

REGULAR MEETING

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 20, 1995

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on April 20, 1995 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilwomen Filippone and Silkworth.
- 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 from the regular meeting held on April 6, 1995 had been made available for review by the Mayor and Council, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Raffle license applications all made by Monmouth Park Charity Fund, Inc., all are 50/50 cash raffles, on premise to be held on May 28, July 4, July 30, August 5, August 20 and Sept. 2, 1995. The Clerk advised that the required fees had been paid and the paperwork was found to be in order.

Councilman Taylor moved to approve the raffle license applications as read. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported under Buildings & Grounds, Councilwoman Silkworth had asked that he report in her absence that bids have been received for the replacement of the windows for the front of the Borough Hall. He continued that the windows there now are quite old, leak air and do not operate properly and stated that Councilwoman Silkworth is securing competitive bids to make sure we get the best price for this work.

Councilman McGee reported that in the past there had been a verbal agreement with Concorde Heating & Air Conditioning for the maintenance of all the equipment and Councilwoman Silkworth has been negotiating to have this agreement put into writing and to have it include travel time on emergency calls, since previously we were billed for travel time at \$55 for the first half hour,

which would make it double that on weekends and holidays. He felt that she was doing an excellent job and hopefully this agreement will be completed shortly and will save the Borough money.

Councilman McGee advised under Economic Development, a meeting was held on April 11 and he and Councilwoman Silkworth attended as Council Liaisons, and officers were elected and Gary Edwards will remain as Chairman and Chris Widdis will be the Vice-Chairman. He continued that an agenda and purpose for the future was discussed and the next meeting date set.

Councilman McGee reported under the Historical Society, the present Committee is not interested in continuing and he has several other residents who are very interested in resurrecting this Committee and a meeting will be held in the near future and he also asked if anyone in the public was interested in becoming a member of this group, they should contact Patti Varca at the Borough Hall.

Councilman McGee stated that under the Insurance Department, as part of being a member of the Statewide Worker's Compensation Fund, it is mandatory that we participate in loss prevention seminars and he and Councilman Wolfe attended a meeting last Tuesday in Parsippany. He advised that the main thrust of the meeting was safety for all municipal employees by touching on loss control procedures, hazard recognition and control, urbanomics, proper lifting and material handling. He commented that he looked forward to working with Councilman Wolfe to implement some of what they have learned and felt that the information presented would be a benefit to all the employees in the Borough.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: ABSENT.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported that the ComCast Meeting has been moved to Wednesday, May 3, 1995 at the ComCast Building at 7:30 P.M. and any and all of the members of the Council are invited to take a tour of their facilities as well as anyone in the public, who may be interested in becoming a member of the Cable Committee.

Councilman Miller commented under Parks & Recreation, John Kerwin our Recreation Director made a review of the parks as he does every Spring and came back with a list of items to be attended to and he will review same with Councilman Wolfe to see what things can be accomplished by the Public Works Department. Councilman Miller also wanted to commend our Public Works employees because it seems from what Mr. Kerwin advises, the parks are in the best shape this Spring than they have been in many years and part of it may have to do with the mild winter we experienced which allowed the Public Works Department to begin work sooner than normal and he asked Councilman Wolfe to tell the men what a good job they are doing in the parks.

Councilman Miller stated the Spring Egg Hunt held on April 9 at Blackberry Bay Park was a great success and run by members of the Recreation Committee and there were approximately 200 children who participated.

Councilman Miller commented that on Saturday, April 22, 1995, which is Earth Day, the Northeast Monmouth County Regional Sewer Authority will be holding an open house and anyone who would like to participate in a tour of the new facility is welcome to attend and it will be from 10 AM to Noon with light refreshments served and he also stated that the Oceanport Water Watch Committee will be there doing their sampling tests at the same time.

Councilman Miller stated he was home this week with a virus and all he could do was watch television and you could not help but watch what was taking place in Oklahoma City and the one thing that came to mind was something his father had said, in that war brings out the worst in men and the best in men and while he was watching the news on Oklahoma City it was very much like a war and it was one of the worst things he has seen in a long time but at the same time, it made him proud to be an American and see all the volunteer doctors and nurses who came to the site to help out and volunteered their time and efforts and it was truly magnificent.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor offered his thanks to the Fire Department and Police Department for responding to his home last week to a possible fire call and they all acted very professionally and luckily it was nothing major.

Councilman Taylor reported on the Rodeo Day which was held last week and he offered his thanks to the VFW, the PTO and the Police Department as well as the Drug Alliance, which were part of the sponsors of this program and there were 175 students who participated and it was a great turn out and orange flags were given out to the children.

Councilman Taylor reminded the residents that on May 6 there will be a Hazardous Waste day at the County Garage in Hazlet and there is a notice in the foyer of Borough Hall advising what materials can be disposed of at that site.

Councilman Taylor reported that for the third year, the Drug Alliance will be sponsoring the BABES Program at Wolfhill School, which is an educational program about alcohol and drugs for the students and they will also be sponsoring a puppet contest dealing with a poster of what they have learned during the seven week course.

Councilman Taylor offered his congratulations to Chris Seller and Kevin Stevens who are the Spelling Bee winners in the Oceanport District and to Elizabeth Lawry for the Maple Place School Student Achiever of the Year Award.

R-95-33 COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-95-33** regarding the Police & Firemen's Pension System, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

R-95-34 Councilman Wolfe then asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-95-34** accepting the 1994 Municipal Audit, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilmen McGee, Miller, Taylor and Wolfe.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: Councilwomen Filippone and Silkworth.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Wolfe then moved to temporarily appoint Councilman Taylor to the Finance Committee, in the absence of Councilwoman Filippone, for the purpose of signing some vouchers. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe commented that he has received a letter from Superior Court Judge Lawrence Lawson thanking the Borough for participating in the Community Service Program with the Courts. Councilman Wolfe advised that we have been doing this for at least five years and we use these individuals to help out in the parks and recycling areas during the day time hours, since they often are available.

Councilman Wolfe stated that Councilman Taylor brought to his attention last Monday, that a resident had contacted him about some Stop signs on Woodbine Way and the intersections of Summerfield, Springfield and Fairfield. He continued that he met with Chief Joyce and went over to the area to review where the signs were needed and they will be installed by the Public Works Department in the very near future, since we already have these signs in stock.

Councilman Wolfe stated he has the first quarter of the Port-au-Peck Fire Department's Report and advised the firemen responded to 10 house calls for a total of that and all the drills and back up calls 319 -1/2 hours for the past three months. He commented that people do not realize the amount of time the volunteers of the Fire and First Aid Departments give and when you think about over 300 hours for just one of the fire departments, it is quite an incredible amount of time and he will be receiving Hook & Ladder's Report in the near future. He thanked the firemen for all their efforts on behalf of all the residents of the Borough.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: ABSENT.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh stated in the absence of Councilwoman Filippone, she had asked that the Mayor give the Captain's Report for the First Aid Squad for March and stated that they had 25 calls, 246 miles and 114 man/woman hours devoted to the service of the Borough and this is only in March. He stated if someone were to calculate all the time the fire and first aid volunteers give to the community, it would be a very high number, which saves us untold money. Mayor Cavanagh stated he thanked all the volunteers for all they do for the Borough.

Mayor Cavanagh appointed Solomon C. Clark to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board as an Alternate I, Class IV, which term expires December 31, 1996.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they may have.

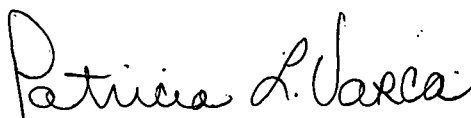
As no one from the public wished to be heard, Mayor Cavanagh closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the Voucher Register dated April 20, 1995. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and approved by Council. TOTAL 1994 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$156.90. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS \$410,522.02. TOTAL 1995 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$54,754.24. TOTAL 1995 OPERATING FUND \$465,276.26. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$350.00. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$72.80. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$20,000.00. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$110,000.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$80.2. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$163,074.71. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-LIEN REDEMPTION \$41,195.99. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

Mayor Cavanagh commented that the flag outside of Borough Hall is at half mast at the request of the President as a symbolic gesture of condolence to the families and people in Oklahoma City, some of who are still embedded in the debris and we offer our sincere sympathy for what happened.

At 8:23 P.M. Councilman Miller moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 4, 1995 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK