gallo and seconded by Councilman Ibex and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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