

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 19, 1990

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on April 19, 1990 at 8:08 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Rodman, Wolfe and Mayor Cavanagh.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Cavanagh led the audience and members of the Council in the Flag Salute.

Mayor Cavanagh stated we are going to go out of order a bit this evening in order to attend to the recognition of Ed Ryan for his service to this community as a member of the Oceanport First Aid Squad and he read a proclamation, which will later be framed and presented to Ed. Mayor Cavanagh commended Ed and the entire Ryan family for their dedication and contributions to this Community and stated it is rare that people put in this type of service and he thanked Ed and his family on behalf of the entire Borough. Mayor Cavanagh also presented Ed with a plaque which read: "In recognition of 30 years of uninterrupted active service for Edward Ryan the first life member of the Oceanport First Aid Squad" and it was dated March 21, 1990.

Mayor Cavanagh presented this plaque to Ed Ryan along with E.J. Wright of the First Aid Squad.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 5, 1990 had been made available for review by the Mayor and Council, Councilman Miller moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council except for Councilwoman Filippone who abstained since she was not present at that meeting.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Two taxi license applications made by Station Limousine/Charter One Transportation. The Clerk reported that the required fees had been paid and the vehicles had been inspected and approved by the Police Department.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to approve the taxi license applications. It was seconded by Councilman McGee and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: Councilman McGee reported that he had invited Ron Gillespie of Boynton & Boynton, who is the Borough's insurance agent to the work shop meeting held this past Monday in order to review our insurance program with us and he felt that everyone was enlightened and there were a few things that he and Councilman Wolfe can work on and make recommendations to the Council and perhaps make a few adjustments that would be to the Borough's benefit. He thanked Ron Gillespie for his time in coming in to speak with the Council.

Councilman McGee reported that next Wednesday he will be attending a meeting in Atlantic City conducted by the National Flood Insurance Program and since Oceanport is in a flood zone, the meeting will have an impact on most of the residents of the Borough and hopefully he will come back with a favorable report at the next meeting.

COUNCILMAN TERRA: Councilman Terra noted that Buzzy Baldanza's daughter is quite ill and is in need of blood and the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co. is having a blood drive on April 26 between 5 PM and 9 PM and asked all members of the community who are able, to donate blood. He stated there is also a pancake breakfast to raise funds to help defray the medical costs and that will be held on April 29, 1990 at the College Center and anyone interested in more information should just speak with one of the Police Dispatchers.

Councilman Terra stated we have received a letter from the Commissioner of the NJ DEP and she congratulates the residents and businesses of our community for helping to make recycling work in the State. He continued that in 1988 she informed him that all the towns and counties in the State documented the recycling of 2,734,000 tons of material which is almost one million tons over the 1987 figure. He also reported that our recycling grant comes to \$2,575.85.

Councilman Terra reminded all businesses that first quarter recycling reports are due and encouraged everyone to please get this paperwork in on file.

Councilman Terra commented that in 1995 the Borough will be celebrating its 75th anniversary and we have decided to set up a citizens committee to help plan this event and to coordinate the activities with the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co., who will be celebrating their 100th anniversary. He continued that Jim and Joan Slattery have agreed to head this committee and he encouraged all residents interested, to contact the Slattery's. He stated that we are thinking along the lines of a dinner/dance, parade, Sunday breakfast and fireworks.

Councilman Terra mentioned that the dredging map of the Blackberry Bay area is available for review if anyone is interested and it is located in the Clerk's Office.

Councilman Terra stated he wanted to speak a bit about Earth Day and he commented that on April 22, 1970 20 million people showed their concern for the environment by participating in the largest organized demonstration in the United States history: Earth Day 1970. He continued that it stimulated the creation of national and state environmental agencies as well as the Clean Air, Clean Water, Endangered Species and Land Preservation Acts and continued that Earth Day 1990 was being organized in the belief that people can work together to solve environmental problems and Earth Day is designed to help each of us to make changes and contribute to future survivability of life on earth. Councilman Terra commented that Oceanport residents and businesses can be proud of their contribution to a better environment because we have recycled 3,723,000 lbs. of material last year and in addition, we also accept used motor oil and batteries.

Councilman Terra stated that one of the things he is most excited about is the opportunity for Oceanport residents to take advantage of the composting leaves which we have been collecting over the last several years and Councilman Wolfe and he will be setting up an area near the Public Works Garage where residents can come and pick up the composted material free of charge.

Councilman Terra stated he also had read an article from the Asbury Park Press regarding comments made concerning our environment by 5th Grade Students and some of their ideas were to change over to using cloth diapers instead of the plastic ones, stop wasting natural resources, concerns about ocean pollution and our rain forests and some spoke about planting trees and their importance to our environment. He stated that the Board of Chosen Freeholders of Monmouth County held a meeting and passed a resolution on Earth Day and contributed one dogwood seedling to each municipality and we will be planting this seedling and he thanked Councilman Rodman for picking up the seedling for him.

Councilman Terra then asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-32 R-90-32 regarding Earth Day, 1990, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Rodman and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Terra commented regarding the participation of our school children over the past three months and he had received a note from Superintendent of Schools, Glen Morgan, stating that the students in the Oceanport Schools observed Earth Day 1990 in a variety of ways including classroom lessons on the environment and related displays during the month of April as well as the students at Maple Place School volunteering to clean up the stream which runs through the school property. He continued that all district students were invited to participate in the Oceanport PTO's March 2 program of creative art work from recyclable materials.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone thanked Edward Ryan for his dedicated service in the Oceanport First Aid Squad and all he has done for this community. She stated that as the Council Liaison to the First Aid Squad she has been attending their meetings and now really knows how dedicated they really are. She stated that one of the Squad members, Ed Dangler, is in the hospital and she wished him well on behalf of herself and the entire Governing Body.

Councilwoman Filippone stated that the blood drive which will be held at the Oceanport Hook & Ladder Fire Co. on April 26, may be met with overwhelming response and if we do get too much blood, we also have another member of our community, Donny Ross's father, who is seriously ill and is in need of blood, so that is where any extra blood will go.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents that the Oceanport First Aid Squad will be conducting their annual fund drive by mail on May 15, 1990 and she urged everyone to support it to the fullest extent.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that on May 5, Jim and Joan Slattery are chairing a fund raiser for the First Aid Squad and it will be a bus trip to Atlantic City and anyone interested should contact either Jim or Joan Slattery.

Councilwoman Filippone also commented on the pancake breakfast which will be held at Monmouth College for Buzzy Baldanza's daughter and she stated that he is a member of our Police Department, but not too many people know that Buzzy is also an extremely active member of the Oceanport First Aid Squad, even though he is not an Oceanport resident, and he Squad has really gotten behind him in trying to assist him and his daughter during this terrible time.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that the 1990 dog census is underway and is being done by the Boy Scouts and urged everyone to answer their questions.

Councilwoman Filippone reminded the residents that Monday, May 28, 1990 is our annual Memorial Day Parade and anyone who would like to march in the parade are welcome and should be at Blackberry Bay Park by 10 AM and we will leave the park at 10:30 AM.

Councilwoman Filippone publicly thanked Barbara Ochs who has retired as the Oceanport Welfare Director and she was with us for a little over five years and did an excellent job for the Borough and we are sorry to see her go and the Mayor will send her a letter thanking her for her service to the Borough.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that in conjunction with the Local Welfare Assistance Board, we recently had a very nice thing happen to this Borough in that one of our former clients who had fallen upon hard times for a while and had received a small amount of assistance, returned every penny in the amount of \$675.45 and she felt this was a very commendable thing for this person to do, since it was a long time ago and no one really remembered this had taken place.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller commented that to go along with the Earth Day activities, we started a week ago Tuesday with Bill Sullivan, Chairman of the Shade Tree Committee, Mike Giordano, Superintendent of Streets and his crew, as well as Councilman Wolfe and himself, planted six willow oak trees that were purchased out of Shade Tree funds and they were picked up by Public Works and planted with this combined effort which saved the Borough approximately \$1,500 and we have already received a letter of appreciation from the Bridgewater Townhouse Condominium Association.

Councilman Miller reported that one hundred 1-1/2-2 foot willow oak trees were purchased by the Shade Tree Committee and donated to the Oceanport PTO to be used by them for their Earth Day activities and there will also be a poster contest for the children and they will be given willow oak trees to take home and plant in their yards. He thanked Arlene Mullen and Ralph Walsh for undertaking this activity.

Councilman Miller informed the public that the newly re-built Litterbug has been launched and is now ready for garbage patrol along the Shrewsbury River. He stated that the Waterways Committee will be meeting next week to set up their schedules.

Councilman Miller reported under Parks and Recreation the new steel doors have been installed at the restrooms at Blackberry Bay Park and we will have more repairs done at that location in the near future. He continued that Stan Nadler, member of the Recreation Committee will be organizing an art show of Oceanport Artists on Memorial Day at the Community Center and the Recreation Committee will be sending out a flyer concerning this activity to all known artists in the community.

Councilman Miller stated that a boating course sponsored by the Recreation Committee and taught by the Coast Guard Auxiliary was a huge success with 14 out of 15 participants passing the course.

Councilman Miller offered his thanks to Frank Hulick, an Oceanport artist, for donating five of his duck lithographs which are now hanging in the Old Wharf Center.

R-90-33

Councilman Miller asked the Clerk to read resolution R-90-33 with regard to waiving building permit fees for work to be done at the buildings located at Blackberry Bay Park and for work scheduled for Maple

Place School, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

COUNCILMAN RODMAN: Councilman Rodman thanked our Board of Freeholders for the donation of the dogwood tree and hoped it would be enjoyed by the Borough residents for years to come.

Councilman Rodman commented that he has just discovered that the State of New Jersey has just recently awarded State Contracts for the purchase of recycled paper and his understanding is that it is all kinds of different paper from newsprint to office paper and he notes with some alarm that the amount of money we are receiving for newspapers has declined where we now have to have them taken away. He continued that the only way we are going to break this bottleneck is to create a demand for these products and he will be looking into this and maybe if the costs are appropriate, the Borough can avail itself to that State Contract. He also commented that there is a State Contract for recycled in New Jersey paper, so that you can subsidize and help your own situation right at home.

Councilman Rodman reported that he noted with some alarm an article in the second page of the Sunday Press this week wherein a suggestion was made by someone associated with the racing interests in the State whereby perhaps the tracks in New Jersey could be assessed at farmland valuation and he has drafted a resolution and we will be taking a look at this situation at our next work shop meeting to study what the impact of that would be and he can only imagine that it would be nearly disastrous to the property owners and tax payers in Oceanport and his first reaction is that it is a stupid idea and we have enjoyed a very good relationship with Monmouth Park for many years and we do provide fire, first aid, police and routine municipal services for that entity and for them to be taxed at anything other than their fair market valuation is not fair to every single tax payer and property owner in this Borough.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe reminded all residents that the Borough streets are going to be swept during the week of April 23 and he asked that any vehicles parked in the street be moved and any debris/branches, etc. be moved in order to allow the sweeper to get up all the dirt and sand and do an efficient job.

Councilman Wolfe commented regarding Earth Day and stated that he feels very proud to be a resident of Oceanport considering everything that we do as citizens of Oceanport to protect our environment and our community. He continued that not only do we exceed the mandatory tonnage numbers that the County sets for recyclables, but we also voluntarily recycle plastics, used motor oil and batteries and those items are being left here at an alarming rate and that just goes to point out that the residents of Oceanport are very aware of their surroundings and the impact that recycling has on all aspects of life.

Councilman Wolfe stated that he has attended many Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings and finds that those people are also much more aware of the environmental aspects of the applications they are reviewing and when a project is approved, they normally stipulate certain restrictions to protect the waterfront, the run off areas and the surrounding residential or vacant properties with more thought to conservation and the environment. He continued that it just shows that we are all on the same wavelength to protect our natural resources.

ORD. 132
604 Councilman Wolfe called for the 2nd reading and public hearing of an ordinance amending the substance committee and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE COMMITTEE ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, NEW JERSEY" PASSED AND APPROVED ON OCTOBER 20, 1988.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments on this subject only.

As no one from the public wished to be heard on this matter, Councilman Wolfe moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Rodman and Wolfe.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

ORD. 605 Councilman Wolfe called for the second reading and public hearing on a bond ordinance for various municipal purposes and asked the Clerk to read the Affidavit of Publication and the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$26,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$24,700 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any comments on this subject.

As no one from the public wished to be heard, Councilman Wolfe moved to close the public hearing. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the ordinance on second and final reading and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Terra.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Rodman and Wolfe.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

ABSTAIN: NONE.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that the next item on the agenda, which is the introduction of an ordinance regarding the 1990 salary ordinance will be held until after the adjournment into executive session and then introduce it upon our return.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh stated that we are getting more and more requests for use of the Community Events sign out front but he wondered if it was necessary to have the sign state the same message on both sides and stated that when we have a heavy schedule, perhaps we might think about putting on two different messages on each panel and requested that this be discussed with the Lions Club.

Mayor Cavanagh stated as an example, Councilman Terra had thought it a good idea to put up a notice that Congressman Pallone was going to conduct a town meeting on next Monday and he felt that Earth Day is April 22, he suggested that one side announce Earth Day on Sunday and the other side announce Congressman Pallone will be here Monday night, to which no one had any objections.

Mayor Cavanagh also suggested that following these messages, the following week we ought to post a thank you to Ed Ryan for 30 years of service to the community and do the same for anyone else who serves for 30 years.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments.

PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mayor Cavanagh commented to Mr. Vivona who was in the audience that he has not heard anything further from NJ Transit on the proposed park and ride.

Mr. Vivona, 348 Myrtle Ave. stated he has been in touch with the Director of NJ Transit and the last he heard was that all of the parking would be located on the west side and the only thing that would be on his side of Port-au-Peck Avenue would be some small amount of parking for handicapped persons and the station itself, which is not acceptable to him.

Mayor Cavanagh stated he has not seen this on paper yet and when we do the Governing Body will have to evaluate what it looks like, and he has a problem dealing with abstracts, since he has found that in Government, abstracts change when you deal with them and the Council will take a look when there are some type of formal plans.

Mr. Vivona agreed that it was better to wait for a more detailed proposal, but what worries him is that he does not know what a small amount of parking is and a small amount of parking today, may be using the rest of the parking lot next year.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills as listed on the voucher register dated April 19, 1990. It was seconded by Councilman Terra and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1989 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$1,800.00. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS \$27,404.59. TOTAL 1990 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$78,945.05. TOTAL 1990 OPERATING FUND \$116,349.64. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$3,919.48. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT-LEEWARD COVE \$450.00. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT-SUI TRUST \$285.05. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL \$145,379.80. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER OCEANPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION \$100,000.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MIDDLE DEPT. INSPECTION AGENCY \$126.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$7.75. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-CLEAN COMMUNITY GRANT \$611.83. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:48 P.M. Mayor Cavanagh stated for the record the Governing Body is going to adjourn into caucus session to consider a personnel related matter which concerns the introduction of the 1990 salary

ordinance and some ramifications of that ordinance as it affects the personnel. Mayor Cavanagh also commented that following this session the Governing Body plans to introduce a salary ordinance of some form at that time.

Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn into executive session. It was seconded by Councilman Rodman and unanimously approved by Council.

Mayor Cavanagh re-convened the regular meeting at 9:26 P.M. and stated that we have concluded our caucus meeting which was related to a personnel issue which is within the salary ordinance and after discussion we are now ready to introduce the 1990 salary ordinance.

Councilman Wolfe called for the introduction of the 1990 salary ordinance and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO FIX AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF CERTAIN BOROUGH OFFICIALS" PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 16, 1939.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve this ordinance on first reading. It was seconded by Councilman Miller.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Rodman
and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Wolfe then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the next regular meeting to be held on May 3, 1990 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Terra.

The Clerk called the roll:

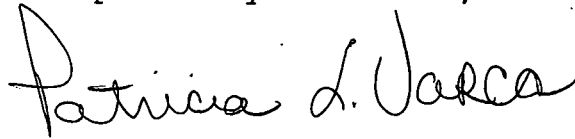
AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Terra, Filippone, Miller, Rodman
and Wolfe.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilman Terra stated he just wanted to clarify Councilman Rodman's statements earlier about the State recycling program and commented that what he was referring to was a program that the State was putting into effect which would provide recycled paper for use in State agencies as well as local governments. He stated that it sounds great, but the unfortunate reality is that recycled paper is 50% more expensive than regular paper and this is why on our Borough Bulletin it states that this Bulletin is made of recyclable paper, because it can be recycled, but if we were to purchase recycled paper, it would cost us 50% more and while the program is a good one, it still would not be saving the Borough any money. He stated that when the price of recycled paper gets close to standard paper, then we would consider using it for the Bulletin.

Councilman Rodman stated that it was his understanding that this was a new State Contract and he has not seen the prices yet and if it is that high a spread, he would not be interested in undertaking this program.

At 9:30 P.M. Councilwoman Filippone moved to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 3, 1990 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia L. Varca". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK