

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 19, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on April 19, 2007 at 8:00 P.M. with Mayor Chaump stating the meeting had been properly advertised in accordance with the law.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilman Ibex

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

INVOCATION: Pastor Bob Mills gave the Invocation

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Borough Clerk stated there were 13 items on the Consent Agenda. Councilman Sharkey asked for item #6 to be removed. Councilwoman Kahle asked for items #10 and #11 to be removed as well. With these items removed Councilwoman Kahle made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council.

The Borough Clerk asked for a motion for item #6 which is a resolution approving the Bill List. The motion was moved by Councilman Johnson and seconded by Councilwoman Kahle and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Sharkey who abstained.

The Borough Clerk asked for a motion for item #10, which is the Workshop minutes of March 1, 2007. This motion was moved by Councilman Briscione and seconded by Councilman Gallo and was approved by Council with the exception of Councilwoman Kahle who voted no and believes that the Workshop minutes should be typed verbatim since the meetings are taped.

The Borough Clerk asked for a motion for item #11, which is the Workshop minutes of March 12, 2007. This motion was moved by Councilman Briscione and seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council with the exception of Councilwoman Kahle who voted no.

Mayor Chaump stated before they go onto the Clerk's Report she wanted to let everyone know that she is going to appoint a blue ribbon panel to determine the efficiency of the Finance and Administration Department and to quantify the need for a Borough Administrator and to analyze the effectiveness of the departments. We have 2 people who volunteered at the meeting on Monday night. She applauded them for volunteering and she is also going to put Finance and Administration on that committee along with the CFO. She thanked the

volunteers, Mr. Mackenrodt and Mr. Lower, for stepping forward and offering their time and their expertise. They are truly a resource that we could not refuse and you took the time to come to the Council meeting, which means they have a vested interest in doing this and she thinks that all of the residents will be the recipients of their efforts. She is glad we could take advantage of the town pool and the people who live in the Borough, which will save us money and in turn will keep the taxes down while also maintaining the quality of life. She thanked them again.

CLERK'S REPORT:

The Borough Clerk stated she had the police report for March 2007, which has been distributed and will be posted tomorrow morning.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILWOMAN KAHLE: Councilwoman Kahle started off with the police report for March 2007. There were 72 motor vehicle summons' issued and a total of 939 calls. She congratulated Officer Michael Kelly for successfully completing the Traffic Engineering course.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on the Fire Department stating for March 2007 there were 7 calls with 2 mutual aid calls to Long Branch. They also wanted to express their condolences to the family of Joe McGroraty who passed away in March and was a 27-year fire department member. The Fire Department also participated in a drill at Middletown Fire Academy. The Hook and Ladder had a ham dinner on Easter Sunday.

Councilwoman Kahle stated First Aid named Ed Ryan as President of the First Aid Squad. For the month of March 2007 they had 39 emergency calls, 5 motor vehicle accidents, 5 fire calls, 25 ALS calls, 1 call to Monmouth Park, 2 mutual aid calls to West Long Branch, 1 to Eatontown, and 1 call to Long Branch. Total calls for the month were 49 and personnel hours totaled 237. She thanked the community for all the support with the rose sale where they made a profit of \$881.

Councilwoman Kahle commended Laura Hornung, Chris Dalton, Kathy Kenny, and Jonathan Ryan for responding to the state of emergency call during the flood along with 13 other squads where they assisted up in Bound Brook. They were there for a total of 18 hours. It is a wonderful thing when people volunteer and come together so again thank you.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on Buildings and Grounds regarding the parking and the tennis courts at Blackberry Bay Park. As you know they were resurfaced and we had some problems with them and they were supposed to be repaired. This project is being completed by Birdsall our past former engineer.

Councilwoman Kahle reported on the geese population situation. The Environmental Commission took on the task of geese population. The members attended a workshop last month sponsored by Geese Peace, which is a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the geese population. They shared their techniques with surrounding communities free of charge. The procedure is oiling the eggs. We do need the help of the community in spotting the nests and please do not feed them.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Councilman Johnson stated he had a 1st reading of the introduction of the 2007 Bond Ordinance and then asked the Clerk to read the proposed

ordinance by title only. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called roll:

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

Councilman Johnson made a motion to hold the public hearing on the proposed ordinance at the Council meeting of May 24, 2007 and to advertise same in accordance with the law which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called roll:

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

Councilman Johnson stated the second ordinance tonight was for the introduction of a Noise Ordinance and then asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only. Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the ordinance on first reading which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle.

The Clerk called roll:

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

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The Clerk called roll:

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

Councilman Johnson reported on Finance with regard to hiring a management consulting firm. He then made a motion to hire Jersey Professional Management for a sum not to exceed \$15,000.00, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kahle. Councilman Briscione asked for a discussion on the motion.

Mayor Chaump asked if there was going to be an amount in the motion if an amount was given by the consultant and Councilman Johnson stated that the report was \$5,500 and not to

exceed \$15,000.00. Mayor Chaump felt the motion was not being stated clearly and asked exactly what is the Borough paying for between \$5,500.00 and \$15,000.00 and Councilman Johnson stated it would be the cost of the study was \$5,500 and in case there is any other cost or overruns which would cap at \$15,000.

Mayor Chaump stated that she just appointed the Blue Ribbon Panel, so this would be a duplication of serves and we are spending tax payers money when we have volunteers that would be more then happy to do it free of charge.

Councilman Sharkey stated to Mr. Arnette that he had questions that pertained to items that are in Executive Session that he does not believe the panel can address properly and made a motion to go into Executive Session to get Mr. Arnette's legal opinion on the matter. Mr. Arnette stated that he did not know what Councilman Sharkey was going to ask and therefore did not know if it should be discussed in Executive Session or not. The Mayor has appointed a committee to do any administrative review of the Borough and a motion has been made to appoint professionals to do an administrative review and was at a loss to say yes go into Executive Session or not, because he did not understand the issue. Councilman Sharkey stated it pertains exactly to the issue of why we need a Business Administrator or don't, and why this group may or may not be able to address this concern and if the Council goes to Executive Session he could explain in more detail of this concern. Mr. Arnette stated that if Councilman Sharkey wanted to motion to go into Executive Session to address that specific issue and Councilman Sharkey stated that was correct. Councilman Gallo seconded the motion and Mr. Arnette stated the reason for Executive Session would be litigated and personnel issues.

The Mayor and Council retired to Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. and returned from Executive Session at 8:27.

The motion made by Councilman Johnson was then opened for discussion by the Council. Councilman Briscione stated that the Borough hasn't had a business administrator for twenty years and a wonderful thing has happened whereby citizens have offered to do this review and the Mayor put together a committee. If the Council was to wait two months what is the big deal and if the Council is not satisfied with the Committee's result then we could go out for the service then. This study ultimately could cost \$5,000.00 to start and if assume four months for a temporary business administrator it could be another \$13,000.00 and the company could get a placement fee for finding a permanent business administrator of \$10, 500.00 although they have received the same fee for the same service in Eatontown and Monmouth Beach. That amount totals close to \$30,000.00. If the in house group came up with solutions that would help the Borough, we could hire management training to change how we operate the Borough and that would be a great thing. To spend this money now he did not consider it to be best move.

Councilman Sharkey commented that there are items of personnel and litigation that Council discussed under Executive Session that he could not explain that he feels would justify the need for a business administrator immediately. He stated that Councilman Briscione is absolutely correct there is a \$5,000.00 cost to do a study, there is a \$12,000.00 to appoint a part time acting business administrator for the next three months and then there is the \$10,000.00 fee to do a search if the study indicates that the Borough does need a full time or part time business administrator which would take another three to six months. So we are effectively taking a process and dragging it out to three to six months. By doing that the Borough has not addressed the current problems that he has seen over the last two years and

this is minor dollars in the scope of things. He continued that he did make a call to one of firms who submitted a proposal to get verification on their proposal and like Councilman Briscione said they had three components, one was for an immediate temporary part time business administrator at \$95.00 per hour which would include the study and report and that is another option that the Council was not aware of until this time.

Councilman Briscione asked if they would do that within the \$15,000.00 and Councilman Sharkey stated the Borough would have the full services and experience of their firm. Councilman Sharkey felt it was a solution that gives everyone the feeling of comfort that immediate problems are being addressed, effectively trying out and working the process of what a business administrator does or doesn't do and gives the group that the Mayor just appointed the opportunity to effectively evaluate the work and results of this person and how productive or not productive they are. So if in thirty, sixty or ninety days this group determines with Council's involvement that we don't need a business administrator there is no loss or out of pocket money, because we got the study and the acting work done during the time frame and the Borough did not commit to a full time business administrator that we may or may not need. It is a fair proposal that addresses the needs and concerns of people who do not want the Council to rush into something, addresses the needs that there are important issues that need to be addressed and corrected immediately and we have the evaluation of an independent citizens group to monitor the process. It should cover all the bases in a fair, non-partisan way.

Councilman Briscione stated that it did not give him a comfort level, because it still does not address the reasons for hiring the business administrator, and ultimately paying for benefits, an allowance for a car, association membership, continuing education, equipment and a staff. He referred to the chart showing the employees and felt that needs to be looked at first and the committee is a great solution and save the Borough \$28,000.00 this year. The Board of Education did not go out and spend \$10,000 for a consultant to hire a superintendent and feels the Council can follow their lead and do the same thing.

Councilman Sharkey stated that there are immediate concerns that cannot be discussed because they are Executive Session which involve litigation and personnel matters. In what Councilman Briscione is talking about is a cost that we would not even anticipate going through with until the group and Council have an opportunity to evaluate further whether it is cost effective or not.

Mayor Chaump said that by having this Blue Ribbon Panel and the expertise of the volunteers and if she remembered correctly that Councilman Sharkey touted at the Senior Citizen meeting that in Howell they had citizens who were CPA's come forward and volunteered their time for finance and felt he would agree that if we have the same expertise in our Borough who are willing to help to delay the matter for 60 days and let the expertise of the people who have a vested interest in the Borough do their job.

Councilman Briscione stated that he did not feel it was fair and open to the two other consultants that came in that one firm was called to expand the scope of what they did and can't see how on one hand we asked for fair and open proposals and then someone calls one of the parties that submitted a proposal. He did not know if that was legal.

Councilman Sharkey stated that was not totally accurate. Jersey Professional gave us a proposal with three components and he had called to get confirmation that the Borough could combine two components jointly. Councilman Briscione asked if he called and asked the other

two firms who submitted if they could do this and Councilman Sharkey stated those firms did not offer those services in their proposals.

Councilman Briscione stated that he did not think these firms were asked to do those things and the one firm had a vested interest obviously if they are going to get a placement fee and put someone in a position and they have a vested interest in saying the Borough needs a business administrator.

Councilman Sharkey stated that they don't have to be used for the placement if that is a concern.

The Clerk read the motion back: "Hire Jersey Professional Management for costs not to exceed \$15,000.00. "

Mayor Chaump asked for clarification on the motion as there were three components to their proposal.

Councilman Johnson clarified the motion to hire Jersey Professional Management to do the study and provide a temporary business administrator not to exceed \$15,000. The motion carried with Councilpersons Kahle, Johnson, Gallo and Sharkey voting in favor and Councilman Briscione voting no stating he felt it was an insult to the taxpayers.

Councilman Johnson moved to open the Public Hearing on the 2007 budget. Councilman Gallo seconded the motion. The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comments on the 2007 Municipal Budget:

Ed Miller, Hiawatha Avenue. Stated that he did not have a copy of the budget but in the budget was an item for \$90,000 for a business administrator. Councilman Johnson told him there was \$75,000 in the budget for that position. Mr. Miller stated it sounds like it has already been decided. Mr. Miller went on to explain that he was a Councilman for nine years and how the Council worked when he served. He stated his displeasure with the motion and would like to see the \$75,000 out of the budget until the study is complete. He continued that if there are people in the Borough who are just as knowledgeable that with a vested interest and will be totally ambivalent one way or the other. He stated he would like Council to take the \$75,000 out of the budget.

George Katzenberger, 540 Seawanaka Ave., would like know if the administrator is hired, who is going to leave. He feels the right now the people the Borough has are doing a pretty good job. He stated he volunteered to help on the Blue Ribbon Panel and gave some of his professional experience that would qualify him to sit on the Committee. Mr. Katzenberger continued by saying that the statement that there is a need for a business administrator without looking at it totally is a slap in the face to the rest of us and the people who have volunteered to help out.

Frank Barricelli, Hiawatha Ave. stated there is \$75,000 for an business administrator and he tried to find out why it has to be spent. Has asked numerous questions on the functions this person would perform. He commented on an article in the paper stating some of the reasons for a business administrator and asked why some of the Borough Council could not perform these functions. When people hear government continually changing the reasons for why they want to do something we get very suspicious. Mr. Barricelli felt the \$75,000 should be removed from the budget.

Councilman Briscione stated that our outdated Borough website was the only one that had updated information for residents on the recent Noreaster. Also we received a grant last year for the recodification of ordinances and an upgrade of the website. He gave an address for a sample website which is under construction can be viewed.

Councilwoman Kahle asked when this would be available as it was authorized last year and Councilman Briscione stated probably in thirty days.

Alan Johnson, 30 Belmar Ave., stated it has been said there is a 5% cut in the budget and he didn't see it and disagrees with the capital spending budget, the \$15,000 and the \$75,000 to \$90,000 for the business administrator. It has not been thought through and the residents don't deserve a slap in the face like that. There is a pool of people who are trying to help reduce the taxes and it is not right.

Hank Wollman, 16 Center Street, didn't repeat his comments from the last meeting. Mr. Wollman commented on the budget line for a new fire truck and a new ambulance. His understanding is the current equipment meets the needs and even exceeds the need. The fire departments can't get along; there should be one fire department. There is one first aid squad who does a great job with many more calls. If the Borough does need equipment, Mr. Wollman felt it was irresponsible when there is a pooled equipment lease program, if the Borough did not take advantage of it shame on us especially if the equipment that is needed is in this program.

Mr. Wollman continued that he knows what the Mayor and Council are doing is a thankless job and he appreciates it. As you can't make everyone happy but just asks they do the right thing.

As no one else from the public wished to be heard the public hearing on the 2007 Municipal Budget was closed on a motion from Councilwoman Kahle with a second from Councilman Johnson, which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Johnson stated that as Councilman Ibex was on vacation, he had the distinct pleasure of intruding the Borough's budget for 2007. Councilman Ibex and Councilwoman Kahle started the budget process back in November, 2006 instituting a zero based budget. After many meetings and much negotiation the budget that is being introduced for adoption is fiscally responsible without reducing services. The 2007 Municipal Budget has increased by 3.2 cents of \$100 of assessed value. As the average home in Oceanport is assessed at \$580,000., this would translate into a tax increase of \$185. per year or \$15.47 per month. The two largest increases are \$173,000. for a planner to help develop a concept plan for the Fort Monmouth property. The planning firm hired is one of the most respected planning firms in the State and they also have BRAC experience. The other area that has affected the increase is salaries \$236,272. Most of this increase is contractual and the Business Administrator. Other increases are also contractual in nature such as trash collection, recycling and maintenance contracts along with the increase in energy costs. One area that Council did reduce the budget was discretionary spending with some departments seeing a decrease in their budgets, some departments staying the same and some with increases mainly due to contractual obligations and mandated costs.

Councilman Johnson moved that the 2007 Municipal Budget be adopted. There was no second so the motion failed.

The CFO, Gregory Mayers explained the process, stating that since the budget was not approved, the governing body would look at the budget and recommend changes until an agreement can be reached. At such time the original budget as introduced would stand and a resolution to amending such budget. He stated that depending on the magnitude of the changes it would either allow adoption of the budget or if the changes are over or under a certain amount it would require a public hearing which would have to be advertised before the budget could be adopted depending on the amount of the changes.

Mr. Mayers stated that the Council should meet on any changes as soon as possible because if there is a public hearing required it would have to be advertised, and perhaps have a special meeting on May 3rd, not to take action, just to introduce the amendment to the budget to have the public hearing and adoption on May 24th. Councilwoman Kahle had some questions of Mr. Mayers regarding the time requirements and Mayor Chaump stated that the Council will stay with the schedule because to have a special meeting would be an insult to the public here that evening. There have been 11 budget meetings and at the workshop meeting on Monday night the CFO asked if there were any changes to the budget and no one came forward. Now after twelve meetings we are going to amend the budget. Council needs to get back together to find out what needs to be done.

Councilman Briscione stated he was on record previous to this as opposing the budget due to the cost of the administrator and the capital budget. One of the reasons given for hiring an administrator was to help purchase capital items. The Council just passed a Capital Budget of \$1,115,000 with two large ticket items totaling \$610,000.00. Councilwoman Kahle stated that with the resolution that just passed this administrator can actually look at the Capital Budget before the public hearing.

Councilman Sharkey asked Mr. Arnette what the process was if the Mayor would not call a special meeting and Mr. Arnette explained that the Mayor can call a special meeting or by a majority of Council. Councilman Sharkey asked if this can be done via email to the Borough Clerk and Mr. Arnette stated that would be a vote at public meeting and would do it right then.

Councilwoman Kahle moved to have a special workshop meeting to discuss the budget on Tuesday the 8th. The Mayor suggested that the meeting be held right then and Councilman Briscione stated that he and Councilman Johnson had an Economic Development Committee meeting that day. Mayor Chaump suggested that it be done through the Finance Committee as it had always been done and Councilwoman Kahle stated she did not like that process and would like the entire Council to meet so all ideas could be presented. There was a move from the audience to do it right then but some Council members were not prepared for such a meeting.

After discussion Councilwoman Kahle moved to hold a special workshop meeting to discuss the 2007 Municipal Budget on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Gallo and approved by Council with the exception of Councilman Briscione who heard the public ask for the meeting then and was prepared to do so.

Mayor Chaump asked the Council to do their homework and come with the requested changes. Mayor Chaump stated it would be here, Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. and would be open to the public.

The Borough Clerk explained that a temporary budget resolution was distributed to all members and copies were available to the public in the event that the budget was not adopted. Mr. Mayers added that this was necessary to move forward.

Councilman Johnson moved that a Temporary budget resolution be adopted as presented. Councilman Briscione seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN GALLO: Councilman Gallo reported that the Recreation Committee held its Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Center which was a great success with over three hundred children participating and a good time was had by all.

Councilman Gallo explained the adopt a bench program, stating Recreation is seeking donations to install up to 20 benches around the parks. The price of each bench is \$1,000. which includes the installation? To date 8 benches have been donated.

Councilman Gallo stated that Recreation also recommended Sheri Amador as a new member and moved that the Council approve Sheri Amador as a member to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Councilman Johnson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Gallo reported that if residents have a Borough owned tree on their property with a problem they should contact the Shade Tree Committee to verify the corrective action that should be taken. This was a request from the Shade Tree Committee at their meeting this week. The Committee is also looking for new members.

Councilman Gallo then read what he had written about the budget this evening stating he would have voted no for it, "One day we started with the concept of zero based budget. He knew the Fire Department and First Aid Squad worked hard to come up with their budgetary needs to run their services, all the departments in town did. Then after all the work, the departments remained flat except for three departments and he wanted to know why. The three that received increases the Council never went into depth as to why they needed those increases. It was his feeling that all the budgets should remain flat until the Council gets a handle on all spending. He found it funny that residents come to offer their opposition to the thought of getting a Business Administrator because of what they believe that person's salary would be and questioned if anyone has looked the budget to see additional salary increases. Right now there is a 4.25% raise for all the employees totaling \$149,000. But if you look in the budget there is an additional \$85,400.00 to all other employees and asked if anyone picked up on that. He could not vote for the budget for that reason. The question is do we need a Borough Administrator and he said yes, because if you look up here that are seven different ideas on how to move this Borough forward each having its own department's best interest in mind. What is needed in the community is that we all move forward, not this program is funded this year and that program is funded next year. With an administrator, whether part time or full time, he does believe the Borough needs one.

COUNCILMAN IBEX: Absent

COUNCILMAN SHARKEY: Councilman Sharkey reported that the Board of Health is having their Health Screening Clinic this Saturday and understands that there are 79 registrations for that.

Councilman Sharkey stated that approximately two years ago he did make an effort to try to get a group of ten accounting professionals and CPA's who live in town together to have an ad hoc committee to review the budget and financial information of the Borough. He had scheduled the auditor at the time, Tom Fallon, to teach a two-hour class on municipal accounting to this group which is completely unique from standard GAP accounting which is used by the private sector. Right before the meeting, he got a call from the Auditor and he said he was approached by the Mayor to not teach the course and the meeting had to be cancelled. He then asked the auditor if he were asked to give a bad report or clean opinion if there were problems or keep stuff out of a report would he do it and the auditor said no, he would not. When he was asked to come in and explain to Council on the record so everyone could hear Councilman Sharkey's questions and concerns to give a better understanding of what is going on he would not come in. He continued that Councilman Briscione and Councilman Ibex wanted him to have that discussion in a private phone call that no one else could hear and that was dead wrong. That is a slap in the face that the no one heard what really was going on.

Mayor Chaump stated that the auditor was going to charge to teach the class and she did not think it was fair to the residents of Oceanport to pay for a class for CPAs.

Councilman Sharkey stated he was not going to charge and Mayor Chaump said he was. Councilman Briscione stated that it was unfortunate that the former Mayor is not here to comment on that and Councilman Sharkey stated it was current Mayor he was told that cancelled the meeting. Councilman Sharkey stated that the questions that people should be asking, why would anyone want to do that, cancel citizens and not let them meet to review and understand the finances that is the question you should be asking.

COUNCILMAN BRISCIONE: Councilman Briscione reported that the Planning Board members have completed the mandatory training course given by the State. The application for use variance for medical office use and clinical trial research at Monmouth Park Corporate Center on Crescent Place has been continued until April 25, 2007.

Councilman Briscione stated that an application has recently been filed with the Planning Board for proposed condominiums at the old Shell Station at the corner of Oceanport Avenue and Main Street. The date for that hearing is May 9, 2007.

Councilman Briscione reported that we are going ahead with the office trailer acquisition from Tinton Falls for the police department. They will appear before the Planning Board for Capital review and are currently working out details and may end up just paying for moving costs.

Councilman Briscione reported that the Council passed a resolution in support of an application for a Coop Marketing Grant offered by the State Commerce and Economic Growth Tourism Commission for the Breeder's Cup events. A required matching grant of 25% will be funded by the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders and thanked Freeholder Burry for her efforts in having the County budget \$25,000 for Breeder's Cup activities. There have been discussions regarding this event and Freeholder Burry understands the economic benefit that this event would bring to the County and has been extremely supportive of the efforts. Currently planned is a 5K run, which will finish at the track at the same finish line as the Breeder's Cup horses, a polo match and a street fair. Councilman Briscione said that anyone wishing to volunteer should contact him, Borough Hall or the Monmouth Park website. He added that many people have questioned possibly renting their homes for the Breeder's Cup,

his wife would probably throw him out if he suggested that, but there is a link on the Monmouth Park website for those who have an interest, www.MonmouthPark.com/rentals.

Councilman Briscione reported that the Public Works completed branch pick up on April 11th from the storm and no more branches should be put to the curb. They have obtained quotes to grind and remove over 747 truckloads of branches and trees that were picked up as a result of the Valentine's Day ice storm. Public Works has also obtained quotes for the tree damage to the trees in the Borough's parks. Public Works also edged the baseball infields and the irrigation systems have been opened with the parks being cleaned as soon as the weather breaks and the snow fences will come down. They are also in the process of spreading wood chip carpeting on the playgrounds and spring leaf cleanup will continue through the end of the month.

Councilman Briscione stated the with regard to Buildings and Grounds, the engineer explained we are having a problem with water in our fuel supply tanks and he has suggested having them cleaned and due to the piping configuration during the initial installation it is not going to be an easy task and are obtaining quotes for that work. Councilman Briscione stated he is also working with the engineer to up date our maintenance and repair records and requirements on Borough buildings so that we can effectively plan for maintenance issues such as the tank situation before they become expensive repairs.

Councilman Briscione stated he is reinstituting the monthly tour with the engineer and Public Works to review complaints and outstanding items.

Councilman Briscione reported on Economic Development stating that the first charette took place on Saturday, April 14th. Clark, Caton and Hintz, the Borough's Planners, presented information about infrastructure, wetlands, environmental issues and public benefit conveyance requests involving the 419 acres of Fort Monmouth that are within the Borough limits of Oceanport. They also reviewed the real estate market and economic conditions that will affect the redevelopment of the site. They answered questions from the public and solicited comments about potential reuse of the base. The next charette is scheduled for May 12th and will be held a Maple Place School. This will be posted on the website and will notify the newspapers. The public is strongly encouraged to attend these meetings.

Councilman Gallo asked if any of the meetings would be in the evening and Councilman Briscione stated they survey the public at the meeting and the majority felt they would rather have them on Saturday's but maybe could talk about having the third meeting on a week night.

MAYOR CHAUMP: Mayor Chaump reported that Student Government Day in May and the Council was invited to participate with the students at Maple Place School, at May 3 at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Chaump attended the Teacher of the Year award and Jackie Walling and Jamie Gilcrist were the two teachers receiving the award.

Mayor Chaump stated she attended the Coastal Alliance meeting on March 29, 2007 and the Alliance is in the process of doing RFP's for the 2008-2010 grant and the group is revising the by-laws. James Wallace from the County was there and discussed the new grant cycle and the County has finished their new guidelines with applications out in April. The DARE graduation was March 29th with 94 graduates from the 5th grade.

Mayor Chaump reported that the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority had a meeting on March 21st and on March 30th she received a letter that the Oceanport notice of intent was accepted and will go to the Authority. Freeholder Burry also reported that on February 23rd there was a notice of intent for Heroes and Friends concerning the Patterson Clinic. The Emergency Management Service Committee has 14 members and have added the Fire Chiefs from each town. The Committee is now in the process of going out for an RFP for a master planner, there are 8 proposals and two will be interviewed on April 23rd and will be appointed at the April 28th meeting which will be at Maple Place School at 7 p.m.

Mayor Chaump again reminded everyone that the Health Screening was this Saturday.

Mayor Chaump stated that there was a Breeders Cup meeting on March 30th. Assemblywoman Beck asked for the meeting and attending in addition to her, were Assemblyman Panter, Senator Karcher, Dennis Dowd and they also invited the Mayor. There was discussion about the cost analysis and talked about police, emergency management and wanted to make it clear that Oceanport is the host town and the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority is hosting the Breeder's Cup. The reason for this is to provide a boost to the State and Local economies and also enable Monmouth Park and the State of New Jersey to catch an eye of national and international horsemen and racing fans and provides for a long term stimulus. They have allotted 38,700 for local police and \$95,600 for State police and an additional \$10,000.00 for fire and ambulance and will be giving them a donation.

Mayor Chaump reported that the Oceanport Board of Education budget was passed; Shore Regional's budget was defeated. She stated that she and Councilmen Sharkey and Gallo will be meeting next week with Shore Regional and the other sending districts to discuss that budget.

Mayor Chaump stated she had a Black Bears flyer which will be in the front lobby of Borough Hall and will give copies of the flyers to both schools.

Mayor Chaump stated that she had a proclamation for Alcohol Awareness month which will be posted on the front doors of Borough Hall and a copy sent to the Coast Alliance.

BILL LIST: Ad Hoc Trust \$957.93. Open Space Trust \$235.00. .2005 Vouchers Paid \$7,800.00. .2006 Voucher Paid \$218,821.67. 2006 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$4,350.76 Total 2006 \$223,172.43. 2007 Vouchers Paid \$6,289,623.36. 2007 Vouchers Paid This Meeting \$393,623.54. Total 2007 \$6,683,246.90.

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

Edward Ryan, 24 Willow Court, stated that more and more people have been attending the Workshop meetings and those people had to wait over an hour while Council interviewed people and felt it was unfair for the residents

Mr. Ryan stated that even though there were people willing to do the work for nothing the Council approved up to \$15,000 to do the same work. This town has always consisted of volunteers and that action put a hole in all volunteers for everything.

Mr. Ryan stated that the racetrack season will soon start, it seems that at the end of the year we have trouble with sewers and drainage at the racetrack. He asked if Council will be checking the racetrack throughout the year or wait until the end of the year when everyone complains about the pollution. Mayor Chaump stated that she had been in touch with the County Board of Health, DEP, Senator Karcher, Assemblywoman Beck and Assemblyman Panter about this.

Mr. Ryan felt it was really bad that one of the Councilpersons discusses something about another member who is not present.

Gary LaBruno, Wyandotte Avenue, thanked the Council for wasting the public's time that evening with the budget charade. The majority knew they were not going to bring it forth.

Ed Miller, 94 Hiawatha Avenue, commented that it is very nice that the Breeder's Cup is going to pay for the overtime for police and give a \$10,000 donation to fire and first aid which is drop in the bucket. This town is going to be shut down for the Breeder's Cup and for hosting the event will only get the aggravation as we have no hotels or restaurants to speak of and felt we should ask for a new ambulance as it would be a drop in the bucket in the amount of money that will be earned from this event.

Mr. Miller asked Councilman Gallo if he was correct in understanding he felt we needed a Borough Administrator to bring civility to the Council. What is happening on the Federal and State level is now happening in Oceanport and is sad as a former Councilman that this is happening. He felt the Council should go away on a retreat for a weekend and discuss their differences and forget about being R's and D's and come back and work together for the town.

Chris Baggot, 200 Comanche Drive, commented that being as it is 2007, members of the Council have continually referred to the Business Administrator as either he or him, and would that Council refrains from doing so in the future especially in the light you may not be aware there is currently a female who is fully qualified to do the job.

Mr. Baggot asked Councilman Sharkey regarding the use of professionals verse the use of volunteers, one of the reasons you did not want volunteers was because there were budgetary and executive reasons and did not understand the difference between hiring somebody or volunteers. Councilman Sharkey responded that his understanding is that there are issues that are litigation or personnel that are covered under executive session and may influence what work flow is being done in Borough Hall and it is his understanding, like a Borough employee like the Borough Clerk can attend executive session meetings, but members of a volunteer group would not be able to do that. Mr. Baggot asked Mr. Arnette asked if there was a legal prohibition in the use of volunteers and Mr. Arnette stated that whether they are paid or not paid is not a distinction that matters to him.

Rick McKenna, 119 Sagamore Ave. addressed the Council as President of the Board of Education and thanked the community for support of the budget that was just passed. He understood that there may be need for rooms for meetings and wanted the Council to know they have two assets they could use at any time and asked they call Norma Tursi for information.

Mr. McKenna then spoke as a citizen regarding the business administrator, he was happy we have people in town who are volunteering their time. His expectation of what the committee will be coming forward with is a cost or value benefit analysis and in that a needs

assessment and prioritized chart for the residents to see the data and try to remove as much emotion as possible so that any decisions are based on the data. Have a six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four month long range plan.

Dan Barcus, Oceanport PBA representative, commented on the budget discussion with everyone applauding thinking the budget was not approved because of their comments which is the farthest thing from the truth. Everyone here does not doubt there were at least four members who were not going to pass the budget that evening under any circumstances and as Councilman Gallo stated his reasons for not passing the budget. He continued that salaries and other salaries increases were an issue, but with more than a dozen workshop meetings and Council meetings and other budget meetings where there was time to discuss these things it was not done. The CFO asked Monday night at a workshop that if there were any questions or concerns or any changes to the budget and no one said anything, but now there are concerns. At any time did anyone approach the liaisons for those departments who have those increases. At any time did anyone approach the heads of those departments to ask why they need these increases. No time did that happen. Six months ago the Police Department budget was submitted not once has anyone raised issues regarding that budget. You don't care about the public's comments and will insert the Business Administrator for your own personal needs or desires whether it is because you are too cowardly or ignorant to make decisions on your own, you want to have someone in front of you to make the decisions for you as opposed to having to deal with issues. It is an absolute disgrace that this is going on.

Jerry Bertekapp, Oceanport Fire Chief, six months ago the fire department spent countless hours putting together a zero based budget for the Council. They are just about out of money and the department wants to move forward. It is getting very frustrating and realizes he could probably get more emergency money to keep things rolling, but wants to get going and move forward. He asked they try to get the budget done as soon as possible.

Mike Minnervini, 1281 Eatontown Blvd., came for two reasons, one as a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee and wanted to let the Council know that the Summer's End was awarded a 2007 Special Event Award. He gave a letter to the Mayor and asked she attend the dinner on April 30th to accept the award. Mayor Chaump applauded Mr. Minnervini and members of the committee on their hard work on Summer's End.

Mr. Minnervini, stated he and Toni Sverapa are working on the "Adopt a Bench" program which Councilman Gallo reported on earlier that evening. He asked the Mayor and Council to donate personally for the 2007 Mayor and Council bench, as the Parks and Recreation Committee are doing and he just asked Mr. McKenna if the Board of Education would also be interested in doing so. The Committee is up to 11 benches. The Mayor and Council including Mr. Arnette agreed to participate in the program.

Ed Miller, Hiawatha Avenue, added that we have a Borough Clerk who has a degree in Public Administration. If you go the Business Administrator way, you might look favorably on the Borough Clerk and wouldn't have to spend the whole \$75,000 to 90,000 because she is already receiving a certain salary now. He was not saying he is in favor of an administrator because he is not.

Joe Lombardo, Oceanport First Aid, said he the Council did not help the First Aid build the addition and it cost the First Aid about \$150,000. a year to run and that the Council is only providing \$40,000 of that \$150,000. It is April and we are still waiting. When First Aid went to Capital originally the ambulance was \$225,000 and have reduced the size, weight and

capabilities down to something that is \$160,000. He realizes that is a lot of money, but the First Aid took a mortgage for \$400,000 and paying is 8.35% interest and this Council wouldn't back the First Aid to the point where they could have had money at 3 to 4 percent by cosigning. He found it difficult to believe that Council doesn't want to help First Aid but the way they are acting they should be ashamed of themselves. Councilman Briscione stated that he did assist First Aid in obtaining a grant a few years and Mr. Lombardo stated they got a grant for an elevator they did not want but the building inspector stated it was necessary and he thanked Councilman Briscione for helping with that.

Rose Ann Letson, 37 Morris Place asked Mr. Arnette for the benefit of her neighbors who were not there Monday evening, to briefly explain where the Borough was with the Builder's Remedy Lawsuit. Mr. Arnette stated the matter is on appeal and the appeal is pending.

Linda Johnson, 30 Belmar Ave., stated it was mentioned that the business administrator would be used for help with the capital committee, which was formed with all volunteers of the Borough and every year it has worked. All of a sudden this year it is not working, now you want to pay a B.A. to do this when years before it worked and didn't understand why this year it did not work.

Ms. Johnson hoped that on April 23rd that everyone here tonight attends.

Alan Johnson, 30 Belmar Ave., for all those who did not attend the public meeting when Mr. Fallon attended, there is not a good rapport between Mr. Fallon and Councilman Sharkey because Councilman Sharkey accused him of pay to play and bribing the Council. So if anyone thinks Mr. Fallon was going to teach a class and not charge the Borough.

Mr. Johnson asked Councilwoman Kahle asked why the push to Long Branch for the building department because when you share services with another town, their town comes first. Our building department is almost self-funded. He stated that Oceanport does not have a broken building department, why go to Long Branch. We do not want Long Branch here. This is Oceanport.

Councilman Sharkey stated that Mr. Johnson was wrong in his comments regarding Mr. Fallon and Mr. Johnson stated it was a recorded meeting. Councilman Sharkey stated he made a misrepresentation to the public and Mr. Johnson stated he did not believe so.

Councilwoman Kahle commented on sharing the building department with Long Branch, they are actively looking into sharing services with Monmouth Beach and Oceanport. If we wanted to do it after the study we would consider it and last year revenues from the Building Department was down \$20,000.00. Monmouth Beach has decided to do that with Long Branch, has streamlined their department and are saving over \$5,000.00 and the department is more accessible to the public instead of the limited hours that they used to have and we have. The County is opening up a shared service office and offer shared service opportunities. Right now we have had three opportunities, the building department which we did not partake in. We also have the shared service study with the dispatchers, which we did not participate in and the shared service with the police study and were not a part of that. Long Branch approached her and we could not get the information from our Building Department after repeated requests so we were not a part of that. Mayor Chaump asked if anyone on Council got the letter and felt it should be a Council decision and Councilwoman Kahle stated she did bring it up at a workshop meeting. Mayor Chaump stated we had the opportunity to look into it to see if there were savings and we do not know what our savings would have been. Councilwoman Kahle stated

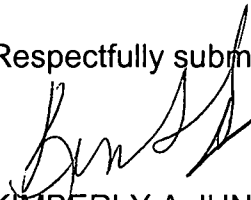
she did talk to Long Branch about that and was told that our savings would be significantly more the Monmouth Beach's because we are a larger department.

Alan Johnson stated he doubted there would be significant savings because if the Building Department did not have to pay rent at Village Plaza then they would be house here for a tremendous savings.

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

At 9:53 p.m. there was a motion to adjourn from Councilwoman Kahle, seconded by Councilman Briscione and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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