

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
April 18, 2002

- REGULAR MEETING:** The Regular Meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was called to order on April 18, 2002 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Mahon, Apruzzi, Gatta, Wolfe, McGann, and Silkworth.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mayor Gemma
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Deputy Borough Clerk, Kimberly Jungfer and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Borough Chaplain Berry gave the invocation.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Council President Apruzzi led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute.

As copies of the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 4, 2002 had been made available to the members of the Governing Body, Councilwoman Silkworth moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and approved by Council. Councilmen Wolfe and McGann abstained.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for March, 2002 was received and will be posted.
2. Raffle applications made by:
 - a. Monmouth Park Charity Fund to be held on May 25, June 15, July 6 & 27, August 4 & 18, 2002 – all 50/50 on premise cash raffles.
 - b. Monmouth Park Charity Fund to be held on August 23, 2002 50/50 on premise cash raffle.
 - c. The Monmouth Park Charity Fund, to be held August 30, 2002, prize: mink coat.
 - d. The Monmouth Park Charity Fund, to be held August 31, 2002: 50/50 off premise cash raffle.
 - e. The Monmouth Park Charity Fund, to be held September 1, 2002, miscellaneous prizes.
 - f. Shrewsbury Parent Teacher Group, to be held May 11, 2002, 50/50 on premise cash raffle.
 - g. Shrewsbury Parent Teacher Group, to be held May 11, 2002, gift baskets.

The Deputy Clerk reported that all applications were in order and the appropriate fees had been paid. Councilman McGann moved that the applications be approved. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion and was unanimously approved by Council.

R-02-27

The Deputy Clerk read **R-02-27** approving the Games of Chance for the Lions Club Fair after which Councilman McGann moved it be approved. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MAHON: Councilman Mahon reported that the Library Association will be hosting an open house on April 30, 2002 at 8:00 p.m. for new members and as of tonight there are twenty-two interested residents.

Councilman Mahon stated that as part of the Monmouth County Shared Services Consortium, the Borough will be soliciting an analysis on shared services for trash collection and a report will be brought to the Borough.

Councilman Mahon reported that the survey through the technology committee for the radio system within the Borough for emergency services and public works is in and was discussed in length with the participants and an action plan was developed. He further stated that all the groups are working together very well and items of the action plan will be brought to the next workshop of the Council for discussion.

Councilman Mahon stated that based upon the recommendation of the Oceanport Environmental Commission, after receiving the resignation of Barbara Reagor, he would move to appoint Dr. William Kaloss to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term. Councilwoman Gatta seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Apruzzi requested that a letter be sent to Dr. Kaloss notifying him of the appointment.

COUNCILWOMAN GATTA: Councilwoman Gatta reported that on Friday, April 12, 2002 there was a teen night at Maple Place School in conjunction with the Oceanport Drug Alliance. There were 65 seventh and eighth graders who attended the teen night and lip sync and they all had a very good time.

Councilwoman Gatta stated that the Board of Health announced that the Borough is again faced with the West Nile Virus problem and would ask that all residents, as part of their spring and summer cleanup, take care of all standing water. She added that residents are asked that if they see any dead crows, hawks or kestrels to call the County Board of Health and they will come out to examine them.

Councilwoman Gatta stated that the previous evening was the First Aid meeting and for the month of March there were 46 calls, which equated to 467 man-hours. This is the third month in a row that the calls have been more than they have been in the past years, so it seems that the First Aid is working much harder than normal. The First Aid is also embarking on a campaign to update medical records. They are starting with the seniors, making contact with Oceanport Gardens to meet with them a few afternoons to bring a form that can be filled out that can help both the First Aid and MONARCH if there are emergency calls. After going to Oceanport Gardens they will be going to the next senior meeting at Old Wharf and it will be put into the Bulletin for those seniors and anyone else in town who need, to take advantage of this.

Councilman Gatta added that April 21 thru 27 is National Volunteer Week and she thanked all the volunteers in the town for giving so much of their time and talent as they have in the past and would hope that more people would volunteer.

R-02-28

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Deputy Borough Clerk to read resolution R-02-28 accepting the 2001 audit after which he moved to approve same. Councilman McGann seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

R-02-29 Councilman Wolfe asked the Deputy Clerk to read R-02-29 authorizing an emergency appropriation for Recreation after which he moved to approve same. Councilwoman Gatta seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

Council President Apruzzi explained that the \$37,450.00 is not new money, but rather monies that have been in the Recreation Trust Fund. The Auditors have determined that these dollars must be within the actual budget, so as not to have any detriment to the programs, these will be moved into the budget as a line item. No additional dollars are coming from surplus, just movement of funds to fit with the Auditor's recommendations.

Councilman Wolfe stated that several months ago the residents of Horseneck Point were concerned about the reconfiguration of the fencing and roadways around the Fort and they had questioned the Borough and they had some contact with the Mayor and Borough Tax Assessor. After those conversations with these Borough Officials and their legal representatives they decided that the outcome is satisfactory and in addition they sent a letter. The basis of the letter, which is always nice for the Borough Council to hear, was that the Tax Assessor had taken a very professional and constructive approach to the matter, and the Horseneck Point Homeowners Association thanked Helen Ward, the Borough Tax Assessor for this. He asked that a copy of this letter go in Ms. Ward's personnel file.

Councilman Wolfe stated that a note was received from the County Board of Freeholders that next Thursday, April 25th at 8:00 p.m. they would be here conducting one of their Freeholders meetings. He continued that it is a nice way to see how the Freeholders conduct their meeting without having to drive out to Freehold during the day. He invited all residents to come. He corrected himself and stated the meeting would be in Monmouth Beach.

Councilman Wolfe reported that there is on going construction on Port-Au-Peck Avenue by Blackberry Bay Park and there are several projects going on simultaneously on that roadway. The work done through a DOT grant includes repaving and doing major drainage overhaul. Also the New Jersey American Water Company is putting in new mains and some laterals in this area for upgraded water service. Because of the two projects going on together, the drainage was done first, then the water company will be doing their work and then the paving will be done.

Councilman Wolfe sent wishes to the Parker family for a quick recuperation for Mr. Parker, a member of the Hook and Ladder Fire Company.

COUNCILMAN MCGANN: Councilman McGann stated he received a letter in his mailbox this evening and was pleasantly surprised. Several months ago he had spoken with the Mayor and Council about curing some of the flooding problems on Eatontown Boulevard and the fact that the County would be substantially improving the Wolf Hill Recreation Center in the next few years. He continued that there is a chronic flooding problem on this road which is owned by the County and in anticipation of that, Councilman McGann discussed the flooding problem with Faith Hahn of the Monmouth County Park System and penned a letter to Tom Giannechini and received a reply. He read the letter for the record regarding the on going flooding problems on Eatontown Boulevard and

the County is currently negotiating a consultant contract to do a feasibility study to determine the scope of necessary improvements. The proposed study's intention is to determine whether the current flooding conditions occur from tidal conditions, stream blockage, undersized drainage structures or a combination thereof. The letter went on to say that depending on the findings this would determine corrective actions to be taken. It further stated that the contract for the study should be awarded at one of the Freeholders meetings in May and should be complete within six months thereafter.

Councilman McGann discussed the work underway on Monmouth Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Port Au-Peck Avenue and the possibility of funding for flooding problems on Cayuga Avenue and Gooseneck Point Road. He felt that the Borough is well underway to address some of the more serious flooding problems within the Borough.

Councilman McGann mentioned that Congressman Rush Holt was here last week and the attendance was very good and he was well received and he did a great job. He spoke for almost two hours.

Councilman McGann noted that John Tavis, the Superintendent of Schools is retiring and was wondering if a proclamation could be prepared from the Mayor and Council prior to June.

Councilman McGann reported that the portion of Main Street in front of Pan Gardens would be taken care of next week. This is where the major repair was done on the culvert and hopefully by this time next week that will be finished,

Councilman Wolfe added that because of the repair, there was some settling there and is was lucky that the work was not done until now because of this settling.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth asked the Deputy Clerk to read **R-02-30**, appointing two Class I Special Officers after which she moved to approve same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council. R-02-30

Councilwoman Silkworth moved that the contracts for the repairs/replacement of roofs on various Municipal Buildings be awarded to G&M Roofing, Hackensack, NJ in the amount of \$158,000.00. Councilman Wolfe seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by Council.

Councilwoman Silkworth reported that the roofs included in the contract are Port-Au-Peck Firehouse, Public Works which includes some work on the front façade of that building, and the wings of Borough Hall. These are part of the ongoing facilities maintenance project and we all know that these roofs need to be done and hopefully after the work is completed they will be watertight.

MAYOR GEMMA: Absent

COUNCIL PRESIDENT APRUZZI: Council President Apruzzi reported on the Police report for the month of March, 2002. stating the dispatchers had 1, 087 calls with patrolmen responding to 549 of those calls and it is nice to know that the police are out there on the road responding all the time.

Council President Apruzzi read the Proclamation for Eagle Scout Kyle Clayton and congratulated him on this accomplishment. He stated though he, himself, was never a scout he knows a lot of time goes in to earning the Eagle Scout distinction.

Council President Apruzzi conveyed his and Council's condolences to Gordon Gemma and his family for the loss of his Dad.

Council President Apruzzi then opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might wish to make.

Ed Ryan, Willow Court asked when Main Street was going to be repaired. Councilman Wolfe said it would start the next Monday and would take about two days.

Mr. Ryan asked what took so long and Councilman Wolfe explained why the project took so long due to the collapse of the culvert.

Councilman Mahon neglected to mention a few things. He wished to thank Barbara Reagor for her years of service to the Environmental Commission and asked that a letter expressing the Borough's appreciation be sent to her.

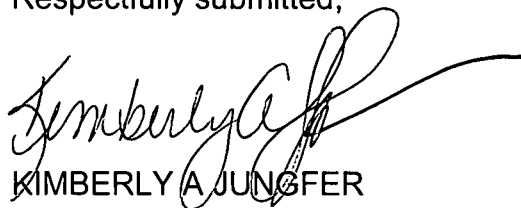
Councilman Mahon was reminded of the upgrade of the bridge on Main Street. Due to lower weights of the present bridge we will be seeking a letter of permission, granting access to emergency vehicles responding to calls to cross the bridge to emergencies and returning via other routes.

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

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the vouchers on the Bill List dated April 18, 2002. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and unanimously approved by Council. 2001 VOUCHERS PAID \$183.76, 2001 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$183.76, TOTAL 2001 VOUCHERS PAID \$183.76 TOTAL 2002 VOUCHERS PAID \$85,459.32, 2002 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING 80,239.99, TOTAL 2002 VOUCHERS PAID \$165,699.31, CAPITAL TRUST TOTAL \$6,060.25, DOG REGISTRY TOTAL \$170.20, AD HOC TRUST \$18.50, RECREATION TRUST TOTAL \$440.00, PUBIC ASSISTANCE TRUST \$11,877.57. (SEE BILL LIST)

At 8:30 p.m. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 2, 2002 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilwoman Gatta and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



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