

REGULAR MINUTES

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Oceanport, New Jersey
April 18, 1996

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on April 18, 1996 at 8:12 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca and Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Reverend Tavener gave the invocation.
- 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 4, 1996 had been made available for review by the Governing Body, Councilman Wolfe moved to waive the reading of same and approve the minutes as presented by the Borough Clerk. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Raffle license application made by the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County, to be held on June 2, 1996, 50/50 cash raffle - off premise.

The Clerk advised that the required fee had been paid and the paperwork was found to be in order, after which Councilman McGee moved to approve said application. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN MCGEE: NO REPORT.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone called for the introduction of an ordinance vacating a portion of River Street and asked the Clerk to read the proposed ordinance by title only as follows: **AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING, VACATING, RELEASING AND EXTINGUISHING ANY AND ALL PUBLIC RIGHTS IN AND TO A PORTION OF AN UNIMPROVED STREET APPEARING ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP AS RIVER STREET, IN THE BOROUGH OF OCEANPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY.**

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

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilwoman Filippone then moved to hold the public hearing on this ordinance at the regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 16, 1996 and to advertise same in accordance with law. It was seconded by Councilman Miller.

The Clerk called the roll:

AYES: Councilpersons McGee, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe and Silkworth.
NAYS: NONE.
ABSENT: NONE.
ABSTAIN: NONE.

Councilwoman Filippone then gave the Captain's Report for the Oceanport First Aid Squad for the month of March stating there were 35 calls with two mutual aid calls to West Long Branch and Eatontown.

Councilwoman Filippone advised that today she went over to the Wolfhill School where they were celebrating National Library Week and read a story to the young children and commented that it was a delightful experience.

Councilwoman Filippone reported that we recently held the annual Health Screening and we had 160 people participate and 57 men took advantage of having the additional PSA testing done and we only had 3 with high levels, which is lower than last year and unfortunately, we had 29 people who tested positive on the hemocult, which was a bit upsetting.

Councilwoman Filippone wanted to thank the many people involved with the Screening and especially Dr. David Falco, who signs the required prescription in order to allow this program to be held as well as Dr. Bob Lillie who is a Podiatrist and we received very positive comments about his foot examinations and Dr. Robert Regan, an Optometrist who did the glaucoma screening. She commented that six people were found to have glaucoma, one person had a very advanced case and was only 41 years old, so she wanted people to realize how important this test was because you don't have to be an older person to have glaucoma. She also informed everyone that one man who had the test, knew he had something in his eye, which turned out to be a piece of steel, which was kind of an emergency type situation, but overall, the screening was very successful.

Councilwoman Filippone then offered her thanks to all the volunteers who assisted in the Health Screening, which she explained is a monumental undertaking and one that many communities have stopped doing and thanked the following people: Kathy Maida; Eddie Ryan; Ed Ryan; Jonathan Ryan; Don Cook; Diane Cook; Donna Shaw; Linda Fujimoto; Sue Burns; Doris Agaman; Bob Varca; Ed and Jan Anderson; Eleanor and Chis Widdis; Pinky Regan; Connie Savarese; Judy Baxter; Walter Prang; and Jan Conklin.

Councilwoman Filippone also advised that all of the results, with one exception, are in the mail tonight and should be received tomorrow or at the very latest on Saturday.

Councilwoman Filippone offered her congratulations to Jim Ryerson, a trainer in the Borough, for his major victory with Unbridled Song on Saturday and it was very exciting to watch on the television, having known Jimmy since he was a baby and she wished him well since his horse is one of the leading contenders for the Kentucky Derby in May.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller reported that Saturday, April 13 was a busy day for the Recreation Committee, the Drug Alliance and the Police Department and continued that the Spring Egg Hunt was held at 11:00 A.M. at Blackberry Bay Park under the direction of John Kerwin and volunteers from the Recreation Committee and there were approximately 150 young children who came out and participated.

Councilman Miller stated from 10 AM to 1 PM at Wolfhill School, Rodeo Day was held with the VFW members registering and inspecting bikes; the PTO gave out flags for the back of the bikes which are on long sticks so that you can see the flags and the PTO was also inside giving various kinds of safety courses to the children; the Police Officers were on site with safety games for the youngsters, as well as Chief Joyce and the Drug Alliance was on hand giving out water bottles and information on alcohol and drug abuse, so it was a very productive day.

Councilman Miller reported that routine sampling at Monmouth Park facility and surrounding estuaries took place on March 25, 1996 and bacteria levels detected at all sites were very low, with one exception being the outfall from the pond located inside the racetrack, which is due to migratory fowl, which cannot be helped. He continued that in addition, a joint inspection including members of the Monmouth County Health Department, Department of Environmental Protection and Oceanport Officials is scheduled to take place prior to the return of the horses to the facility and this survey will serve to familiarize Officials for the operation of the storm water collection system, which includes discharge to the Northeast Monmouth County Regional Sewerage Authority.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor reminded residents that on Saturday, April 20, 1996 at the ShopRite parking lot in West Long Branch from 8 AM to 4 PM, home compost bins will be on sale for \$35 on a first come first serve basis and they are normally \$90, so he urged anyone who does not have a compost bin to take advantage of this sale.

Councilman Taylor stated that Rodeo Day was very successful and thanked Chief Joyce for allowing the Drug Alliance to participate and also thanked Lucille Chaump and her daughter Lauren, who participated and working the table for the Alliance on that day.

Councilman Taylor asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-96-33** regarding the Environmental Commission Grant Agreement, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Wolfe and unanimously approved by Council. **R-96-33**

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe moved to appoint Donald R. Hansen as a Consultant to the Public Works Department for a period not to exceed 300 hours at an hourly rate of \$40 subject to the execution of a contract. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe commented that we have been looking to put this type of program into effect for awhile in order to make a smooth transition of our Public Works Foreman into the full time position of Superintendent and with Mr. Hansen's assistance, we feel this will take place in a thorough and efficient manner.

Councilman Wolfe reminded all residents that the annual street sweeping will take place during the second week in May and the final leaf pick up is the last day of April and he asked all residents to please rake their leaves curbside prior to that date and to make sure they are free of all branches and debris, or they will be left at the curb.

Councilman Wolfe stated he has received two quotes for the street sweeping project and is awaiting the third one and then a contract can be awarded to the low bidder.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: NO REPORT.

MAYOR CAVANAGH: Mayor Cavanagh reminded everyone that tomorrow, the children at the Wolfhill School will be putting together their "Boxes for Bosnia" between 10 AM and 3 PM and all of the boxes and supplies have been donated by residents and local businesses and the Council are invited to go over and observe this project and he invited the Press to go over if they are interested as well.

Mayor Cavanagh then opened the meeting to the public for any questions or comments they may wish to make.

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 listed on the Voucher Register dated April 18, 1996. It was seconded by Councilman Taylor and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS \$116,040.63. TOTAL 1996 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$46,973.55. TOTAL 1996 OPERATING FUND \$163,014.18. TOTAL DOG REGISTRY ACCOUNT \$137.40. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$38.17. TOTAL MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT \$100,000.00. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$3,363.50. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-MARRIAGE LICENSES \$50.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:29 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 2, 1996 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK