

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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Oceanport, New Jersey
April 17, 1997

- REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Oceanport Mayor and Council was held on April 17, 1997 at 8:00 P.M.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilpersons Gemma, Filippone, Miller, Taylor, Wolfe, Silkworth and Mayor Cavanagh.
- OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Borough Clerk, Patricia L. Varca.
- OFFICIALS ABSENT:** Borough Attorney, Francis A. Margalotti.
- INVOCATION:** Chaplain Berry 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 3, 1997 had been made available for review by the members of 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.

Mayor Cavanagh stated that this evening we are going to have another promotion in the Police Department and asked Councilman Miller to make the appropriate motion.

Councilman Miller commented that he wanted to first recognize Detective Sergeant John Rolly who was in the audience and who has retired after 25 years of service to the Borough and thanked him for his years of service to this community. He also advised the public that there will be a retirement party for John at the Fairway Manor on Friday, April 25, 1997 to honor him for his service and at that time, the Governing Body will have an official presentation to make.

Councilman Miller then moved to promote Patrolman Steven Cioffi to the position of Detective. It was seconded by Councilwoman Silkworth and unanimously approved by Council.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Steven Cioffi as Detective in the Oceanport Police Department, after which the Mayor and Council offered their congratulations and Mayor Cavanagh presented Detective Cioffi with his badge.

CLERK'S REPORTS:

1. Police report for the month of MARCH, 1997 and a copy will be posted on the Bulletin Board.

COMMITTEES:

COUNCILMAN GEMMA: Councilman Gemma stated at the last work shop we discussed the matter of whether the Weeblos needed insurance to have them use Blackberry Bay Park at night for a sleep over and they are covered but it would be nice if they had their own coverage as well.

106 Councilman Gemma also advised that the Planning Board and Governing Body will be having a joint meeting to discuss the Master Plan recommendations and the Clerk and the Secretary of the Planning Board will arrange same.

COUNCILWOMAN FILIPPONE: Councilwoman Filippone welcomed back Col. Berry and hoped she was feeling well.

Councilwoman Filippone offered her congratulations again to Detective Cioffi and she knows he will do a great job and also offered her congratulations to Det. Sgt. Rolly on his retirement.

Councilwoman Filippone gave the Captain's Report for the Oceanport First Aid Squad for the month of March and commented that they received 49 calls, of which several were meetings they have been having with MONOC; they traveled 223 miles for a total of 340 man/woman hours and there were 8 total advanced life support calls and 2 calls from Monmouth Park and they have not even opened yet.

Councilwoman Filippone also wanted to congratulate probationary members of the First Aid Squad who have now become regular members and named Wes Sherman, Laura Reyes, Andy Juskis, Tammy Russomano and Jane Ciani. She also wanted to remind the residents that the Squad will begin their annual fund drive around the first week in June and she urged everyone to please give generously to this worthwhile organization, who recently received certificates of appreciation from the Oceanport PTO and the Civil Air Patrol for all the time and energy they have donated to the Borough.

Councilwoman Filippone commented that following the recent health screening, where we had 179 participates, we were able to donate \$1,216 to the Oceanport First Aid Squad who helped out tremendously with this program.

Councilwoman Filippone stated the Senior Citizens Committee wanted to express their thanks to the Eagle Scouts for painting the restrooms at the Old Wharf House and thanked Sol Clark for his efforts in this regard.

Councilwoman Filippone announced that the public is invited to join in the Bocce games that will be held on Fridays at 1:00 P.M. at Old Wharf Park and there will be a men's and women's team.

COUNCILMAN MILLER: Councilman Miller commented that attached to the Police Report were certificates of completion for the following members of the Department: Patrolman Daniel Barcus completed Accident Investigation 1; Patrolman Steven Tagerty completed Crisis Negotiations and Chief Joyce was given a Certificate of Merit from the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America.

Councilman Miller offered his thanks to Steve Remaley who assisted our Superintendent of Public Works, Tom Crochet, in getting the new playground equipment off the truck and we could never have done it without his heavy duty equipment.

Councilman Miller reported that the Spring Egg Hunt at Blackberry Bay Park was very successful with approximately 200 children participating and it worked out very well, since there was a Pancake Breakfast at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire Company and they drove the children over on the firetruck.

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Councilman Miller stated that the Water Watch and Recreation Committees will join efforts in a Spring Park Clean Up and anyone who would like to volunteer and help out can be at Blackberry Bay Park on Saturday at 8:00 A.M.

Councilman Miller reported that the Shade Tree and Recreation Committees have agreed to plant a tree at Sommers Scout Park in memory of Richard Parker who was very involved with scouting for many years as well as a very active member of the Environmental Commission.

Councilman Miller advised that the Shade Tree Committee conducted two tree give aways and gave out between 45-50 trees and received donations in the amount of \$120 which will be used to purchase new seedlings. He also commented that trees were planted at the Borough Hall and in the Borough Parks, at no cost to the taxpayers, since we are now able to use the trees from our nursery.

Councilman Miller stated that the last two water samplings, which were done on March 22 and April 12 had very good numbers especially with regard to the fecal coliform, which was non existent at four sites.

COUNCILMAN TAYLOR: Councilman Taylor asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-38** R-97-38
appointing Councilman Gemma as the Representative and Councilwoman Silkworth as the Alternate to the Cross Acceptance Program for the Monmouth County Planning Board, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Taylor reported that the Oceanport Drug Alliance held the 2nd Annual Karioke Nite at the Port-au-Peck Chemical Hose Fire House and there were between 85-90 participants made up of 7th and 8th grade students from Maple Place and it was very successful. He offered his thanks to the Turning Point in Little Silver for their assistance as well as to the Karioke DJ who supplied the music. He also commented that this program is part of the Governor's Council on Drugs Grant Program and is something we will continue in the future.

COUNCILMAN WOLFE: Councilman Wolfe asked the Clerk to read resolution **R-97-39** R-97-39
waiving building permit fees for the proposed construction at Maple Place and Wolfhill Schools, after which he moved to approve same. It was seconded by Councilwoman Filippone and unanimously approved by Council.

Councilman Wolfe advised that D & D Construction is back at the ballfield at the Community Center to finish up the work started last year and he should be there for the next several days in order to complete the work.

Councilman Wolfe offered his congratulations to Steve Cioffi on his promotion.

COUNCILWOMAN SILKWORTH: Councilwoman Silkworth stated that every other month our Bulletin arrives with all material in order and she felt it was appropriate to extend a large thank you to Rosemarie Terra, who every other month edits and puts all the information together and gets it out to the printer and follows up on all the paperwork involved, and it is quite a task and it is a volunteer task.

Councilwoman Silkworth invited any contractors who live in the Borough and would be interested in doing work for us to give us their names, since we have all sorts of various projects that come up and she stated there will be an article in the next Bulletin.

108 Councilwoman Silkworth stated that now that Spring is here and we are into Daylight Savings Time, she will be again riding around the Borough with our Code Enforcement Officer to make sure our community remains the special place that it is.

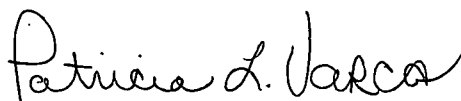
MAYOR CAVANAGH: NO REPORT.

Mayor Cavanagh opened the meeting to the public for any comments or questions they might have, but hearing none, closed the public portion of the meeting.

Councilman Wolfe moved to approve the bills listed on the Voucher Register dated April 17, 1997. It was seconded by Councilman Gemma and unanimously approved by Council. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS \$138,782.36. TOTAL 1997 VOUCHERS PAID THIS MEETING \$61,878.31. TOTAL 1997 OPERATING FUND \$200,660.67. TOTAL TRUST ACCOUNT \$2,028.83. TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE II ACCOUNT \$620.00. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNT \$2,392.00. TOTAL GENERAL LEDGER-FIRE PREVENTION \$95.00. (SEE VOUCHER REGISTER)

At 8:20 P.M. Councilwoman Silkworth moved to adjourn this meeting until the next regular meeting scheduled to be held on May 1, 1997 at 8:00 P.M. It was seconded by Councilman Miller and unanimously approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,



PATRICIA L. VARCA
BOROUGH CLERK